

**---TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021, 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
Commissioner Atwood	Present
Commissioner Blasko	Present
Commissioner Zona	Present
Commissioner Bevan	Present
Commissioner Gass	Present
Commissioner Haigis	Present

Also Present:
Jeffrey Silka
Solicitor Alexander
Mike Turley
Ryan Fonzi
Dan Miller
Chief Rizzo
Rich Albert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

Moment of silence.

CITIZENS INPUT

There was no citizens input.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve. (Special Meeting 3/11/21)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve. (Regular Meeting 3/17/21)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve. (Budget Meeting 3/24/21)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Commissioner Atwood asks why the legal fees have increased from six thousand to nine thousand. Manager Silka states because of several lawsuits.

Commissioner Atwood asks the cost of thirteen thousand nine hundred twelve dollars for equipment for new vehicles. Manager Silka states that is a budgeted expense for upgrading the new police vehicles.

Commissioner Atwood asks what the pole repair expense for a plow truck crash. Manager Silka states this is an insurance claim.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

STAFF REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Commissioner Gass asks Rich Albert to look at Scotch Hill Rd #1 and the hillside that looks like it is ready to collapse. Rich Albert states they are aware of this situation and will continue to monitor.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Commissioner Blasko asks if trail cams have been discussed for atvs in Braddocks Trail Park.

Dan Miller states this is a seasonal activity and have requested the police departments help on this. The trail cams have been discussed with Chief Rizzo and Manager Silka but no cameras are there currently.

Commissioner Blasko states Indian Lake Park looks great and upgrades have been done. Also, he asks for the fee in lieu money for the new Shuster Plan, would it be directed for Lions Park.

Dan Miller states all the parks get dedicated fee in lieu money with new developments.

Commissioner Atwood thanks Dan Miller for the park snippets that will go out on e-blast. He states they all look great and encourages the community to look for them.

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POLICE REPORT

Chief Rizzo states this Saturday, April 24th will be the Drug Take Back at the North Huntingdon Police Department from 10am-2pm. Also, the Junior Police Academy is scheduled for June 14-18 at Oak Hollow Park from 8am – 3pm with twenty four participants ages 11-15.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

There were no Board comments.

ENGINEERING REPORT

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There are no Board comments.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

- 1) **S-03-2021: Silvis-Sage Boundary Line Revision, Ardara Road/Sage Lane, R-4 Zoning**
****Action to approve a boundary line revision between two lots off of Sage Lane.***

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 -0 - 0

- 2) **S-04-2021: Jacko-Andrykovitch Plan, Ridge Road/Lynch Drive, R-2 Zoning**
****Action to approve a boundary line revision and subdivision between two existing lots.***

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 - 0 - 0

- 3) **S-05-2021: Mountain Ridge Estates Revision 8, Forest Oaks Trail, PRD Zoning**
****Action to approve a minor subdivision involving two lots in Mountain Ridge Estates.***

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 - 0 - 0

- 4) **S-07-2021: Thomas Farm Acres, Guffey Road, R-2 Zoning**
****Action to approve a major subdivision located at Kerber's Farm and dairy store.***

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Gass

Motion to approve.

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Commissioner Atwood asks what is the reasoning of not putting sidewalks in other than the grading of the land.

Director Fonzi states he believes the applicant stated that seventy five percent of the sidewalks would be a higher grade and the Planning Commission approved the waiver.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Stump – YES
Commissioner Atwood – NO
Commissioner Blasko – YES
Commissioner Zona – YES
Commissioner Bevan – YES
Commissioner Gass – YES
Commissioner Haigis – YES

Motion carried 6 – 1 – 0

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Alexander

There are no action items.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Action to approve the March check register.

Motion: Commissioner Stump Motion to approve.
Second: Commissioner Blasko

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 2) Budget Report – March 2021 Report.

- 3) Action to approve a resolution supporting House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419 for use of local radar.

Motion: Commissioner Blasko Motion to approve.
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 4) Motion to advertise an ordinance amending the Act 172 EIT credit to \$500.00

Motion: Commissioner Blasko Motion to approve.
Second: Commissioner Gass

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Commissioner Atwood states in order to promote longevity with the volunteers, perhaps it could start at two hundred fifty dollars and for every year of service can get an extra fifty dollars and after five years, would get them to five hundred.

Commissioner Blasko states it depends on the earned income, so to earn the five hundred dollars would have to have an income of one hundred thousand dollars.

Commissioner Gass states there is still criteria to meet to receive the credit.

Commissioner Haigis states there are volunteer hours to meet, training, and fundraising.

Commissioner Blasko states there were fifteen volunteers this past year to meet the two hundred fifty dollars.

Commissioner Zona agrees with what everyone has said and feels to offer five hundred to recruit more volunteers.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 5) Action to accept a \$24,634.00 matching grant for Body Worn Cameras from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Commissioner Zona asks if there is a cost on the storage of the video. Chief Rizzo states all is included in one package.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 6) Action to reduce the bond on Tuscan Hills Plan Phase II to \$54,800.90 and release \$26,833.95 to Dondia, LLC, per the recommendation of the Interim Township Engineer.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Bevan

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 7) Action to reduce the bond on the Lincoln Corner Site Plan to \$12,000.00 and release \$995,394.50 to Lincoln Corner, Inc., per the recommendation of the Interim Township Engineer.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Bevan

Motion to approve.

Commissioner Blasko states the stormwater detention system has not been submitted at this time, but if the stormwater plan is not done properly, does the twelve thousand dollar bond cover it.

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Manager Silka states they have to submit the documents to be inspected.

Commissioner Stump asks if the developer is responsible for the condition of North Thompson Lane with the equipment being driven over it.

Manager Silka states if there is damage done to the road from the equipment, yes.

Commissioner Stump states the road is in bad shape.

Manager Silka states the engineer will take a look at the road.

Commissioner Blasko asks if the landscaping is complete, because it does not look manicured. Manager Silka states this will be looked into.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Stump – NO
Commissioner Atwood – YES
Commissioner Blasko – YES
Commissioner Zona – YES
Commissioner Bevan – YES
Commissioner Gass – NO
Commissioner Haigis

Motion carried 5 – 2 – 0

- 8) Action to hire Jayden Hooke for the seasonal position of park laborer at the budgeted rate conditioned upon successful pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 - 0 - 0

- 9) Action to hire Christopher Branthoover for the seasonal position of park laborer at the budgeted rate conditioned upon successful pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Atwood

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 10) Action to hire Jordan Wardman for the seasonal position of park laborer at the budgeted rate conditioned upon successful pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

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- 11) Action to hire Alexandra Brentzel for the seasonal position of park laborer at the budgeted rate conditioned upon successful pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

Manager Silka states this candidate has withdrawn her application

- 12) Action to appoint Timothy R. Barger to the Emergency Management Committee for a four year term.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Atwood states residents on North Thompson Lane have asked him if there are weight limits on that road. Commissioner Stump states if you do a weight limit on that road, the fire department would be subject as well. Manager Silka states to legally post a road, would have to do an engineering study, core borings, etc. and is a very costly project. Commissioner Haigis states Bob Robinson can take a look at it.

Commissioner Blasko asks if one seasonal parks employee is still needed. Manager Silka states there are three openings in the park and five openings in public works.

Commissioner Gass requests the engineer inspect the flooding on St. Clair Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Blasko

Motion to adjourn. (7:30 P.M.)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on May 19, 2021.

Jeffrey Silka, Township Manager
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Zachary Haigis, President

