

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting **December 12, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM after Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in Attendance: Douglas Pallman, Kevin Carr and Robert Naegele

Board Guests in Attendance: Robert Sheils, III, Solicitor; D. Scot Haan, CEO and Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Naegele to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of November 14, 2022, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor, Carr abstained.

Announcements:

- Newton Township Board of Supervisors will reorganize on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:30PM.
- Newton Township Auditors will reorganize on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7PM.
- Newton Township Zoning Hearing Board will reorganize on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7PM.
- Newton Township Planning Commission will reorganize on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

New Business:

2023 Budget: After the review period the board of supervisors have approved the 2023 budget with no tax increase. **Motion by Naegele to approve the 2023 Budget as presented, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

2023 Police Contract & Resolution 2022-4: **Motion by Carr to pass Resolution 2022-4 to sign a contract with South Abington Township Police Department for 2023, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.** The contract will be at an increase to \$89.57/hr. and a maximum expense of \$86,000 for the year.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Newton Recreation Center: Carol Mielnikowski has resigned as manager of the recreation center. For the time being, Joann Scott, Francine Fawcett and Kevin Carr will take over the everyday operations. Discussion ensued regarding the sale of the recreation center and there will be a special meeting to discuss on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6PM. Daydreamers and the dance studio will receive letters stating the cancellation of their leases and once it is decided if we are going to sell the building, we can renegotiate

the leases. The zoning will need to be confirmed and whether to get a refreshed appraisal. **Motion by Carr to terminate the leases for Daydreamers and A Steppin' Time dance studio with possible renegotiations, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.**

NRVFC: 20 calls for the month of November.

Tax Collector: \$24,944.82 left to collect. End of November and December is when a good chunk of this will come in.

Road Master: Naegele reported on the various work the DPW has been doing. Cleaning out various ditches, backing up some of the roads and vehicle maintenance.

Solicitor: Sheils reported that in speaking with Blue Ridge cable that there are only approximately 5 homes with Blue Ridge. Supervisors decided not to sign a franchise agreement with them.

Bills: **Motion by Naegele to approve the bills as presented, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Public Input: None

Being no further business, **Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**