

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2010

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

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- Ms. Palmira Miller, 82 Ridge Street, Glen Lyon, invited the Commissioners to attend the Community Organizations' Fall Festival in October. She advised the Board that a schedule for clean-up events for next year's Great American Cleanup must be submitted by October 15, 2010. Also, she thanked the Board for having the sidewalk at 85 E. Main Street, Glen Lyon opened by cutting the brush that was extending into it. She complained about the water run-off problem on Ridge Street and wants to make sure it is on a list to be taken care of. She is concerned about the property at 86-88 E. Main Street and a property on E. Ridge Street that are accumulating junk. The property at three-legged has garbage behind where the trucks park. She then presented the Board with information on the Right-to-Know law and commented that there are seven (7) areas where the Township does not comply. Mr. Zyla stated he did not feel this was the time to discuss it and Mr. Czapracki said he would look into it.
- Mr. Tom Kashatus, 55 Newport Street, Glen Lyon, stated that the Community Organization took tires to the Luzerne County Tire Recycling center and is planning on taking more tires to the collection this Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Hanover Area High School. He noticed that the Township had not registered to take any tires and offered the Community Organizations assistance if they decide to do anything.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zyla moved that the minutes of September 7, 2010, meeting be approved. Seconded by Mr. Wilkes. Voting: YES – Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Vishnefski, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS

Mr. Zika reported that as of September 30, 2010, there is a total of \$235,437.33 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. Roke. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Vishnefski, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID PRIOR TO COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Mr. Zika stated that a total of \$72,648.27 in bills was paid prior to the Commissioners meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT, WHEN FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.

Mr. Zika stated that there were no unpaid bills as of September 30, 2010.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mr. Czapracki read the Department of Public Works for the month of September, 2010, and it is made a part of these minutes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mr. Zyla read the Police Report for the month of September 30, 2010, and it is made a part of these minutes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Roke read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of September, 2010, and a copy is made part of these minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mr. Wilkes read the Fire Department Report for the month of September, 2010, and it is included with these minutes.

PARKS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:

Mr. Vishnefski stated that it has been a successful summer at the parks with them all being used and that the summer program was a success. He thanked Murph Fletcher and the Recreation Board for their assistance and looks forward to next year's programs. Also, the Recreation Board has presented their budget request for 2011 and this will be reviewed to see what we can do. Finally, the Township has received an insurance check for the damage caused to the fence at the Alden playground and the repairs will be made as quickly as possible.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Solicitor Rich Shiptoski reported as follows:

1. Has completed three (3) Ordinances for the Boards' consideration:

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2010, AN ORDINANCE OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 1998 PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECYCLING PROGRAM IN NEWPORT TOWNSHIP AND PROMULGATING REGULATIONS RELATING THERETO AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

Mr. Roke moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2010. Seconded by Mr. Vishnefski. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Vishnefski, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2010, AN ORDINANCE OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 1986 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2006 (WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 1986) REGULATING THE CARRYING OUT OF CERTAIN TYPES OF BUSINESS AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE A NUISANCE

Mr. Roke moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5 of 2010. Seconded by Mr. Zyla. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Vishnefski, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2010, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT AUTHORIZING IT'S ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR TO PROVIDE REAL ESTATE TAX CERTIFICATIONS UPON REQUEST AND TO CHARGE A FEE FOR THIS SERVICE

Mr. Roke moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2010. Seconded by Mr. Wilkes. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Vishnefski, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Zika reported as follows:

1. We have received notification that our 2011 estimated Liquid Fuels Payment is \$93,650.76.
2. Bids were opened on September 27, 2010 for refuse collection for 2011, 2012 and 2013. The apparent low bidder is J. P. Mascaro at their bid of \$289,440 for each year. Bids are being reviewed at this time.
3. We did not get selected for any Gaming Funds from the latest round. Both the request for funds for the Municipal Building and work at the Wanamie Park were rejected. We will submit again for next year.
4. I am also putting together our preliminary budgets for 2011.
5. We have received the reimbursement agreement from PennDot for the Federal Streets Project which brings us one step closer to the bidding process. No date has been set by PennDot for this to happen. We will be setting up an account with PLGIT for this project and will request the \$25,000 from the Township Authority to get it started.
6. The Pennsylvania Economy League is holding a member information session on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 from noon – 1:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes -Barre, to discuss Luzerne County's proposed Home Rule Charter and what does it mean for Luzerne County Citizens. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Mr. Zyla requested that Mr. Zika attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

AWARD A CONTRACT TO BRDARIC EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 1 ENGLE STREET, GLEN LYON, AT THEIR BID OF \$14,300

Mr. Wilkes moved to award a contract to Brdaric Excavating, Inc. for the demolition of 1 Engle Street, Glen Lyon, at their bid of \$14,300. Seconded by Mr. Zyla. Voting: YES - Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Vishnefski, Mr. Roke, Mr. Zyla and Mr. Czapracki. Voting: NO – NONE. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Wilkes advised those in attendance that new center lines have been painted in Ridgeview; that the asbestos removal for 2-4-6 Third Street and 64 E. Main Street, Glen Lyon is scheduled for this week; and, finally that the Newport Township Authority has received title to 2-4-6 Third Street, Glen Lyon.

Mr. Czapracki adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45 P.M.

/s/ Richard V. Zika
Richard V. Zika, Secretary 10.5.10