

The North Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors met at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., October 21, 2020 with Supervisors Mike Valencic, Jennifer Matarrese and Calvin Crissman, Secretary Pam Bowser, North Buffalo Police Chief Jason Hufhand, and approximately eight citizens in attendance.

Mike Valencic called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence to honor those in service of our country. He then announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Bid Opening and the September 16, 2020 Supervisors' Meeting. Mike Valencic seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to approve the bills as presented on the Bill List with General Fund checks #27137 through #27184 in the amount of \$59,660.18, General Fund electronic debits in the amount of \$26,113.15 and State Fund check #771 in the amount of \$9,500.00. Mike Valencic seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, with Mike Valencic seconding the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Police Chief Jason Hufhand gave the monthly police report. He explained how his computer software categorizes actions happening in the township and explained the difference between events, activities and incidents in order to correct inaccurate numbers in the newspaper after the last meeting.

Fire Marshall Dave Orton from Ford Cliff Fire Department gave their monthly response report. He and Brandon Harringer brought the new Ford Cliff pumper truck to the meeting for everyone to see.

Jennifer Matarrese gave the road master's report. Berming has been done on Ruffaner, Sportsman, Booher and Sisterville. Stone was applied to Ruffaner, a pipe and culvert box were replaced on Hogg and a sinkhole was fixed on Sisterville. A damaged pipe was replaced and trees were removed from Patland. The road crew was able to fix a cracked intercooler pipe on the Ford F550. The road crew temporarily fixed the road grader. Jennifer reported that she met with PennDOT regarding potential 2021 road projects and conducted a video pre-inspection of Circle G Drive for logging on Goldinger Drive.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to distribute the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund money equally between the fire departments of West Kittanning, West Hills Emergency Services (formerly East Franklin), Worthington-West Franklin, Ford City Borough, Ford Cliff and South Buffalo. The total amount received was \$15,005.79, which would give each fire department \$2,500.97. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to give a donation of \$500 each to the fire departments that do not charge the township for a portion of their workmen's compensation insurance, which are West Kittanning, West Hills Emergency Services, South Buffalo, Ford Cliff and Ford City. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to approve the purchase of a 1980 Galion T400A road grader from Ronald Salvini for \$9,500.00. Calvin Crissman seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to approve upgrade renovations to the police department office. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried. Mike Valencic also mentioned that Police Chief Jason Hufhand is doing a great job since being moved to full time. Crime and speeding have been reduced within the township.

Mike Valencic reported that people have been dropping off cats on his road. He will look into the matter to see what can be done to impose penalties if someone is caught abandoning animals. Police Chief Jason Hufhand will also look into the matter further to see what would be in the best interest of the township.

The Board of Supervisors then discussed errors in the media reporting of township meetings in the August 22, 2020 and September 18, 2020 publications of the Leader Times. Ann Cloonen from the Leader Times was present at the meeting and will report the corrections.

Mike Valencic announced that voting will not be held at the township municipal building for the November 3, 2020 election. All residents of North Buffalo Township—both East and West regions—will now vote at the Center Hill Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall located at 2039 Freeport Road, Kittanning, PA 16201.

During public comment, Susan Lee, a resident of Chechak Road, informed the Board of Supervisors of their need for city water. They have been hauling water since June, along with one of their neighbors who are also out of water. Township resident Jennifer Clark asked about getting a recycling trailer within the township.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.