

**North Cornwall Township
Mid-Month Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020**

Call to Order:

The February 18, 2020 meeting of the North Cornwall Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mr. Abram at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In attendance were Supervisors, Samuel Abram, Jr., Chairman, Ronald Sell, Vice- Chairman, Michael Wahmann, Treasurer, Thomas J. Long, Sr., Township Manager, John Leahy, Chief of Police, Steve Sherk of Steckbeck Engineering, Inc., and Amy Leonard of Henry & Beaver Law Firm.

Others in attendance are listed on the attached sign-in sheet

Executive Session: Mr. Abram noted there was an Executive Session held February 4, 2020 to discuss legal matters. No action was taken.

Public Comment: None

Plan Briefing/ Presentation Request(s)

A property owner requested the approval of a close loop Geothermal system. Mr. Sherk gave his opinion, stating North Cornwall Township's Ordinance requires any Geothermal system to be a vertical installation, not horizontal. The close loop system is a horizontal installation. Moreover, the installation field would be in the flood plain and potentially detrimental to the stream. Mr. Sherk and the Board concluded to deny the request of the property owner.

Township Engineer Report: None

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting as written. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police:

Chief Leahy gave his report of the department activities for the month of January. The Chief announced the two new fleet police cars are currently being made ready with paint and other necessary accessories. He also reported on a new enforcement tool called a Rekor. It is a portable license plate reader that alerts the officer if the vehicle has expired tags, registration, stolen vehicle, as well as other violations. With this device the Department has given 81 traffic citations over the past three weeks.

Fire:

Chief Shank gave the department report for the month of January and reported he has applied for a Federal grant for new gear and new lockers. He is hopeful to be approved. Mr. Lux noted they have two prospects for the vacant Treasurer position. Mr. Lux stated they are looking over the Neversink By-Laws for any needed updates.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Stormwater:

Mr. Long noted the Consortium Board approved the North Cornwall Township Snitz Creek Stream Restoration Project. Dan Canistraci of Steckbeck Engineering suggested the Project could be eligible for the NFWF-INSR grant.

Highway Department:

Discussion/Action – Front-end Loader Purchase

Mr. Long stated after much consideration and comparison, he suggests the CAT Front-End Loader for purchase. ACTION: Mr. Wahmann moved for the purchase of the CAT Front-End Loader for \$162,344, to be paid by check at delivery. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Parks & Recreation:

Discussion/Action – Appointment to fill the Rec Board vacancy.

ACTION: Mr. Wahmann moved to appoint Heather DiBiasco to the NCT Recreation Board. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

Manager's Report:

Administrative Office - Misc. Activities & Correspondence:

Discussion/Action:

Mr. Long presented for approval the 36-month fixed rate energy contract extension. ACTION: Mr. Wahmann motioned to accept the contract with Kinect Energy at 4.387 for the next 36 months. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Long presented the Board the First Aid and Safety Patrol financial copies for review.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Solicitor's Report:

Ms. Leonard states she is working on two Ordinances with Mr. Long. One regarding Nuisance and the other regarding Private Fire Hydrants. Regarding the Easement for Bennett Toyota, she noted the owner still refuses to meet with us but is in contact with Chad Smith of Steckbeck Engineering. The owner states he wants \$2,000 for the land. Ms. Leonard says the money is in place to disburse as soon as the owner signs the Agreement.

Supervisor's Report: None.

Additional Public Comment: None

The Board of Supervisors broke to hold an Executive Session at 6:33pm. The Board of Supervisor Mid-Month meeting resumed at 6:45pm with the arrival of the North Cornwall resident who wished to discuss the close-loop Geothermal installation. He mistakenly thought the meeting began at 7:00pm. The Board discussed with the resident the opinion of Mr. Sherk and the reasons why the Board is denying the request for a close-loop installation.

Adjournment:

Mr. Abram moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Sell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas J. Long, Sr.
Township Manager
TJL/jt