

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – Zachary Haigis, President, Board of Commissioners**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Haigis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Stump	Present	Also Present:
Commissioner Atwood	Present	Mike Turley
Commissioner Gray	Present	Solicitor Alexander
Commissioner Zona	Present	Chief Rizzo
Commissioner Wengrzyn	Present	Dan Miller
Commissioner Gass	Present	Ryan Fonzi
Commissioner Haigis	Present	Rich Albert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Michael Cole – Calvary Assembly Church

CITIZENS INPUT

Rosanne Novotnak – 2491 Mickanin Road – states she is here on behalf of the Norwin Chamber of Commerce requesting the Commissioners reconsider their succession from the Chamber. She states the logo states we are “connected” and believes the Chamber is a bridge between the communities, businesses and school district. She provides the 2021 community resource guide Board and hope they will reconsider the membership.

Julianne Fehrenbach – 12460 Longview Drive – states she is here to raise a concern with the Waste Management pickup for yard waste. She states she does not have a large property but a massive amount of leaves blow into her yard. She contacted Waste Management and was told there are three weeks in both the Spring and Fall for yard waste pickup. She is concerned about the dates in Fall because they were still disposing of yard waste the week of Thanksgiving last year. She is hoping an option would be to provide extra dumping at the Municipal Building.

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RESPONSE TO CITIZENS INPUT

Commissioner Stump states she believes the membership was cut by Jeff Silka when trying to find different places in the budget to cut as to not have to raise taxes. She states the Township is marketing itself online. Commissioner Zona states he would be interested in reconsidering the membership but would like to look it over and discuss next month. Both Commissioners Gray and Gass also agree. Ms. Novotnak states the yearly membership cost six hundred ninety dollars based on the amount of employees.

Mike Turley states this is not a frequent complaint and what she was eluding to was Thanksgiving week to still dispose of yard waste. He states this was recently modified to push that week later to accommodate. As far as the six weeks, that is the way it has been for many years with the three weeks in the Spring and three in the Fall. He recommends for her to call the Administration Office tomorrow with her information and we can contact Waste Management. Commissioner Zona asks if a dumpster could be placed at the Public Works Department for disposal of yard waste. Mike Turley states that can be looked into, but there are some side issues of people going down there and dumping things. Commissioner Zona states even if tags were permitted to ensure it is only yard waste being dumped and not other things. Commissioner Gray asks how would this be policed what people are dumping. Commissioner Stump states she is concerned with storm damage resulting in a lot of debris and may want to offer composting programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion to approve. (Special Meeting 2/10/22)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion to approve (Regular Meeting 2/16/22)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Wengrzyn

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

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STAFF REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Commissioner Gass encourages citizens get involved when they see issues on their roads, etc. so the Board can address them. He states he met with Tim Morgan with the issue on Scotch Hill and was glad to be involved along with Public Works and the situation was rectified. A quick response and a job well done.

Commissioner Gray states the pipes on Coulterville Road need repaired but does not expect a resolution for this winter or spring, but hopefully by next year a solution will be done. Rich Albert states he is aware of the situation and already on their list to repair.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

There were no Board comments.

POLICE REPORT

Commissioner Zona thanks Chief Rizzo and the police department regarding the Attorney General Task Force. He states he recently spoke with the agent in charge of the Task Force and gave interesting statistics showing what team works does and how important the Task Force is. Chief Rizzo adds that the Task Force is operating at a high level right now and they are doing some good stuff out there.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

ENGINEERING REPORT

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There are no Board comments.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

1) S-02-2022: Willow Estates II Revision 2

**Action to approve a proposed lot consolidation on Trafalgar Court.*

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

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2) S-03-2022: Rhodin Enterprises

****Action to approve a proposed subdivision on Industry Boulevard.***

Motion: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Alexander

- 1) Action to adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 2 of 2022 of the Township of North Huntingdon, Westmoreland County, amending Ordinance No. 765 to provide for a zoning change of property owned by Bruce Hamilton. Said property being Tax Parcel 54-06-03-0-165, wherein 1.1 acres currently zoned R-1A shall be rezoned C-1.

Motion: Commissioner Atwood

Motion to deny the request.

Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Action to approve the February check register.

Motion: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 2) Budget Report – February 2022 Report.

- 3) Motion to approve Wage Salary rate of \$15.00 per hour for summer employment program.

Motion: Commissioner Wengryzn

Motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Gass

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 4) Motion to approve Act 172 Volunteer Tax Credit list for 2021-2022.

Motion: Commissioner Atwood

Motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Gass

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

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Commissioner Gass announces the Penns Woods Civic Association is bringing back the food truck days on April 9th from 3pm until 7pm. They will offer this every other month for four months for the remainder of the year. Also, the VFW Day of Recognition is March 31st and all veterans are welcome to attend. This event will begin at 2pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Zona

Motion to adjourn. (7:41 P.M.)

Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2022 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2022.

Zachary Haigis, President

Michael Turley, Interim Township Manager
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