

North Buffalo Township
August 17, 2022

The North Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors met at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., August 17, 2022 with Supervisors Mike Valencic, Jennifer Matarrese and Jay Hogg, Secretary Pam Bowser, Solicitor Scott Andreassi, Police Chief Jason Hufhand, and approximately 12 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. He then announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded.

Mike Valencic made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022 Supervisors' Meeting. 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 #28082 through #28126 in the amount of \$36,543.79 and General Fund electronic debits in the amount of \$18,220.88. 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.

Township Police Chief Jason Hufhand gave the monthly police report. Township Fire Marshall Dave Orton from Ford Cliff Fire Department gave their monthly response report.

Jennifer Matarrese then gave the monthly Road Master's report. The tar and chip project will be completed this week. The road crew replaced pipes on Toy and Livengood as well as cleaned out a pipe on Crabapple to alleviate water issues on the roadway. They also have been berming, mowing and patching throughout the township. The Tiger mower has been repaired and is back in service. The actual cost was \$1,0087.57, which came in under the estimate of \$1,200 to \$1,400. The new Massey wheel bolts, nuts and washer replacements were received. While the road crew was replacing those parts, they noticed that the hub and rim had been damaged from the bolt movement. Stephenson Equipment partnered with Standard Tire to have the damaged parts replaced, tightened and the wheel weight remounted. Once the parts are in the machine will be scheduled for repairs. The Elsie Lane sign has been put back up. The Windcrest sign is missing. A new one has been ordered and will be put up when it comes in.

Under unfinished business, Mike Valencic announced that volunteers are needed to fill several township board vacancies. Township resident Joseph Mangini stated that he was willing to be appointed to the township Planning Board. Jay Hogg made the motion to appoint Joseph Mangini to the North Buffalo Township Planning Board to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Cody Martin. Mr. Mangini will complete the term of Cody Martin, which expires December 31, 2024. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The next agenda item under unfinished business was a status update on the Freeport Road junkyard compliance. Township Zoning Officer Ben Paustenbaugh reported that Mr. Joe Mysliewicz is making progress putting up the fence and there is no need to revoke his junkyard license. Mr. Mysliewicz, who was in attendance, asked that it be a matter of record that any cars occasionally parked outside of the new fence will always be licensed and registered, which is permitted. He was concerned that other residents might turn him in for noncompliance if they see vehicles parked outside the fence on occasion.

Under new business, Mike Valencic announced that the supervisors met in executive session prior to the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Jennifer Matarrese reported that the company that cleans the township office has quit. She called several new companies, but they either didn't call back or didn't show up for their appointment with her. The supervisors agreed to only have the offices cleaned once a month instead of twice a month as had been past practice. They will keep looking for a new cleaning service.

The next item of business was the Worthington Lions Club annual 5K race to be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. on Wilson and Hogg Roads. The board discussed some safety issues and decided to ask the fire department to help. The road crew will drop off the road closed barriers on the Thursday prior to the race and will pick them back up on Monday morning after the race.

Road Master Jennifer Matarrese reported that she and Supervisor Jay Hogg are working with Gregg Smith from the Armstrong Conservation District to submit a Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Grant Application for Elsie Lane to alleviate some drainage and flooding issues.

During public comment, several residents asked if there were any further developments about the issues with the Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority. The supervisors replied that they are trying to come up with a date and time that suits everyone to meet with KSJWA to discuss the matter. Pat Ritrosky advised residents to take their complaints and concerns to the KSJWA monthly meetings, which are held the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

After public comment, Jay Hogg made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Pamela L. Bowser
North Buffalo Township Secretary