

North Buffalo Township
November 18, 2020

The North Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors met at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., November 18, 2020 with Supervisors Mike Valencic, Jennifer Matarrese and Calvin Crissman, Secretary Pam Bowser, North Buffalo Police Chief Jason Hufhand, and approximately seven 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 October 21, 2020 Supervisors' Meeting and the October 28, 2020 Budget Workshop. Jennifer Matarrese 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 #27185 through #27232 in the amount of \$40,747.19, General Fund electronic debits in the amount of \$17,696.52 and State Fund check #772 in the amount of \$2,698.68. 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.

Fire Marshall Dave Orton from Ford Cliff Fire Department gave their monthly response report. He also thanked the Board of Supervisors for the donation from North Buffalo Township.

Jennifer Matarrese gave the road master's report. The road crew did routine maintenance and replaced a hydraulic cylinder on the newly purchased used Galion grader. The new tires, which were on the old grader, will be put on the new grader. Wilson Road and Patland Road were bermed and a culvert pipe was replaced on Sisterville Road. Hogg Road was patched and stone was put on Booher Road. The road crew also cleaned ditches, removed brush and tree limbs, and prepared the trucks for winter.

The first item of new business on the agenda was Mr. Richard Adams from Wyant Road to discuss a sewage issue; however, Mr. Adams was not in attendance at the meeting.

Next on the agenda was Mr. Paul Hilles from Goldinger Drive to discuss a neighbor complaint. Mr. Hilles presented pictures and explained to the Board that his neighbor has placed a used mobile home in dire disrepair on his property less than five feet from his property line next to Mr. Hilles' burn pile. The neighbor says that he is going to use it for storage. Mr. Hilles' concern is that it is a safety hazard, an eyesore and will attract rodents and wild animals. Also he is afraid that an ember or spark from his burn pile will ignite the trailer and the neighbor will try to collect from his insurance. The supervisors discussed the situation with Mr. Hilles. According to the township zoning ordinance, there is a 10-foot setback from property lines, so the trailer will have to be moved to comply. Also, Codes Officer/Police Chief Jason Hufhand will look into the matter to see if anything would be in violation of the township nuisance ordinance or burning ordinance.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to adopt the 2021 proposed budget. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to adopt the line-item adjustments to the 2020 budget. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mike Valencic made the motion to reappoint Ty Shaffer as a representative to the board of the Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2025. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to reappoint Jeff Cox as a representative to the board of the West Hills Area Water Pollution Control Authority for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2025. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Appointments to fill vacancies on the North Buffalo Township Planning Board and Zoning Hearing Board were tabled since they haven't found any persons as of yet to fill these positions.

The supervisors then discussed some proposed changes to Ordinance No. 17-4 regarding regulations for seismic testing within the township. The current ordinance only allows testing to be conducted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays. It will be changed to allow testing 24 hours per day, Monday through Saturday, with the exception of holidays unless prior permission is granted by the Board of Supervisors to conduct testing on Sundays and holidays. The current ordinance states that the permit holder must submit to the township a certificate of insurance naming the township as an additional insured and evidencing commercial general liability coverage of not less than \$5,000,000.00. This amount of coverage will be changed to not less than \$1,000,000.00. The supervisors also want to allow the coverage amount to be adjusted at their discretion depending on the situation, but were unsure of how it should be worded. They will consult with the township solicitor on the matter. Calvin Crissman made the motion to accept the changes to Ordinance No. 17-4. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

During public comment, Susan Lei, resident of Chechak Road, reported that their neighbor will grant them a right-of-way across his property for her water line.

Amanda Peterson, the new representative from Penn Energy was in attendance and introduced herself to the Board of Supervisors offering her contact information should any need arise in the future regarding gas well drilling.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.