

**NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
INFORMATION & GENERAL AFFAIRS MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

The North Fayette Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with Chairman Jim Morosetti presiding. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called with the following present: Chairman Jim Morosetti, Vice Chairman J.R. Mangan, Treasurer Bob Doddato, Township Manager Michael Baker, Chief of Police Donald Cokus, Solicitor Michele Cromer, and Township Secretary Marlyn Jordan.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dave Lodovico – Fiscal and Administrative Services Director – Andrew Hartwell – Community Development Director, Patrick Felton – Public Works Director, Gary Hamilton – NFTVFD Chief, Darlene Hildebrand – Recreation Director, and Kevin Brett – Township Engineer.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Mr. Felton submitted his written report and had nothing to add.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know if any roads had been identified for paving this year and if it needed to be done in January.

Kevin Brett stated they they need everyone's list in January.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know if there were any roads targeted.

Mr. Felton said no that he was unsure of the budget.

Mr. Doddato stated the budget was \$250,000.00.

Mr. Felton said that he will speak with Mr. Brett but would like to put Farmcrest Drive on the list.

Mr. Brett stated that they have a 15-year plan that they can work off.

**ROADMASTER'S REPORT**

**DISTRICT #1 J.R. MANGAN**

- Snow removal on all roads as needed.

- Patched On: Spring Street, Fannie Street, Sturgeon Street, and Finks Run Road
- Assisted with work in Districts 2 and 3.

#### **DISTRICT #2 JIM MOROSETTI**

- Snow removal on all roads as needed.
- Patched On: Farmcrest Drive, Pinkerton Run Road, and Gamble Road
- Assisted with work in Districts 1 and 3.

#### **DISTRICT #3 BOB DODDATO**

- Snow removal on all roads as needed.
- Patched On: Santiago Road, Wilson Street, California Hollow Road, and Georges Lane
- Assisted with work in Districts 1 and 2.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MANGAN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ROADMASTER'S REPORT AS READ.**

#### **FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT**

Mr. Lodovico stated that they are working on the transition to 2021 and end of the year reports. They have transferred payroll for 2021. He stated that they will begin working on W2's and 1099's early next month.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know if this was the last year that we would need to do 1094's and 1095's.

Mr. Lodovico stated that he needs to talk to Mark Jurena.

Mr. Doddato also wanted to know if there was any update with EIT.

Mr. Lodovico said that they received a little bit in, but it is less than 2019. He did state that it's better than he expected.

#### **RECREATION REPORT**

Ms. Hildebrand submitted her written report. She stated that they did have pre-school signups on Friday and today. She said that within the two days that they had 81 of the 92 spots filled.

Mr. Doddato asked if this was for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Hildebrand stated yes.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know when advertising would need to be done for summer camp.

Ms. Hildebrand stated by the end of February, beginning of March.

Mr. Doddato said that it would be a good idea to get with Dave to see the number of people we need in the program for it to break even and cover costs.

Ms. Hildebrand wanted to know if they could start advertising for Spring softball.

Mr. Doddato stated that Ms. Hildebrand would have to run softball until things started to pick up again.

Ms. Hildebrand stated that they are already starting to get calls about youth sports.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Hartwell wanted to give a comparison of numbers from 2019 to 2020. In 2020 there were a total of 393 permits which was 17 less than 2019. In 2019 there were a lot of big-ticket projects such as Boardwalk 1 and 2 and The Botanical Gardens. There were 13 more complaints than 2019. Mr. Hartwell stated this is due to people being home more. The total fees that were collected were down \$95,000.00.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know if everything was moving forward with the developers on Seabright.

Mr. Hartwell said yes. He also stated that the zoning update will be going to the Planning Commission next month.

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know if we know how many businesses are no longer in business and if they go back into business do, they need new permits.

Mr. Hartwell said they only need new permits if the use changes, otherwise they would just need an occupancy permit. He also stated that Coen Oil is looking to go into the property where King's use to be. As far as businesses that are no longer open, he said that Love's Furniture has gone out of business and Levin's has bought it back. Max & Erma's, Pier 1 and Burgatory are closed. Mr. Hartwell said there is a restaurant that is interested in the Pier 1 location and there was also some interest in Max & Erma's.

Mr. Hartwell presented the December 2020 Building and Zoning Report. There were (26) Building/Zoning Permits issued.

There were (14) Single Family Homes, (1) Residential Deck with Roof, (1) Residential Solar Panels, (2) Demolitions, (1) New Commercial Building, (1) New Business Occupancy, (1) Commercial Addition, (3) Signs, and (2) Zoning Permits.  
(20) Occupancy Permits, (1) Fire Prevention Permit, (93) Total Building Inspections, (1) Fire Prevention Inspection.

Total Construction Value	\$ 186,377.70
Building Permit Fees Collected	\$ 9,990.40
Fire Prevention Fees Collected	\$ 50.00
Occupancy Permit Fees Collected	\$ <u>1,100.00</u>
Total Fees Collected	\$ 11,140.40

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MANGAN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT AS READ.**

### **POLICE AND EMS REPORT**

Chief of Police Donald Cokus stated that K9 Nevo was out of service from 6/29/2020-10/4/2020 due to injury of either Nevo or his handler. He also stated that Nevo does currently have a minor injury to his left front leg.

Chief Cokus stated that on December 31, 2020 Sargent Slovick and Officer Kisling responded to a call for an overdose. They were able to administer Narcan to the patient and was able to bring them back.

Chief Cokus presented the Police and EMS Reports for December 2020.

The police responded to 1,403 calls for service during the month of December. There were (17) Arrests, (2) DUI Arrests, (14) Traffic Citations, (7) Non-Traffic Citations, and (9) Warnings.

There were (10) Part I Crimes: (1) Burglary, (9) Larceny.

There were (11) Part II Crimes: (1) Forgery, (2) Fraud, (2) Vandalism, (1) Sex Offenses, (3) DUI, (2) Disorderly.

Northwest EMS reported a total of 144 Emergency and Non-Emergency 911 Responses. There was a total of 127 emergency calls with an average response time of 7 minutes and 42 seconds. Total highest priority was 55 calls with an average response time of 7 minutes and 26 seconds.

Mr. Baker asked Chief Cokus to give an update on the Radio Room.

Chief Cokus stated that they hired 1 part-time dispatcher. They have met with another dispatcher and hope to hire him at the next meeting. They have received another application from an officer in Chippewa and hope to speak with him soon.  
Chief Cokus also stated that he will be having a meeting with Dr. Lippert sometime next month.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MANGAN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE POLICE AND EMS REPORTS AS READ.**

### **FIRE REPORT**

Chief Hamilton presented the December 2020 Fire Report.  
Total activity for the North Fayette Township Volunteer Fire Department (33) total calls.  
Total fire calls for 2020 (387).

Chief Hamilton stated that they had their elections and there is no change in the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. They did elect Alex Toth as Captain, Patrick Merkel as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Ken Crooks as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, and Bill Schaupp as 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant.

Chief Hamilton gave an update on the construction. He stated that the heat is on. They are finishing the outside trim work. He said that they are looking to be done by the end of the month.

The Fire Department just received a grant just over \$20,000.00 for portables from Firehouse Subs. This is the third grant that they have received from them and the total is approaching close to \$60,000.00.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know if it is posted on the Fire Department's Facebook page that Firehouse Subs donates to them.

Chief Hamilton stated that he will have them post it on there.

Mr. Doddato thought it would be a good idea to get a photo with them and post in on Facebook.

Mr. Morosetti stated we should also put it on our webpage.

Chief Hamilton stated that they do usually have a presentation but is unsure of what they will do because of the pandemic.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MANGAN, SECONDED BY DODDATO AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE FIRE REPORT AS READ.**

### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Mr. Baker stated that there has been a spike in trash complaints. He said that he is answering 2-3 complaints per day. He is forwarding those complaints to Rich and Christina at County Hauling. Mr. Baker said that he has requested a Zoom meeting with them on Thursday.

He also stated that he is working with Kevin on a grant.

### **SUPERVISOR DODDATO**

Mr. Doddato stated that ALOM has moved their conference to Father's Day weekend in Seven Springs.

### **SUPERVISOR MANGAN**

Mr. Mangan had no comments.

### **SUPERVISOR MOROSETTI**

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know if there was anything on the garbage trucks.

Mr. Baker stated that they had an appraisal, and they were high, but someone is coming out on Friday to give actual numbers.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MANGAN, SECONDED BY DODDATO AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES AS LISTED.**
- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 22, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING, AND THE JANUARY 4, 2021 REORGANIZATION MEETING.**

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no old or unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MANGAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE REQUISITION NO. 77 OF THE 2014 GENERAL**

**OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,196.60 FOR THE NORTH ROAD SEWER PROJECT.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Bob Doddato</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>J.R. Mangan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Jim Morosetti</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MANGAN, SECONDED BY DODDATO AND CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 01-21 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP AND THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 UNDER THE WATERSHED RESTORATION PROTECTION PROGRAM TO BE USED FOR THE PRP RETROFITS AT THE POINTE.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Bob Doddato</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>J.R. Mangan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Jim Morosetti</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MANGAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 02-21 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE, ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE ELECTED TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR COMMENCING WITH THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Bob Doddato</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>J.R. Mangan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Jim Morosetti</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MANGAN, SECONDED BY DODDATO AND CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 03-21 APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND PLACING INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN OF NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Bob Doddato</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>J.R. Mangan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Jim Morosetti</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MANGAN, SECONDED BY DODDATO AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP AND CHIEF OF POLICE DONALD COKUS JR.**

**DESCRIBING THE CHIEF'S TERM OF APPOINTMENT AND BENEFITS OF EMPLOYMENT.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Bob Doddato</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>J.R. Mangan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Jim Morosetti</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MANGAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 04-21 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AND ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC DEDICATION THAT CERTAIN "AS BUILT" SANITARY SEWER LINES AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AS CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO THE SHOWAKER SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, SUBJECT TO AND EFFECTIVE UPON EXECUTION AND RECORDATION OF THE EASEMENT/ROW BY DEVELOPER/OWNER.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Bob Doddato</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>J.R. Mangan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Jim Morosetti</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know if Mr. Baker had heard anything from Ken Faux.

Mr. Baker said that he has not heard anything from him.

**ADJOURN**

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MANGAN, SECONDED BY DODDATO AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Jordan  
Township Secretary