

**NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 22, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The North Fayette Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 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 via Zoom, 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 (absent).

OTHERS PRESENT: Debbie Midgely - Recording Secretary, Kevin Brett - Township Engineer, Mike Berquist, Eric Boonstra, Regina Boonstra, Craig Hennemuth, Kathleen Mulcahy, Chris Kiss, and Joshua Kiss.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

PRESENTATION - Joshua Kiss - Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout, Joshua Kiss stated that he has been speaking with Mr. Leslie about possible projects. He said that Mr. Leslie told him about Dave Lodovico, who was a friend of the Townships and big part of the community. They thought it would be a good idea to have a park bench in his name in the Liberty Tree Grove.

Mr. Leslie stated that this goes with the theme of putting benches throughout the park. He said that we would like to continue to do these memorial benches.

Mr. Kiss said that he is working with Ed Stoker to get donations through the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He stated that he is a member of his schools USMC JROTC and they said they would help with donations. Mr. Kiss said that he read Mr. Lodovico's obituary and saw that he loved popcorn, so he would also like to do popcorn sales. He will also be doing a spaghetti dinner at the Oakdale Community Center.

Mr. Morosetti said that we should move forward with this, and that the Township will also be giving a donation to get him started.

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES AS LISTED.

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2022, INFORMATION AND GENERAL AFFAIRS MEETING.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Kevin Brett presented LSSE's Monthly Engineer's Report dated March 17, 2022.

2022 Road Program – Bids to be opened on March 28, 2022; LSSE to provide Bid Report.

CD Year 46 - ADA Drinking Fountains – LSSE issued letter requesting schedule from Contractor. All work to be completed by April 30, 2022

Municipal Complex Gas Service – Pre-construction meeting held on March 10, 2022.

Traffic Signal Review – LSSE provided Township with budget number to replace all the control boxes in the Township which have not been recently updated with new ones. Signal cost analysis and report submitted March 17, 2022, for Township's use in future grant requests and budgets. Traffic Systems has completed the majority of the signal maintenance previously identified. One additional head needs replaced at the Wal-Mart Intersection.

North Fayette Boulevard – Geotechnical Engineer drilled the site week of March 7, 2022 and is finishing the drilling week of March 14, 2022. LSSE continuing to coordinate traffic study requirement with Allegheny County. They have requested Saturday trip counts be completed; weekday have already been completed. LSSE will have Saturday counts completed in next few weeks.

Summit Park Drive Bridge – LSSE and Township to meet with Allegheny County to review the Bridge Inspection Report received from PennDOT. Repairs need planned with County. LSSE preparing letter to provide notice to the Township.

LaFayette Plaza Fence – LSSE transmitted advertisement. Bids to be opened on April 6, 2022.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ENGINEER'S REPORT.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark O'Donnell presented the revised Treasurer's Report for January 2022 and the report for February 2022.

Consolidated Fund Report - January

Beginning Statement Balance -	1/1/212	\$	9,546,446.12
Deposits and Credits		\$	3,275,528.20
Funds Interest		\$	131.73
Disbursements and Debits		\$	<u>4,397,422.93</u>
Ending Statement Balance -	1/31/22	\$	8,424,683.12
Deposits in Transit		\$	2,201.55
Outstanding Checks -		\$	<u>179,987.10</u>
Adjusted Statement Balance	1/31/22	\$	8,246,897.57

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ.**

Consolidated Fund Report - February

Beginning Statement Balance -	2/1/212	\$	8,424,683.12
Deposits and Credits		\$	2,417,296.14
Funds Interest		\$	110.85
Disbursements and Debits		\$	<u>2,206,472.45</u>
Ending Statement Balance -	2/28/22	\$	8,635,617.56
Deposits in Transit		\$.13
Outstanding Checks -		\$	<u>320,071.33</u>
Adjusted Statement Balance	2/28/22	\$	8,315,546.36

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Cromer presented the confidential Solicitor's Report and had nothing to add.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE SOLICITOR'S REPORT.**

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no old or unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 491, AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHASED DEVELOPMENTS.**

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

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 492, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION STOLEN OR ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS AND OTHER CARTS AND ESTABLISHING AN ABATEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM RELATED THERETO.**

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know if we are going to be notifying the businesses of this ordinance.

Mr. Hartwell stated that we will send out letters to the businesses.

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

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 10-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTING REGULAR MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE BUILDING, FIRE, AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES APPEALS BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE.**

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

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY O'DONNELL, AND SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE BOND REDUCTION NO. 4, A REQUEST OF BATEMAN NFIA AND ASSOCIATES, LLC, TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE NORTH FAYETTE BUSINESS PARK, PHASE 1 - COMMON IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT FROM \$3,006,559.33 TO \$2,838,947.83, 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 MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 11-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND DETAILS, AS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.**

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Eric Boonstra from 285 Whittengale Road stated that he has a signed petition from the residents of Whittengale Road. Mr. Boonstra read the letter that was enclosed with the petition.

Dear Mr. Morosetti:

The Residents of Whittengale Road have urgent concerns over any high-density housing development project connecting to Whittengale Road. We base these concerns on the poor condition of the Whittengale Road itself, as well as on the exacerbation of water run-off issues.

Increased traffic on Whittengale Road due to a high-density housing development project with many new homes will create serious safety issues at both ends of the road. Whittengale Road has two one-lane areas at the Oakdale end where the road is collapsing into the ravine to the southwest. Whittengale and Oakdale residents frequently walk and ride bicycles along these one-lane sections and run the risk of injury from moving vehicles. Moving vehicles run the risk of sliding off Whittengale Road into the ravine. Furthermore, Whittengale Road has a hairpin turn at the North Branch Road end where vehicles routinely crash into a resident's driveway, missing the final turn, with four incidents since October 2021.

A high-density housing development project would cause additional problems of water run-off and sewage management to Oakdale. Oakdale has at least five valleys draining through it, often has high water episodes, and recently made the Pittsburgh news due to its severe flooding.

The Residents of Whittengale Road have signed a petition (see attachment to this letter) opposing any higher density residential development on Whittengale Road and calling for a rezoning to a much larger minimum lot size (10 acres).

The current traffic and water flow issues on Whittengale Road are already precarious and the additional traffic and run-off from a high-density housing project would make these matters even worse. We offer this letter and Petition to show our opposition to any high-density residential housing project on Whittengale Road.

Sincerely yours,

Keith Olivieri
275 Whittengale Road

Eric F. Boonstra
285 Whittengale Road

Jeff Kostic
290 Whittengale Road

Mr. Boonstra stated that there were also copies of this letter and the petition mailed to Mr. Morosetti, Mr. Mangan, and Mr. Hartwell.

Mr. Boonstra stated that they are respectfully submitting the petition.

Mr. Morosetti said that they acknowledge this petition and agree, although it's not our road. It is a state road.

Mr. Boonstra said that it looks like there is some activity on the road from the state.

Kathleen Mulcahy stated that she has been in touch with PennDOT. She said that her mailbox has been ran into 3 times. When she spoke with PennDOT she asked about speedbumps being placed on Whittengale Road and asked for litter signs. Ms. Mulcahy said that the Township must weigh in on appeal for speed bumps. She is hopeful that PennDOT will be in touch with the Township.

Mike Berquist of 322 Dupont Drive stated that at that end of Dupont Drive there is not any signage regarding speed limits or no parking. Mr. Berquist was wondering if that will happen in the near future.

Mr. Mangan wanted to know if that was in the newer section?

Mr. Berquist said yes.

Mr. Hartwell said that the whole road has been dedicated. The ability to post signage is limited. It needed to be done before it was dedicated. We can still post speed limit signs, but restricting parking will require an ordinance.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the parking restrictions are posted at the beginning of the street, and that is adequate for the whole street.

Mr. Berquist asked if signage at the beginning of the street is inclusive for the whole development.

Mr. Hartwell said yes.

Mr. Berquist wanted to know if Ordinances 491 and 488 were active?

Mr. Morosetti said yes.

Mr. Hartwell said that Pointe West as it is, is approved. He can go out today and build the remaining phases how it was approved. Mr. Hartwell stated that he is coming in for a revised approval, which will meet those codes.

Mr. Berquist said that his biggest question is Ordinance 488 on vehicular access.

Mr. Hartwell stated that it has been enacted.

Mr. Berquist asked so he has to meet that requirement.

Mr. Hartwell said yes.

Mr. Berquist said that in his opinion if they are going to build the final phase, they need to build another access road.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he understands where he is coming from and that they try to do what is best for this community.

ADJOURNMENT

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:01 P.M.

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY O'DONNELL, AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Jordan
Township Secretary