

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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	Tele-Conference	Ryan Fonzi
Commissioner Wengrzyn	Present	Chief Rizzo
Commissioner Gass	Present	Rich Albert
Commissioner Haigis	Present	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS INPUT

Kim Brough - 912 Saralyn Drive – states she is here in support of pickleball and how the surrounding communities offer the activity but North Huntingdon does not. She feels it would be good for the all in the community and Lions Park would be a good area.

Kathy Haitz – 1464 Barry Drive – states she is also in support of pickleball for North Huntingdon Township.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS INPUT

Commissioner Gass states he feels it should be added to the Parks & Recreation programs. Commissioner Wengrzyn states Hempfield and Monroeville offer the sport and would be economically easy to install and should be looked into. Solicitor Dice states he represents Plum Borough and they put pickleball courts in their new municipal building. Commissioner Gray thanks them for coming and encourages them to come again next meeting to speak with Dan Miller. Manager Faulk adds that Lions Park is designed as a stormwater retention pond so not much can be put there, but he likes the idea and would like to move forward with pickleball courts.

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Work Sessions Discussion Topics

1) Action to ratify Resolution No. 134 of 2022, designating the Township President and Manager to Execute all Documents and Agreements with the Commonwealth Financing Authority.*

Motion: Commissioner Gray
Second: Commissioner Stump

Motion to approve / ratify.

Commissioner Gass asks Manager Faulk to explain further what this money is for and how much. Manager Faulk states the amount is one hundred thirty nine thousand two hundred eight dollars for the purchase of four police vehicles.

Commissioner Zona asks why this is being voted on tonight because it is the work session meeting and not the voting meeting. Manager Faulk states whenever you ratify a resolution, a motion has to be done at the next public meeting.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

2) Action to ratify Resolution No. 135 of 2022, designating the Township President and Manager to Execute all Documents and Agreements with the Commonwealth Financing Authority.*

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0

3) Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$44,392.50 to East West Manufacturing for the Townhouse HVAC Renovation – ARPA Fund.*

Commissioner Gass asks how many payments are left and are we paying as we go to ensure construction is completed. Manager Faulk states there is one payment left and payments have been made in phases.

4) Change Orders for a total of \$99,850.41 for the 2022 Milling and Resurfacing Program.*

Manager Faulk states the asphalt prices went up significantly throughout the year and will be paid out of Liquid Fuels.

5) Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$670,572.95 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for the 2022 Milling and Resurfacing Program – Liquid Fuels.*

Manager Faulk states this is paid out of Liquid Fuels.

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6) Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$125,661.00 to Russell Standard for the 2022 Bituminous Fiber Reinforced Seal Coat Program Contract No. 2022-2 – Liquid Fuels.*

7) Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$58,909.78 to JP Operations for the Mickanin Road Stormwater Improvement Project – General Fund.*

8) CDBG 2023 Grant Application submittal on behalf of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority for residential lateral sanitary sewer replacement in the amount of \$176,000.00.*

9) Street Sweeper Update.*

Manager Faulk states the street sweeper was purchased through A&H Equipment and typically a street sweeper has two motors, one to power the vehicle and the other to power the unit itself. This newly designed sweeper has only one engine and does not meet the needs of the Township therefore wanting to return it and purchase another street sweeper.

Rich Albert states the one engine machine is not working because it does not have the power for the needs of the Township. There was a cost-saving for the one engine, but it will not work for the streets in the Township and the steep grades. He states U.S. Municipal said they can provide a new street sweeper by the end of the year because another municipality turned it down once ordered. Rich states the old sweeper has since been operational and being used, but is on borrowed time. Commissioner Gray asks how much the street sweeper is used in the winter. Rich states the sweeper is used a considerable amount of time in the winter. Commissioner Gass asks how important is the street sweeper for the Township because he is against this and for the taxpayers to pay for it. Commissioner Haigis states it is really a twenty thousand dollar difference for the two motor sweeper versus one engine. Commissioner Wengrzyn states it is extremely important for safety of the community. Commissioner Haigis adds the street sweeper is not used for only sweeping but for also drainage cleaning. Rich adds the street sweeper is used for vacuuming out drains and inlets and multiple other uses. Manager Faulk states the street sweeper is a MS4 requirement to keep the streets clean.

10) Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority Vacancy.*

11) Resignation of Sharon Matters from the NHT Recreation Advisory Board, Norwin School District Appointee.

12) Code Appeals Board term limits.*

Commissioner Gray states he has since spoken with Ryan and was told this is part of the State Code with no term limit. The Board agrees with Ryan to unofficially revisit the Board every two to four years to review.

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13) Ordinance Proposal – Memorandum of Agreement for Intergovernmental Police Mutual Aide Agreement for SWAT.*

14) Ordinance Proposal – Act 57 of 2022, amending the Local Tax Collection Law, waiving additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations. *

Manager Faulk states this year the State enacting a requirement that municipalities will have direct the tax collector to implement provisions that penalties can be waived in certain situations.

15) 2023 Budget Update.*

Manager Faulk gives an update on the 2023 Budget / Small Funds.

PLANNING / ENGINEERING TOPICS:

1) S-18-2022: Arnold & Smith Plan, Leger Road, R-3 Industrial Zoning

**Proposed subdivision on Leger Road.*

Director Fonzi states this is a ninety five and one half acre parcel to be split down the middle making each lot 47.77 acres to eventually build single family homes, however the issue is the zoning ordinance does not permit single family homes in the industrial zone. The families are applying for a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board to get a use variance to build the homes. Director Fonzi states if that doesn't happen, they could apply for re-zoning. Solicitor Dice there is no hardship here, so why would they apply for a use variance when it is extremely difficult to get under zoning. He feels this should come before the Board for re-zoning the property.

2) SP-16-2022: Pizza Marsala, State Route 30, C-1 Zoning

**Proposed restaurant on State Route 30.*

Director Fonzi this is the vacant building at 11671 State Route 30 where a stop work order was issued earlier this year because of concrete slabs that were being poured and more changes needed to happen. The applicant is asking for a few waivers from the SALDO, the first being the parking spaces with bollards, secondly is stormwater runoff, thirdly modifying the parking area and healthy vegetation. Commissioner Gray asks if there was a slide at some point at this location. Director Fonzi states this is being reviewed by an engineer.

3) S-19-2022: Almeda Brentzel Plan, Bridge Street, Industrial Zoning

**Proposed subdivision on Bridge Street.*

Director Fonzi states this is on Bridge Street where Almeda Brentzel owns 10.607 acres of industrially zoned property. She would like to subdivide 0.59 acres around an existing home on the property and leave the remaining land vacant.

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4) S-20-2022: Timko-Nicholls Plan, Turner Valley Road, R-3 Zoning
**Proposed boundary line revision on Turner Valley Road.*

Director Fonzi states this is a simple boundary line revision.

OLD BUSINESS:

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Wengrzyn
Second: Commissioner Stump

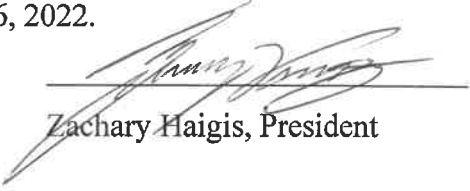
Motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0 (8:18 P.M.)

- Special Meeting minutes of October 13, 2022 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on November 16, 2022.



Harry R. Faulk, Township Secretary


Zachary Haigis, President

