

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – Zachary Haigis, President, Board of Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Stump	Present	Also Present:
Commissioner Atwood	Present	Harry Faulk
Commissioner Gray	Present	Solicitor Dice
Commissioner Zona	Present	Ryan Fonzi
Commissioner Wengrzyn	Absent	Chief Rizzo
Commissioner Gass	Present	Dan Miller
Commissioner Haigis	Present	Rich Albert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS INPUT

*There was no citizen's input.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS INPUT

Work Sessions Discussion Topics

1) Letters of Interest for Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee*

Manager Faulk states letters of interests have been received and copies given to the Board to decide at next week's meeting.

2) Resolution for Steering Committee*

Manager Faulk presented a resolution to the Board for approval at next week's meeting.

3) Steering Committee Handbook*

Manager Faulk states this handbook will help steer the new committee members on their rules and responsibilities.

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4) Letters of Interest Code Hearing Board*

Manager Faulk states he received two letters of interest for the Code Hearing Board to fill one vacancy for a three member Board with no expiration of terms. Commissioner Gray states he is unaware that they are non-expiring terms. Commissioner Haigis states they can check into it before making a motion to accept.

5) Amend Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Irwin Borough regarding Colony of Irwin LLC Development*

Manager Faulk states this is a development that is going in next to McDonald's on Route 30 where a car wash and office will be going in located in Irwin and an auto parts store that will be in North Huntingdon. Commissioner Gass states a resident had a complaint of how many AutoZone stores are in the Township and states the Board does not have the right to deny a business coming into the Township. Manager Faulk states the Board or staff cannot go actively seek businesses but is the developer's responsibility. Commissioner Gray adds he also heard greivances of the types of businesses coming into the Township and he explained that the Board has no ability to bring or recruit businesses into the Township but would welcome any business.

6) Blue Dell Lane water main extension – Sharing Cost of Fire Hydrants*

Manager Faulk states this is a request from a homeowner that is putting in their own private line and would like fire hydrants to share with the Township. Director Fonzi states this project would typically be done with community development block grants (CDBG), but in many communities the grants are income-based and do not qualify, so the homeowners paid for the project out of their own pockets and want to split the hydrant costs with the Township and MAWC. Commissioner Stump asks where the homeowner is planning to locate to hydrants as Township cannot go onto private property. Director Fonzi states there is a map and Blue Dell Lane is a private lane and the residents are asking the hydrants to be added to the public system, so MAWC will maintain the hydrants.

7) Full Time Engineer Position*

Manager Faulk states this was discussed awhile back to create a full time engineer position and will be an asset. He is asking Board approval to authorize advertising for the position. Commissioner Atwood clarifies that this is not a new created position but merging to create the position.

8) 2022 Milling & Resurfacing Program Pay Application No. 1*

Manager Faulk state this is the first pay application out of the Liquid Fuels fund.

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9) FY 2022 Budget vs. Actual Update*

Manager Faulk gives an update on the 2022 Budget.

10) 2023 General Fund Budget Discussion*

Manager Faulk presents the Board with the 2023 Budget draft, General Fund, and at the next meeting will discuss the other funds. Manager Faulk asks the Board on what they would like to spend the surplus of ARPA funds such as new vehicles, building improvements, and matching grants. Commissioner Gray proposes to wait to see which grants are received. Commissioner Zona states when a matching grant is applied for the money has to be ready to be used if the grant is approved. Commissioner Stump prefers to wait to raise taxes until it is absolutely necessary. Commissioner Haigis agrees with the other Board members to have a wait and see approach and proceed with the small building improvements. Manager Faulk asks what the Board consensus is for new vehicles for Parks, Planning & Zoning, and Police Chief using the ARPA funds. Commissioner Atwood states he would like to see real numbers before he makes a decision and also to identify which grants are being applied for. The Board agrees to eliminate the clothing allowance for Commissioners and also reduce the training expenses to zero. Commissioner Gray states he would like the live-streaming simplified so any one of the Board or staff can do it if need be. Manager Faulk states at next month's meeting will provide an updated budget and figures for the small funds.

11) Minimum Municipal Obligation for Township Pension Plans for 2023*

Manager Faulk states there is no action to take at this time.

12) Set Trick or Treat for Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6-8pm.

PLANNING / ENGINEERING TOPICS:

) S-17-2022: Robert & Sally Shuster Plan 1, Guffey-Rillton Road, R-3 Zoning

**Proposed subdivision to create one new lot on Guffey-Rillton Road.*

Director Fonzi states this is on Guffey-Rillton Road and the Shuster's plan to subdivide off 1.5 acres for a single family home. He states the municipal boundary between North Huntingdon and Sewickley goes through the property and the house will be fully in Sewickley Township and a sliver of the lot is in North Huntingdon. The Planning Commission approved with no conditions.

OLD BUSINESS:

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FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS


ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Atwood
Second: Commissioner Gray

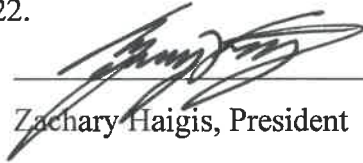
Motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0 (8:13 P.M.)

- Special Meeting minutes of September 15, 2022 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on October 19, 2022.



Harry R. Faulk, Township Secretary



Zachary Haigis, President