

North Buffalo Township  
September 13, 2023

The North Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors met at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., September 13, 2023, with Supervisors Jennifer Matarrese, Jay Hogg and Mike Valencic, Secretary Pam Bowser, Police Chief Jason Hufhand, Solicitor Scott Andreassi, Zoning Officer Vince Venturino and five citizens in attendance.

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

Mike Valencic made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 Supervisors' Meeting. Jennifer Matarrese seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mike Valencic made the motion to approve the bills as presented on the Bill List with General Fund checks #28573 through #28613 in the amount of \$34,928.38, General Fund electronic debits in the amount of \$19,353.57, State Fund check #850 in the amount of \$85,000.00 and American Rescue Plan Fund check #305 in the amount of \$2,095.00. Jay Hogg seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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

Township Police Chief Jason Hufhand then gave his monthly police report and read the fire report from Worthington-West Franklin Fire Department. Jason reported that the township received a letter regarding the annual Lion's Club 5K race to be held in October in the township and is willing to help with road closures and traffic control. The supervisors were all in favor of him helping. Jason will get some fire departments to volunteer their help also.

Brandon Harriger from Ford Cliff Fire Department gave their monthly response report.

Jennifer Matarrese gave the road master's report. The tar and chip project has been completed and they are waiting for Russell Standard to come back to sweep. The road crew has been patching, mowing and doing routine road and equipment maintenance. They replaced pipes on Church Road and will be replacing one on McHaddon Road. Jennifer has been working on an ordinance for the turn back of township road 441, which is off Chechak Road. The ordinance will be addressed later during the meeting. She has also been working on research, paperwork, a resolution and an application for a grant to replace the pickup truck and to replace the F-550 with an F-600. Jennifer also reminded everyone that the fall clean-up day will be held on Saturday, September 16.

The next item on the agenda under unfinished business was further discussion on solar development regulations. Jennifer Matarrese announced that the supervisors met for a workshop with Solicitor Scott Andreassi at 6:00 prior to the meeting to get legal advice on the matter. Solicitor Andreassi will get some additional information for the next meeting. Jennifer also announced that the supervisors held an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:30 prior to the meeting.

The supervisors then reviewed a draft ordinance for the turn back of TR441, which is a dead-end driveway leading to a farm off Chechak Road. TR441 has never been maintained by the township and no liquid fuels money has ever been received for it; however, it is on the township maps. The ordinance will officially give the road back to the property owners. Mike Valencic made the motion to approve the draft ordinance as written for advertisement. Jay Hogg seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda under new business was the awarding of materials bids, which were opened and recorded at a bid opening earlier in the day at 11:00 a.m. The bids were as follows: A bid for limestone was received from Allegheny Mineral Corp. for \$70,900 FOB (pick up) and \$86,540 delivered. A second bid was received from Buffalo Limestone, Inc. for \$72,000 for FOB (pick up) and \$89,200 delivered. Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to award the bid for limestone to low bidder Allegheny Mineral Corp. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

One bid was received from Slagle Trucking for anti-skid for \$23.75 per ton. Mike Valencic made the motion to award the bid for anti-skid to Slagle Trucking. Jay Hogg seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A bid for gasoline and diesel fuel was received from Bradigan's, Inc. for \$0.11 over OPIS and a second bid was received from Glassmere Fuel Service for \$0.149 over OPIS. Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to award the bid for gasoline and diesel to Bradigan's, Inc. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mike Valencic made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-3, which is required to accompany a grant application to obtain funding for replacing equipment. Jay Hogg seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to address a complaint between residents on Meadow Lane. Police Chief Jason Hufhand gave an overview of the situation. Both residents were in attendance. Dina Troup said that she is trying to sell her house and her neighbor, Amy Baer, has junk cars and other junk items in her yard. Potential buyers have stated that they would like to buy the house but won't because of the condition of the neighbor's yard. Amy Baer stated that her husband is a contractor and stores building materials for his work in the yard and that the cars are not junk. Chief

Hufhand has visited the property. He reported that all the cars in question have current registrations and current state inspections. Any vehicles that do not are enclosed in a building. Since there are no legal violations, there is nothing that the township can do and that it is a civil matter between the residents. The supervisors agreed and suggested that the property owners come to some agreement to reach a compromise such as putting up a fence.

The board then discussed a date and time for Trick-Or-Treat night. A resident called the township requesting the Wednesday before. Another municipality is having theirs on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Some were in favor of daylight for safety reasons. The board tentatively set it for North Buffalo on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m.; however, it was suggested to have it at a time that corresponds with surrounding municipalities. Once decided, it will be posted in the Leader Times Community Trick-Or-Treat advertisement.

After public comment, Jennifer Matarrese made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Mike Valencic seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Pamela L. Bowser  
North Buffalo Township Secretary