

North Buffalo Township
November 17, 2021

The North Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors met at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., November 17, 2021 with Supervisors Mike Valencic, Jennifer Matarrese and Calvin Crissman, Secretary Pam Bowser, Solicitor Scott Andreassi, Police Chief Jason Hufhand, Danielle Rihel from the Audubon Society and approximately nine citizens in attendance.

Supervisor 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 and also in memory of North Buffalo Zoning Officer J. David Jura, who recently passed away. He then announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Supervisors' Meeting and the November 10, 2021 Budget Workshop. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to approve the bills as presented on the Bill List with General Fund checks #27705 through #27754 in the amount of \$70,783.04, General Fund electronic debits in the amount of \$19,705.07 and State Fund checks #803 through #805 in the amount of \$6,483.75. 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 Calvin Crissman seconding the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Township Police Chief Jason Hufhand gave the monthly police report.

Brandon Harriger from Ford Cliff Fire Department gave their monthly response report. Chris Beck from West Kittanning Fire Department gave their report and also requested a meeting with township supervisors to work out the run cards.

Jennifer Matarrese then gave the Road Master's report. The road crew bermed Church Road, patched a part of Wyant, cut brush and trimmed trees throughout the township and cleared some ditches. They also put the plows and spreaders on the trucks in preparation for winter weather. Peoples Gas removed the delineator posts and patched the road where the pipe sank on Church Road. Crown Castle who owns the cell tower on Church Road is to have the driveway fixed within the next month to resolve the water and debris coming out onto the road.

Under new business, Danielle Rihel from the Audubon Society talked to the supervisors about the possibility of partnering with the township on projects within the Buffalo Creek watershed and projects to alleviate acid mine drainage in Marrowbone Run.

Calvin Crissman made the motion to adopt the 2022 proposed budget. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to approve the line-item adjustments to the 2021 budget. Calvin Crissman seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-4, which prohibits obstructions in the township right-of-ways. Calvin Crissman seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mike Valencic made the motion to appoint Debbie Miller to serve on the North Buffalo Township Planning Board for a four-year term to expire December 31, 2025. Calvin Crissman seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mike Valencic made the motion to appoint Patrick Ritrosky to serve on the North Buffalo Township Planning Board to fill a vacancy due to the death of J. David Jura. The term will expire December 31, 2023. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The appointment for the township zoning hearing board was tabled.

Mike Valencic announced that the township needs a replacement for the township zoning officer.

The board then addressed an issue between the Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority and property owner Patrick Ritrosky. Solicitor Scott Andreassi explained and discussed the situation with Mr. Ritrosky, who was in attendance.

During public comment, township resident Shawn Simmons asked about township roads being opened to ATV's. A discussion on the matter commenced. The supervisors stated that this has been discussed before multiple times and the township budget can't afford the expense of the required signage at this time. A neighboring township spent approximately \$11,000 for their signage. No decision was made.

Township resident Ben Paustenbaugh asked the supervisors why final approval hasn't been given to a subdivision in order to close on property that he is purchasing within the township. Supervisor Mike Valencic said that he is waiting on an explanation from the County Planning office before he can sign off on the subdivision and it should be resolved very soon.

Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Calvin Crissman seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Pamela L. Bowser
North Buffalo Township Secretary