

North Cornwall Township
Supervisors Mid-Month Meeting
Minutes for October 15, 2019

Call to Order:

The October 15, 2019 mid-month meeting of the North Cornwall Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mr. Wahmann at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The mid-month work session meeting was duly advertised and properly posted.

General Statement: The purpose of this scheduled mid-month work session meeting is to allow the Board of Supervisors time to: listen to briefings and presentations, review development plans and projects, examine and discuss various items scheduled for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting, but if in the best interest of the Township, the Board may choose to take action on items at this meeting.

In attendance were Michael Wahmann, Chairman, Ron Sell, Vice Chairman, Samuel Abram, Jr Treasurer, Thomas Long Sr., Township Manager, John Leahy, Chief of Police, Steve Sherk of Steckbeck Engineering, and Amy Leonard of Henry & Beaver, Township Solicitor.

Others in attendance: see the attached sign-in sheet.

Board of Supervisors Vacancy Appointment:

ACTION: Mr. Wahman moved for the appointment of Ron Sell to replace Mike Deitzler. Mr. Abram seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Executive Session:

Mr. Wahmann stated an Executive Session regarding legal matters was held October 1, 2019.

Public Comment: None

Plan Briefing:

Dan Cannistraci of Steckbeck Engineering held the annual MS4 stormwater public presentation.

Township Engineer Report:

Steve Sherk presented a draft copy of a grant application for the Lower Snitz Creek restoration project. He has already garnered letters of support from PennDOT, Russ Collins, President of Trout Unlimited, and the Alliance of Chesapeake Bay, which is donating trees toward the project. Mr. Sherk is looking for a letter of support from the Township. Mr. Sherk explained for Mr. Sell's benefit how the restoration helps the wetlands to function and creates a better trout habitat and should give us some pollution reduction plan credits as well. Mr. Sherk is hoping some of the funding for the project will come from the Consortium. Mr. Sherk also reviewed the letter sent to the Nolts regarding the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan prepared by Matthew & Hockley. Mr. Sherk said there are still some major issues that need to be addressed.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Abram moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2019. Mr. Sell seconded. All voted in favor.

Public Safety:

Police:

Chief Leahy gave his report of the department activities for the month of September. The Chief announced a Bike Rodeo will be held at the Gloninger Woods Park Community Day in May of 2020, and he has been informed the Giant (formerly Mussers food store) will open November 1, 2019. Lastly, Chief Leahy is pleased with the new records keeping system at the police department and expects the system to go live on November 6, 2019.

Fire:

Chief Shank was not in attendance. Chris Lux, President, gave the report of department activities for the month of September. Mr. Lux also noted the Neversink budget and finances are looking good, and the new D.O. vehicle is now in service. Mr. Wahmann and Mr. Lux discussed PA House Bill 2154 Session of 2015 which mandates Fire Police personnel to be under the authority of the Police Department, and not the Township. This transition needs to happen as soon as possible. Chief Leahy will adopt the policy and procedures for the Fire Police. Lastly, Mr. Long and Mr. Wahmann wish to meet with Mr. Lux and Chief Shank to discuss participation in the Gloninger Woods Park Community Day in May of 2020.

Public Works:

Mr. Long noted the Consortium meeting was earlier today. A seminar was presented by Liz Feinberg, NFWF Field Liaison contractor, discussing different grants available. Mr. Long thinks there might be a grant or two that could be applicable to the Township.

Administration:

Mr. Long discussed the following correspondence topics:

The 2020 insurance renewal has been completed and sent to the carrier for review.

Giant grand opening ceremony is slated for November 1, 2019 at 7:30AM. The Board is invited to attend.

The Township office vent/ductwork cleaning is underway. The cleaning has begun on the Township side of the building and will finish with the Police side of the building. It is expected to take a few days. A full report of the condition of the ductwork will be submitted to Mr. Long upon completion.

New Business:

DISCUSSION: Mr. Long presented Resolution R2019-16, Clarence Forney's application requesting his parcel on Colebrook Road be placed into the Ag Security Area of North Cornwall Township.

ACTION: Mr. Abram moved to approve R2019-16, increasing the Ag Security Area by 20.98 acres. Mr. Sell seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Old Business:

The proposed 2020 Budget was reviewed.

ACTION: Mr. Abram motioned to put the 2020 Budget on Public Display and is approved to Advertise. Mr. Sell seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Solicitor's Report:

Ms. Leonard stated she received a call from Tony Fitzgibbons earlier this week. He represents West Cornwall Township, and they are seeking to restrict truck traffic on Spangler Road due to the narrowness of the road. As part of Spangler Road is in North Cornwall Township, they are asking NCT to partner with them to accomplish the restriction. Steckbeck is performing a traffic study.

ACTION: Mr. Wahmann moved to approve North Cornwall Township Counsel to work with West Cornwall Township Counsel to assure both municipalities are satisfied with the legal requirements of restricting truck traffic on Spangler Road. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Leonard also noted the following:

She is working with Steve Sherk to update the Stormwater Amendments.

Bennett Toyota – She is working with Mr. Long regarding the proposed easements of the south side of Route 422. I

Class Action regarding the national prescription opiate litigation. She will review and give recommendations.

Public Comment: None.

Supervisors Report: None.

Mr. Wahmann motioned to adjourn at 7:42pm. Mr. Sell seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Long Sr.
Township Manager /Secretary

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