

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 1, 2009

President Czapracki called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P. M.

The following were in attendance: Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Absent Mr. Vishnefski. Also in attendance were Solicitor Richard Shiptoski and Richard V. Zika

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- Mr. John Grabowski, 42 Coal Street, Glen Lyon presented a petition to the Commissioners signed by residents of Glen Lyon protesting the transfer of a liquor license at 67 East Main Street Glen Lyon. This establishment has disrupted the quality of life to those who live around it and it has been rumored that this establishment plans on having adult entertainment. The residents are requesting that the Commissioners support their request and either send a letter to the PLCB or attend an upcoming hearing on this matter.
- Mr. Steve Phillips, 110-1/2 Railroad St., Wanamie requested that the Commissioners continue their transparency with the residents and continue to produce their newsletter. Should the Commissioners need any help with this, please let the Community Organization know and they will be glad to help.
- Mrs. Palmira Miller, 82 Ridge Street, Glen Lyon, presented a report from the latest Great American Clean-up indicating what type of work and amount of materials that were collected during the period of April 20th to May 1st. This is made a copy of these minutes. In addition she was pleased to see that so many residents had cut their grass and weeds for Memorial Day and thanked Mr. Roke. Also, PEC has not selected its cleanup sites but if any are selected in the Township, she will let the Commissioners know. She also requested e-mail address of the various departments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roke moved that the minutes of the May 4 and May 26, 2009 meetings be approved. Seconded by Mr. Zyla. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO - NONE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS

It was reported to the Commissioners that as of May 31, 2009, there is a total of \$433,136.16 available to the Township and the financial statements are included for each account.

Mr. Wilkes moved that the Statement of Funds and financial statements be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Zyla. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO - None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID PRIOR TO COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners were advised that a total of \$38,011.78 in bills were paid prior to the Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Roke moved that the paid bills be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkes. Voting: YES – Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT, WHEN FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.

The Commissioners were advised that there were no unpaid bills as of May 31, 2009.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mr. Czapracki read the report from the Department of Public Works for the month of May, 2009, as prepared by Mr. Hillan and a copy is made part of these minutes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mr. Zyla read the Police Report for the month of May, 2009, and it is made a part of these minutes. He also advised that the Newport Township Civil Service Commission has completed its selection process for a full time police officer.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Roke read the Code Enforcement Office Report for the month of May, 2009, and a copy is made part of these minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mr. Wilkes read the Fire Department Report for the month of May, 2009, and it is included with these minutes.

AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF THE 1949 LAFRANCE FIRE TRUCK TO THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Mr. Wilkes moved to authorize the donation of the 1949 LaFrance Fire Truck to the Newport Township Firemen's Relief Association. Seconded by Mr. Roke. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS: SHICKSHINNY FIREMEN'S PARADE; SLOCUM TOWNSHIP PARADE; RICE TOWNSHIP AND MOUNTAINTOP PARADE; AND THE 6 COUNTY FIREMEN'S PARADE IN MCADOO. UP TO TWO (2) PIECES OF FIRE EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED

Mr. Wilkes moved to authorize the Newport Township Fire Company to attend the above mentioned functions. Seconded by Mr. Zyla. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

PARKS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:

Mr. Vishnefski was absent and as a result there is no report.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Solicitor Rich Shiptoski reported the following:

1. He is still following up with the demolition of properties in the Township. He is still working on the Hitzner and Daniel's Estate properties.
2. There is another appeal to the Court from a ruling by District Justice Whittaker. He will attend the appeal hearing along with Mr. Zika.

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Zika reported as follows:

1. As of today, 1,609 refuse stickers have been sold, 68 units have been turned over to the Magistrate.
2. Plans and Specifications have been submitted to PennDot for the Federal Street Project. PennDot has advised us that they are reviewing them and they are in the process of requesting the \$160,000 funding release. Once this has been approved, we can go to bid, hopefully by June 15, 2009.
3. We are actively pursuing high grass and weeds against those property owners who are in violation of our Nuisance Ordinance.
4. It appears we will be getting some summer help from the 2009 Summer Youth Program. Mr. Hillan will be attending a mandatory worksite Supervisor orientation on Friday, June 5, 2009
5. The Contractor for Simon Street is in the process of obtaining his performance bond. Once that is received, construction will begin

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Zyla mentioned to those in attendance that HUD, INC., Whitney Pointe Development, is requesting an extension of the KOZ for the industrial/residential area. There was much discussion on this with the outcome being a special meeting will be held on June 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to consider a resolution to extend the KOZ
- Mr. Czapracki agreed with Mr. Zyla and stated that Newport Township is land rich and water poor and hopes that all items can be resolved to the benefit of the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Czapracki adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.


Richard V. Zika, Secretary 6.2.09

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