

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023, 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	Absent	Harry Faulk
Commissioner Gray	Present	Solicitor Alexander
Commissioner Zona	Present	Ryan Fonzi
Commissioner Wengrzyn	Present	Chief Rizzo
Commissioner Gass	Present	Dan Miller
Commissioner Haigis	Present	Rich Albert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Nick Poole – Calvary Church

**** Deck the House Award Presentation****

****K9 Essay Award Presentation****

CITIZENS INPUT

Tom Hemple – 1259 Julius Street – states there are great examples that make him proud to be resident of North Huntingdon, one being selected to be part of the 250th Anniversary Celebration and on April 6th, the actual day of the anniversary, to celebrate with activities during the entire year.

Carly Painter – 2261 Mickanin Road – states she is part of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and was asked to help plan celebratory events for the 250th Anniversary. With planning an event like this, takes alot of effort and coordination but without structure and guidelines can be very challenging. She asks the Board for a budget for structure and guidelines to help plan the events.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS INPUT

Commissioner Haigis asks Manager Faulk to follow up with Dan Miller regarding the budget. Manager Faulk states there is seventy five thousand dollars budgeted for Township events, such

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as Father Daughter Dance, fishing derby, Easter Egg, etc. He asks if the Parks Board can give an estimated cost of the event, he can do budget revisions. Commissioner Zona asks if they can get a budget to get started as the celebration will be big for the Township and would want to make sure everything is done properly. Commissioner Gray asks if there is any idea of what events are planned as it is hard to come up with a budget until the scope of the celebration is planned. Commissioner Wengrzyn asks if the three-day celebration in August will be moved up to April. Carly Painter states the thought would be to still have the three day celebration in late summer but to start events in April possibly with the Norwin Drumline playing in front of the Townhouse, or reading the Proclamation or opening the time capsule. Her concern is the seventy five thousand dollars budgeted for events include all the recreational already planned and the 250th Celebration would be extra funding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Gass

Motion to approve. (Special Meeting 12/15/22)

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Gass

Motion to approve (Regular Meeting 12/21/22)

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

STAFF REPORTS:PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Rich Albert states he thought they found the problem on Lynch Drive about the drainage issue but unfortunately was not the case.

PARKS REPORT

Dan Miller states the return of the Father Daughter Dance is going to take place on February 18, 2023 at Stratigos and tickets will be sold online.

POLICE REPORT

There were no Board comments.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

ENGINEERING REPORT

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There are no Board comments.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

There are no action items.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Alexander

There are no action items.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Action to approve the December check register.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

- 2) Budget Report – December 2022 Report.

- 3) Action to enter into an Agreement with Westmoreland County Transit Authority and provide the Township's portion of estimated funds needed to match federal and state grants and provide service in the amount of \$6,027.00.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

- 4) Action to extend the Attorney General's LOFT position for an additional year to February 2024.

Motion: Commissioner Wengrzyn
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

Commissioner Zona states the Task Force in Westmoreland County is being held as the Gold Standard and have been told numerous times by the Attorney General's Office that they are

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fashioning all the task forces across the State after the one here. He states this is a great, great asset to the community. Commissioner Zona thanks Chief Rizzo for the LOFT Officer and other officers who are active in the Task Force and also for his leadership.

- 5) Action to approve Thomas Acres Plan Release Request No. 3; a reduction of the Irrevocable Standby LOC No. SB-00476 from \$421,513.00 to \$194,614.10, a reduction of \$226,898.50.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Gass

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

- 6) Action to accept the bid and promote Deanna Perlinger to the Sr. Clerical Position for the Planning and Zoning Department for a 30-day probationary period beginning January 28, 2023 at a rate of \$27.63 per hour.

Motion: Commissioner Gray
Second: Commissioner Wengrzyn

So moved.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

- 7) Action to refund the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission in the amount of \$363.03 for taxes paid on parcel 54-12-07-0-066 after a tax exemption was granted.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0-

- 8) Action to appoint Virginia Stump to the Planning Commission for a four-year term.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Wengrzyn

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

- 9) Action to appoint James Flynn to the Planning Commission for a four-year term.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

- 10) Action to appoint Charles Gilbert to North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority for a five-year term.

Motion: Commissioner Gass
Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

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10) Action to appoint Bozana Murray to the Recreation Advisory Board for a five-year term.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

11) Action to appoint Robert Regola to the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority for a five-year term.

Motion: Commissioner Wengrzyn
Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

12) Action to accept letters of interest to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

13) Action to accept letters of interest to the Educational Service Agency for a three-year term.

Motion: Commissioner Gray
Second: Commissioner Zona

So moved.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Stump thanks some of the sponsors who are helping with the Father Daughter Dance and wants to make sure costs are being controlled in some of the programs. Also, she wants to make sure the programs are for the residents of North Huntingdon Township as costs are continuing to rise.

Commissioner Gass addresses the accusations in the article from Diana Gray in the Tribune Review regarding the MS4 Stormwater article.

Commissioner Stump echoes Commissioner Gass' comments and that the members on the Board are the most ethical people she has ever served with and whenever someone accuses the Commissioners of being dishonest, they are attacking the Board's reputations and she feels the Board is here for the benefit of the Township. She states everyone on the Board are also tax payers of the Township and decisions made affect themselves too not just the public.

Commissioner Gray states he understands Commissioner Gass' passion and feels the Board is offended but everyone still enjoys a little bit of free-speech right now even if they are wrong.

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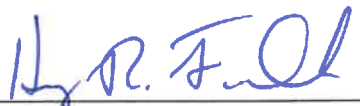
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Gray


Motion to adjourn. (7:49 P.M.)

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

- Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on February 15, 2023.



Harry R. Faulk, Township Manager
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Zachary Haigis, President