

**ORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
INFORMATION & GENERAL AFFAIRS MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAY 10, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The North Fayette Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 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 (absent), 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: Pat Felton – Public Works Director, Darlene Hildebrand – Recreation Director, Gary Hamilton – NFTVFD Chief, Kevin Brett – Township Engineer, Rick Wynn, Jim Rodgers, Colleen Morris, Enrico Bruschi, Regina Boonstra, Bob Stahl, and Bruce Moore.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Rick Wynn stated that they take great pride in working on their property. He thinks we should be doing things to encourage improving properties. The changes with the yard waste aren't helping. He said that it is not unusual for him to have 30, 40, or 50 bags of yard refuse. With the new rules he already has 20 bags. Mr. Wynn stated that he wishes that we could consider something easier than once a month. He also said that putting the grass in the plastic bags doesn't make any sense. Mr. Wynn is asking the board to consider ways to make it kinder to homeowners.

Enrico Bruschi stated that he agrees with Mr. Wynn with the way he phrased some of the things. Mr. Bruschi feels that we're not heading in a positive direction with the changes that have been made. He stated that some of the other places County Hauling picks up, like Shaler, they have 4 or 5 pick ups in the fall when there's increased activities. There are increased pick-ups by some in the spring. Mr. Bruschi is concerned that we went by what County Hauling told us instead of what we need. He thinks that we need to rethink this decision and do right by the residents of North Fayette. He stated that the contract is coming to an end in October, and he hopes that the board is taking the opportunity to put this out to bid.

Mr. Doddato stated that we have in employee who lives in Greene Township, Beaver County. In this community the Township is not involved in sanitation. It's like cable, you pick your own provider. The business community is currently able to choose their own providers.

Mr. Morosetti thinks that it would be a disaster.

Mr. Doddato stated that we could set the parameters just like we do with Comcast and Verizon. No matter who the Township chooses there will always be concerns. Mr. Doddato feels it is best to put it in the hands of the residents and let them pick who they want.

Mr. Bruschi said that we went from 26 pick-ups a year to 8. He wants to know if we will be getting money back on this contract.

Mr. Doddato stated that the contract is simply a pass through. You get a bill from W.A.C.M.A., you pay that bill to W.A.C.M.A. And then W.A.C.M.A remits those funds to the Township and the Township remits those funds to Noble.

Mr. Bruschi said that if we amended the contract, we should still be getting a reduction. He stated that the contract itself says what the price is and your services. If you're reducing those services, you should automatically have a cost reduction. Mr. Bruschi said he thinks that we need to change this back.

Mr. Mangan said that when looking at the contract the weekly pick-ups were never in writing. When November hit and there was a late fall, County Hauling said that they would pick up until the first week of December. They are flexible and we can make changes.

Mr. Morosetti stated that we need to call County Hauling and see if we could add more pick-up days for yard waste.

Mr. Bruschi said that the way the contract reads is that it's 3 years plus 1, plus 1.

Mr. Morosetti stated that when the contract was put out to bid County Hauling bid and so did Republic. Waste Management did not bid.

Mr. Bruschi said isn't it worth it to get another bid.

Mr. Morosetti said absolutely.

Mr. Mangan stated that when bids are received, by law we have to take the lowest bid. It is not always the best though.

Mr. Bruschi stated that he would rather pay a little more for better service.

Mr. Mangan said that the other bid it would have been about \$4 more a month.

Mr. Doddato stated that if as a government, we are required to take the lowest bidder, then we need to allow the public to pick their own services. That way if you want to pay more you can and if you can't pay more then you don't have to.

Mr. Bruschi asked if we are looking at changes.

Mr. Mangan said that we take all the complaints and we started logging them in 2019.

Mr. Moore wanted to know why the grass has to be in plastic bags.

Mr. Mangan said that County Hauling has their own landfill and that is their rule.
Mr. Moore said that he was not notified of the changes and his trash sat there for 2 weeks.

Jim Rodgers stated that from the first week that County Hauling started picking up trash that it was a disaster. He watched them take his neighbors trash and not his. He said there is constantly garbage and garbage cans through the streets.

Mr. Moore wanted to know why we couldn't ask residents if they wanted to pay more.

Mr. Mangan stated that we had to go with the lowest bid.

An unnamed resident stated that there is no regularity in the pick-ups. They are never on the same day or at the same time.

Mr. Morosetti stated that they also have a driver problem.

Mr. Morosetti asked if there were any more comments regarding the trash.

There were none.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

DISTRICT #1 MARK O'DONNELL

- Berming On: Finks Run Road, Stewart Road, McWreath Road
- Repair Cross pipe on: Noblestown Road
- Repair Catch Basin On: Spring Street
- Snow removal on all roads as needed
- Assisted with work in Districts 2 and 3

DISTRICT #2 JIM MOROSETTI

- Patching On: Walden Way, Forest Glen Drive, Elk Rush Drive, Lutz Road, and Davis Lane
- Install underdrain On: Gamble Road
- Replace Catch Basin On: Gamble Road
- Repair Catch Basin On: Robb Hill Road
- All streets swept in District 2

- Snow removal on all roads as needed
- Assisted with work in Districts 1 and 3

DISTRICT #3 BOB DODDATO

- Replace Cross Pipe On: Crawford Street (x2)
 - Replace Catch Basin On: Crawford Street and Beagle Club Road
 - All streets swept in District 3
 - Snow removal on all roads as needed
 - Assisted with work in Districts 1 and 2
- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ROAD REPORT AS READ.**

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

Mr. Hartwell stated that they are working on an update regarding Engineering Services and listing the Township's assets.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know how things were going with the software change.

Mr. Hartwell said that there is a meeting setup for the end of the month with Edmonds.

r. Hartwell also said that they are in the process of transitioning everything to ADP.

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know who will be handling the reports that Mr. Doddato is requesting.

Mr. Hartwell stated that Maryann will be providing those reports.

RECREATION REPORT

Ms. Hildebrand wanted to remind everyone that tomorrow is the senior luncheon.

Ms. Hildebrand stated that they are going to be adding 5 new programs not including summer camp. They currently have 86 registered for summer camp. They have 16 employees for summer camp and 4 part-time employees. They are looking for 2 more full-time employees.

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know if they have their clearances.

Ms. Hildebrand said that they are all working on filling out their paperwork now.

Ms. Hildebrand also stated that rentals are starting to pick back up.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Hartwell stated that right now their revenue is positive. Residential building permits will be slowing down but the commercial side will be picking up. There are several large projects coming to the Planning Commission.

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

There were (6) Single Family homes, (1) Residential Addition, (1) Residential Renovation, (8) Residential Decks, (2) Residential Deck Roof, (4) Residential Swimming Pool or Hot Tub, (1) Residential Grading Permit, (3) Residential Sunroom or Patio, (1) Residential Solar Panels, (1) Commercial Addition, (4) Commercial Renovation/Build-Out, (3) Commercial Fire Systems, (4) Signs, (4) Fences, (1) Agricultural Building, (5) Zoning - (ACC. Bldg. less than 1,000 sq'), (3) Deck less than 30" above grade)

(17) Occupancy Permits, (3) Fire Prevention Permits Issued, (144) Total Building Inspections Performed, (4) Total Fire Inspections Performed, (148) Total Bldg. & Fire Inspections Performed & Drills.

Total Construction Value	\$3,678,020.00
Building Permit Fees Collected	\$ 11,389.60
Zoning Permit Fees Collected	\$ 2,671.20
Fire Permit Fees Collected	\$ 1,300.00
Occupancy Fee Collected	\$ 800.00
Fire Prevention Inspection Fees Collected	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total Fees Collected	\$ 16,360.80

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

POLICE AND EMS REPORT

Chief Cokus presented the April 2022 Police and EMS Reports

The police responded to 1,752 calls for service during the month of April 2022. There were (29) Arrests, (2) DUI Arrests, (31) Traffic Citations, (7) Non-Traffic Citations, and (4) Total Warnings.

There were (22) Part I Crimes: (5) Assault and (17) Larceny.

There were (22) Part II Crimes: (1) Forgery, (1) Fraud, (1) Stolen Property, (3) Vandalism, (1) Family Offenses, (2) DUI, (2) Liquor, (3) Drunkenness, and (8) Disorderly.

Chief Cokus stated that the trucks on West Allegheny Road have minimized a lot. Sergeant Sandra is out there daily and is not seeing as much.

Northwest EMS reported a total of 106 Emergency and Non-Emergency 911 Responses. There were a total of 102 emergency calls with an average response time of 8 minutes and 05 seconds. Total highest priority was 65 calls with an average response time of 7 minutes and 13 seconds.

Chief Cokus stated that it has been working out well with Northwest having more units in the Township. They currently have 2 units at the fire department on Steubenville Pike and 1 unit here at the Township Building.

Mr. Morosetti said that their response time has improved.

Chief Cokus said that their extra presence in the Township is really making a difference. The mutual aid calls that they respond to is what really affects their response time.

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

FIRE REPORT

Chief Hamilton presented the Fire Report for April 2022.

Total activity for the North Fayette Township Volunteer Fire Department (25) Fire Calls. Total fire calls for 2022 (155).

Chief Hamilton stated that they did their yearly testing of the fire hose and ground ladders. They tested 14,394 feet of hose which is equal to 246 sections and 372 feet of ground ladders which is equal to 21 ladders. There were only 3 sections of hose that failed. Chief Hamilton stated that these sections of hose are used as back up. They have a company that comes in and tests the hose and then repacks all of it on to the truck.

Chief Hamilton said that the fire department will no longer be a polling place on Election Day. The new polling place will be the Awaken Youth Center.

Mr. Doddato said that the address was listed incorrectly on the Facebook post.

Mr. Mangan stated that it is correct now.

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

ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Hartwell stated that they needed to have an executive session after the meeting to discuss a contract issue.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Mangan said that they have renegotiated a new copier contract with a new company, and they will be saving us money.

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know how we would be saving money when we have to pay per copy.

Marlyn Jordan stated that we are paying less per copy. They took a copy of our bill and broke it down and we would be saving \$160 a month on copies alone. We are currently paying for services that we aren't receiving.

Mr. Mangan said that the North Road repair went very smoothly, and the road is currently reopened. They are still working on Whittengale Road. Mr. Mangan said that he has left a message and he is waiting for them to get back to him. Seabright Road has been milled and they are just going to tar and chip it.

The water fountains have been installed. They are waiting on the contractor for the leak.

Mr. Mangan wanted to thank the staff for all their help with Take Your Child to Work Day.

Mr. Mangan stated that with the work being done on the Mahoney Road Bridge Culvert if it would be possible to run sewage while the road is already open cut. He had spoken with a few residents, and they had requested having sewage put in.

Mr. Doddato thinks that this would make sense since the county wants to get away from septic systems. Mr. Doddato wanted to know if we are obligating those 5 houses to tap in.

Mr. Brett stated that if they tie in, they will have to pay a tap in fee.

Mr. Doddato said to see what it costs. Then also wants to make sure that no one has recently put in a new septic system.

Mr. Mangan said that the Port Authority is readjusting the routes on Mahoney Road because of weight limit. They will be removing the bus stop at the fire department.

Chief Hamilton stated that in June they would be removing it. Chief Hamilton said that everything that services Mahoney Road will be eliminated.

Mr. Doddato stated that we need to reach out and find out what stops are being eliminated, as this will affect a lot of people.

Mr. Mangan wanted to thank all the employees that went to the PSATS conference.

SUPERVISOR DODDATO

Mr. Doddato wanted to thank everyone for the great job on Take Your Child to Work Day.

Mr. Doddato stated that while at PSATS he saw how much work went into taking care of payroll. He witnessed Mr. Hartwell and Carol Stenzel having to text and take phone calls to ensure that we all received our pay on April 29th.

Mr. Doddato wanted to thank Mr. Mangan for working with the guys in the garage to get longevity out of a vehicle.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know why Mahoney Road was on the paving program. He thought that it had already been paved.

Kevin Brett stated that it is just for spot repairs.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know if we could still add alternates.

Mr. Brett said that we would need to add them now. Prices are already up 30% from the day they bid.

Mr. Doddato said that the park plan needs to go to the Planning Commission in June.

Mr. Hartwell stated that they only had a public meeting, and they would need to have a Public Hearing regarding the park plan.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know the Public Hearing would need to be held.

Mr. Hartwell stated that the night it would be adopted you would have the hearing.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know if we have applied for grants for some of the things in the park.

Mr. Brett said yes, the first one for Phase 1 is a 50/50 grant for \$600,000.00, second one is for \$400,000.00 - \$500,000.00. He said that there will be other grant opportunities also.

Mr. Doddato wanted to know when we would hear about these grants.

Mr. Brett stated in the fall.

Mr. Morosetti wanted to know if all the utilities are available.

Mr. Brett said yes that they just need extended.

SUPERVISOR MOROSETTI

Mr. Morosetti was looking at the warrant list and wanted to know who Construction Engineering Consultants was.

Mr. Brett stated that this was the Geotechnical Engineer for North Fayette Boulevard.

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, 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 APRIL 19, 2022, COMBINED MEETING.**

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no old or unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO SAM'S CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900.00 AND EXECUTION OF A ROW ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUMMIT PARK COMPLETE STREET PROJECT.**

Roll Call:	Bob Doddato	Yes
	Jim Morosetti	Yes

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO WALMART IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00 AND EXECUTION OF A ROW ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUMMIT PARK COMPLETE STREET PROJECT.**

Roll Call: **Bob Doddato** **Yes**
 Jim Morosetti **Yes**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE BOND REDUCTION NO. 6, 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 \$2,652,518.84 TO \$2,536,965.14, AS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.**

Roll Call: **Bob Doddato** **Yes**
 Jim Morosetti **Yes**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 496, AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF YARD WASTE.**

Enrico Bruschi wanted to know what exactly this meant.

Mr. Mangan stated that it is just changing the definition to fit with what the current contract says.

Roll Call: **Bob Doddato** **Yes**
 Jim Morosetti **Yes**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO PUBLISH A LEGAL NOTICE PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE THAT ON JUNE 28, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M., THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT ON ORDINANCE NO. 497, A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (§27-301) TO REZONE SEVERAL PARCELS FRONTING BATEMAN ROAD FROM "I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL" TO "R-2 SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL".**

Roll Call: **Bob Doddato** **Yes**
 Jim Morosetti **Yes**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE APPLICATION EEA-2022-4, AN EASEMENT ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT REQUESTED BY TIMOTHY AND BECKY COLICCHIO, THE CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 413 FARMCREST DRIVE, OAKDALE, PA, 15071, ALSO REFERRED TO AS ALLEGHENY COUNTY TAX PARCEL I.D. NO 590-M-35, TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ABOVE GROUND POOL AND DECK; OVER, UPON, AND ACROSS PORTIONS OF THE 20' STORM SEWER AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED ON REAR OF THE PROPERTY, AND TO AUTHORIZE**

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE COORDINATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES.

**Roll Call: Bob Doddato Yes
 Jim Morosetti Yes**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A 60 MONTH CONTRACT WITH GOLDSTAR ADVANCED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, FOR SERVICES ON A NEW COPY MACHINE AT A MONTHLY COST OF \$275.00 AND \$.008 PER BLACK AND WHITE COPY AND \$.05 PER COLOR COPY.**

**Roll Call: Bob Doddato Yes
 Jim Morosetti Yes**

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY DODDATO, SECONDED BY MOROSETTI, AND CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY FOR A TRAIL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT FOR THE LAFAYETTE TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.**

**Roll Call: Bob Doddato Yes
 Jim Morosetti Yes**

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Rick Wynn said that he appreciated everyone listening to their concerns.

Jim Rodgers stated that everyone does a great job. He has a new appreciation for the board of supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT

- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:12 P.M.**
- **A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOROSETTI, SECONDED BY DODDATO, AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:35 P.M.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Jordan
Township Secretary