

**NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
INFORMATION & GENERAL AFFAIRS MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The North Fayette Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 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 Bob Doddato, Treasurer Mark O'Donnell, Township Manager J.R. Mangan, Assistant Township Manager Andrew Hartwell, Chief of Police Donald Cokus, Solicitor Michele Cromer, and Township Secretary Marlyn Jordan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Darlene Hildebrand – Recreation Director, Eric Boonstra, Regina Boonstra, John Trant, John Walls, Bradley Gicopoulos, Chuck Kyle, Bill Fitzgerald, Matt Gilfillan, Fred Lutz, and Daniel Klaas.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Honorable Judge Saveikis swore in the Township's new Police Officer Bradley Gicopoulos and the new K-9, Kar.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the floor.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Felton was not present for the meeting.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

DISTRICT #1 MARK O'DONNELL

- Patching On: Stewart Road, McWreath Road, and Finks Run Road
- Snow removal on all roads as needed
- Assisted with work in Districts 2 and 3

DISTRICT #2 JIM MOROSETTI

- Patching On: Logan Road, Walden Way, and Pinkerton Run Road
- Snow removal on all roads as needed
- Assisted with work in Districts 1 and 3

DISTRICT #3 BOB DODDATO

- Patching On: Steubenville Pike and Crawford Street
- Snow removal on all roads as needed
- Assisted with work in Districts 1 and 2

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ROAD MASTER'S REPORT AS READ.**

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

Mr. Doddato stated that majority of the audits have been postponed till March. Mr. Mangan has been working with Kathy to get the stuff together for the pension to get to Chuck Friedlander. Mr. Doddato said that they have been keeping an eye on the earned income tax to see if there is a surplus to put towards the road paving for next year.

RECREATION REPORT

Ms. Hildebrand wanted to remind everyone of the Senior Luncheon tomorrow.

Ms. Hildebrand wanted to let the Board know that they have planned a few activities for PALS. They will be having a Valentine's Day party on February 13, 2022. The golf outing date is set for September 17, 2022.

Pre-School registration was in January, and they were able to fill 89 out of the 92 spots for the 2022-2023 school year.

Summer camp registration opened on February 1st and they have received 3 registrations.

The Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Hartwell stated that Mr. Doddato had asked him to look into the grant regarding the LaFayette Pond restoration. Mr. Hartwell stated that the entire cost of construction will be covered by the grant. The amount of \$173,000.00 will be reimbursed from the county. That will leave \$31,750.00 left from the grant. Mr. Hartwell is looking for guidance on what to do with these funds.

Mr. Hartwell wanted to follow up with the Truth in Advertising letters that were sent out. They mailed out 77 letters in October. Inspector Saville did a follow up and there are still 12 businesses that are not in compliance. They will be sending follow up letters tomorrow and they will have 30 days to get it corrected.

Mr. Hartwell presented the January 2022 Building and Zoning Report.

There were (24) Building and Zoning Permits issued.

There were (7) Single - Family Homes, (1) Residential Addition, (2) Residential Swimming Pool or Hot Tub, (1) Residential Solar Panel, (1) New Commercial Building, (3) Commercial

Renovation/Build-Out, (2) Commercial Fire Systems, (2) Commercial Grading Permit, (3) Fence, (1) Communication Antennas, (1) Agricultural Building, (2) Acc. Bldg. less than 1,000 sq'.

(20) Occupancy Permits Issued, (4) Fire Prevention Permits Issued, (109) Total Building Inspections Performed, (5) Fire Prevention Inspections Performed.

Total Construction Value	\$ 3,938,468.80
Building Permit Fees Collected	\$ 37,920.85
Zoning Permit Fees Collected	\$ 950.00
Fire Permit Fees Collected	\$ 1,000.00
Occupancy Fees Collected	\$ 1,100.00
Fire Prevention Inspection Fees Collected	\$ 350.00
Total Fees Collected	\$ 41,320.85

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT.**

POLICE AND EMS REPORT

Chief Cokus presented the Police and EMS Reports for January 2022.

The police responded to 1,783 calls for service during the month of January 2022. There were (13) Arrests, (19) Total Arrests, and (3) Non-Traffic Citations.

There were (12) Part I Crimes: (1) Assault, and (11) Larceny.

There were (13) Part II Crimes: (2) Fraud, (3) Vandalism, (1) Sex Offenses, (2) Drugs, (1) Liquor, (2) Disorderly, and (2) All Other.

Northwest EMS reported a total of 118 Emergency and Non-Emergency 911 Responses. There was a total of 117 emergency calls with an average response time of 8 minutes and 08 seconds. Total highest priority was 50 calls with an average response time of 8 minutes and 07 seconds.

Mr. O'Donnell said that it was nice to see everyone support the new officer.

Chief Cokus stated that they are officially able to onboard the new body worn cameras.

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

FIRE REPORT

Chief Hamilton was not present for the meeting. He submitted his written report prior to the meeting.

Total activity for the North Fayette Township Volunteer Fire Department (34) Fire Calls. Total fire calls for 2022 (34).

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Kevin Brett stated that there are several grant programs coming up. There is one listed on the agenda for approval this evening.

The first one is through ARPA funding. Projects eligible for this would be anything that opens land up for development, such as North Fayette Boulevard. The money would need to be spent by the end of 2023.

The second one is regarding bridges. Mr. Brett stated that there will be resolutions for bridges on our agenda for the next meeting. It is up to a one million dollar ask. He is recommending that the Township submits for 2. First one for the Mahoney Road Culvert and the second one for Hans Road.

Mr. Brett stated that we did receive the bridge report back and that there are not immediate repairs that need done, but they will need done. It has been determined that we own the bridge, but Allegheny County is responsible to pay for all repairs that need to be made to the bridge.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know when Mr. Brett needed our road list by.

Mr. Brett stated that it's needed by the end of the month and that he would reach out to Mr. Felton.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEER'S REPORT.**

ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Hartwell did not have any comments.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Mangan wanted to thank PTC and West Ridge Church for being warming centers for the Township during the winter storm. Mr. Mangan said that he will be sending out thank you

letters to them. He stated that the group Heroes Supporting Heroes went around the Township check on residents. Mr. Mangan wanted to applaud everyone on a great job working together.

Mr. Mangan said that he has met with Chief Hartman from Oakdale Fire Department. Oakdale is going to be getting a flood notifying system. They wanted to know if we would want to go in with them on this system. It has a metering system and would send out alarms when flood waters are too high.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 22, 2022, Kelly Cain would like to come in prior to the meeting to do an Autism training with the Township Staff.

SUPERVISOR DODDATO

Mr. Doddato wanted to thank the department heads for the wonderful job they did during the winter storm.

Mr. Doddato wanted to thank Kathy Bartha for all the work she is doing while Carol is out.

Mr. Doddato said that he met with TK Construction, and he stated that they have seen a change in Mike Saville and that he is doing a great job.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know where Mr. Leslie was with the park plan.
Mr. Mangan stated that he is about 95% done.

SUPERVISOR MOROSETTI

Mr. Morosetti did not have any comments.

SUPERVISOR O'DONNELL

Mr. O'Donnell did not have any comments.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES AS LISTED.**
- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11, 2022. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THE JANUARY 25, 2022, REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.**

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no old or unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PARTIAL PAYMENT NO.1 (FINAL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,200.00 TO GRAHAMBOYS LLC FOR WORK COMPLETED IN THE POLICE STATION RENOVATIONS, AS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVED FROM THE NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP, STURGEON, IMPERIAL, AND OAKDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ACT 172 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 452 AND FURTHER RESOLVED IN RESOLUTION 04-18 AS CERTIFIED BY THE FIRE CHIEF OF EACH DEPARTMENT AND REVIEWED BY THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER.

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM G. SALANDRO EXCAVATING, LLC FOR THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX GAS SERVICE RELOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,500.00, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO APPOINT KIM WICKERSHAM TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A 5-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A LEGAL NOTICE PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE THAT ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M., THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL INFORM AND TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 487, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ABOLISH THE BOARDS OF APPEALS AND TO ESTABLISH A BUILDING AND FIRE CODES APPEAL BOARD.

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A LEGAL NOTICE PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE THAT ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M., THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL INFORM AND TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 490, AMENDING THE COMPOSITION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS OUTLINED IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ONE ITEM.

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-22, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY FOR THE ARPA SITE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes
	Mark O'Donnell	Yes

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Eric Bunstra stated that he is concerned with the developments that are going in specifically on Whittengale Road. Mr. Bunstra stated that he has a petition signed by other residents on Whittengale Road.

Mr. Mangan stated that Whittengale Road is a state road and that the information needs to be taken to District 11. Mr. Mangan gave Mr. Bunstra the information to get in touch with them.

Mr. Bunstra also stated that the meeting minutes and agendas don't have the date, time and location listed on them.

Mr. Morosetti stated that the upcoming meeting dates and times are always listed at the end of each agenda.

PRESENTATION

John Trant from Strategic Solutions gave a presentation for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, as a follow up to the the joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Trant showed a series of slides wanting to know what everyone liked or disliked about each of the images.

The first 4 slides had to do with the façade of the structure. It was stated that there was a dislike of the driveway, the garage door being in the front of the home, the change in the materials, everything looking the same with the first home on slide one. On slide two it was said that they like the sidewalk, the way everything ties together, the type of material used and the attention to detail. On slide three they like the framed doors, how the community had a community feel, it looked unique and that it was not a cookie cutter home. On slide four they stated that the driveway doesn't fit the house, it looks like it should be 2 homes instead of one. It was also stated that the front porch looked inviting.

The next four slides had to do with front setbacks. It was stated that if these homes were to be in a mixed-use area that everything would have to be closer to get a mixed use feel. It was said that a big front yard is wasted space. The set back is always a battle because of the lack of rear usable space.

The next four slides displayed different options for landscaping. The ordinance currently requires there to be trees in the front yard. It was said that there should be a compromise and take that requirement out for single family homes but require some type of tree or shrub to be planted for multifamily homes. It was also said that the homeowner should be able to choose, or to start out with a variation of trees in a neighborhood. It would be better to say what can't be planted.

The next four slides displayed different options for recreation amenities. It was agreed that a park is a must. It was stated that there is no need for organized sports courts. Some thought that a pool should be optional. It was also said that a clubhouse would be necessary. Others thought that neighborhoods that are denser should require a pool and a clubhouse.

The next four slides displayed different ideas for open space in neighborhoods. Some liked the thought of a fire pit, stating that it is informal and requires low maintenance. If nothing is placed, then it would just be grassy fields.

The next four slides showcase different options for street trees. It was said that trees were preferred on the street side of the sidewalk. Grass over rocks was preferred also.

The next four slides displayed different streetscape amenities. It was agreed that benches and garbage cans would be a good idea.

Mr. Trant wanted to know if there were targeted districts for the mixed-use zoning or if they would be rezoning sections of the Township.

Mr. Hartwell stated that picking a place in the Township and designating it as mixed use would be best.

ADJOURNMENT

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:05 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Jordan
Township Secretary