

# NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

October 11<sup>th</sup> 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

## Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Carol Marcincavage	Sharon Julius
Palmira Miller	Paul Jarecki	Mary Margaret Kashatus	Teena Wrubel
Bill Hourigan	Heidi Jarecki	Faye Maloney	Stephanie Evans
Francis Zaleski	John Jarecki	Joe Maloney	

**I. President**, Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and proceeded with the order of business.

**II. Secretary**, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of September 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. Faye Maloney made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Mary Margaret Kashatus, with all voting in favor.

**III. Treasurer** Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for October 11<sup>th</sup> 2011. Bill Hourigan made a motion that the treasurers report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

## IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- It was announced that the *Shickshinny Business Owners Banquet* set for October 1<sup>st</sup> had been cancelled due to the flood damage of downtown and surrounding areas. The event may possibly be rescheduled in December of 2011.
- It was reminded that *Luzerne County Community College Alumni* would be holding their *Annual Fall Craft Fair and Car Show* on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 10am to 4pm.
- A note was received from Joe Betkoski, 1952 member of the Sheatown Ramblers, citing the “excellent work” done by Heidi Jarecki for the Newport Township Community Organization.
- An invoice from *STAPLES* in the amount \$148.39 was presented for payment by Bill Hourigan. The incurred expense was for the purchase of *MICROSOFT Publisher Software* for use by the newsletter editors. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to reimburse Bill for his out-of-pocket expense; seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- An invoice from *Blasi Printing Company* in the amount of \$1,007.00 was presented for payment. The incurred expense was for the printing of 1,300 copies of the FALL 2011 Newsletter. Palmira Miller made a motion to have the invoice paid in full; seconded by Mary Margaret Kashatus, with all voting in favor.
- An invitation was received for the “21<sup>st</sup> Annual Evening for Northeast Pennsylvania’s Environment” Partnership Awards & Dinner to be held Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort. Attending on behalf of the organization will be Paul & Heidi Jarecki, Sharon Julius, John Jarecki and Carol Marcincavage. Linda Conner made a motion that NTCO pay the \$45.00 cost per individual for a total of \$225.00; seconded by Teena Wrubel, with all voting in favor.
- It was announced that *Heller’s Orchard* would be holding their annual *Apple Festival* the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> 2011. The event will be held rain or shine.
- A card was received from the Daniele Family thanking the organization for the received condolences during their recent bereavement.
- A note was received from former Glen Lyon resident, H. Joyce (Ottensman) Briley praising the NTCO newsletter as “awesome”. She went on to say that “this is a wonderful thing you all are doing”.

## V. Reports of Committees

- Membership – 2011 membership stands at 153 members with 10 junior members. Palmira Miller sponsored new member, Joseph Carey. Faye Maloney made a motion to accept the new member; seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Palmira Miller also sponsored new member, Chris Carey. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- Recycling – Tom Kashatus announced that the next recycling project at the residence of the late Nello Roke would begin later in the week. With regards the recent tire recycling event, Tom reported that 80 tires were taken to the Butler Township site and 175 tires were delivered to the Hanover Township site. Of the 175 tires, 65 were collected from the Newport Township Public Works yard.
- New Business – No Report
- Summer Fun Program – Program complete
- Hospitality/Sunshine – No Report
- Editorial – It was announced that FALL 2011 Newsletter was complete and had been distributed to various sites in the township.
- Fundraising – Paul and Heidi Jarecki reported that eight [8] hats and twenty-six [26] calendars were sold at the *Newport Township All Class Reunion* held October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Alden Manor. Kudos was given to Paul and Heidi for taking the initiative, as always.
- Great American Clean Up – No Report

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### **V. Reports of Committees continued**

- i) Five Point Plan – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported that the 5-Point plan had evolved to the 8-Point plan as eight suggestions were decided upon. These are as follows: **1] STRICT CODE ENFORCEMENT IN ALL AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP, 2] CREATE AN EMPOWERED RECREATION BOARD WITH THE ABILITY TO RAISE FUNDS AND HAVE A BUDGET, 3] HIRE A GRANT WRITER, 4] SET UP A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WITH REGARDS TO THE WASTE REMOVAL & RECYCLING FEE, 5] ENCOURAGE PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPERS OF LAND AND BUILDINGS TO REDEVELOP AREAS WITHIN NEWPORT TOWNSHIP, 6] INSTALL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS AT ALL SCHOOL BUS STOPS TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC ESPECIALLY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, 7] ENCOURAGE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CAMERA SYSTEM TO MONITOR ILLEGAL DUMPING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ILLEGAL DUMP SITES THROUGHOUT NEWPORT TOWNSHIP, 8] ENCOURGAGE MORE EFFECTIVE METHODS OF TRACKING ABSENTEE LANDLORDS TO ENSURE THAT THEY FOLLOW ALL LAWS WITHIN THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.** A lengthy discussion on the points with clarifications was held after the presentation. Tom would like to have the plan formalized for presentation to the Newport Township Commissioners in December and publication in the Winter 2011 Newsletter. John Jarecki offered to do the write-up of the plan for presentation.
- j) Nominating Committee – Tom announced that NTCO elections would be held at the meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. Anyone with interest in becoming an Officer or member to the Board of Directors is asked to make his or her intentions known.

### **VI. Unfinished Old Business** (*“Unfinished” items with new discussion only*)

- a) Linda Conner stated that the tee shirts and hoodies would be complete and on hand for the next meeting. She made a motion for a check to be written in the amount of \$645.00 to *Old Newport Decal Screen Printing* for payment upon pick-up of the order; Heidi Jarecki seconded, with all voting in favor.
- b) Palmira Miller gave a brief summary of the flea market held by the *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. She and a few of her family members had painted pumpkins to sell at the event. The ones leftover can be purchased a cost of \$5.00 each with all proceeds to go to the Newport Township Community Organization.
- c) There was a brief discussion on the offer made by CRAZY RABBIT PAINTBALL that would allow for a fundraising opportunity to be had for non-profit organizations at the Harvest Festival they are hosting the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 2011. Tom stated that NTCO might possibly partner with the Newport Township Consolidated Fire Dept. and split the proceeds. It was previously announced that a donation of \$2.00 per car for parking would be kept by the participating organizations in return for parking assistance and cleaning of the parking areas after the event.

### **VII. New Business**

- a) Tom Kashatus reported that he will need assistance delivering 12 sheets of sheetrock donated by Cathy Gregory Goliash to the Mocanqua flood shelter where there are 3 refrigerators awaiting pick-up. Anyone that can help is asked to contact Tom.
- b) Tom Kashatus reported that \$100.00 had been given to NTCO by John Jagodzinski with \$10.00 going towards membership dues and \$90.00 to be donated towards the flood relief effort. After some discussion, Faye Maloney made a motion that the \$90.00 be used to purchase building material that will be given to the *Shickshinny Historical Society*; seconded by Mary Margaret Kashatus, with all voting in favor. Tom will handle the purchase and delivery of the items.
- c) A few drafts of a logo for the Newport Township Community Organization were passed around for viewing. The one with the most votes was chosen as the new logo for official use by the organization. Cathy Gregory Goliash was given credit for the winning logo with drafting and development by Stephanie Evans.
- d) The clean up of West Kirmar Avenue as part of the NTCO obligation to the *Adopt-a-Highway Program* has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.

### **VIII. For the Good of the Organization**

- a) President Tom Kashatus has vowed to always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- b) Keep in mind that new member sponsorship, fundraising efforts and support of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter is the obligation of all members.
- c) Remember that whenever attending an event as a NTCO member to promote your organization with pride.

### **IX. Adjournment**

Francis Zaleski made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner