

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

November 27th 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Paul Jarecki	Joe Maloney	Linda Hourigan
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Heidi Jarecki	Faye Maloney	Mary Jo Evans
Bill Hourigan				

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

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of November 13th 2012. Linda Hourigan made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for November 27th 2012. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. The treasurer informed the officers that he has slightly changed the format of the report to provide a more accurate accounting.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- Palmira Miller submitted an "out of pocket" expense of \$38.87 for lunch that was provided to the work crew of the clean-up events held on November 16th and 17th 2012. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the amount be paid in full, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. It was reported that while Palmira had a work crew, she also used the opportunity to have various roads in the township cleared of debris. Tom stated that the work Palmira is doing with *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* is to be applauded.
- Francis Zaleski submitted an "out of pocket" expense of \$20.44 for office supplies. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the amount be paid in full, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- Heidi Jarecki submitted an invoice from *Davis Trophies & Plaques* in the amount of \$88.00 for the citizenship award. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the invoice be paid in full, seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- Heidi Jarecki submitted an invoice from *The Cats' Meow Inc.* in the amount of \$201.75 for NTCO memorabilia, stock items. Joe Maloney made a motion that the invoice be paid in full, seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- A letter was received from the *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection* to confirm that our letter in support of a grant application submitted by *Earth Conservancy Inc.* for reclamation of two land parcels in the area of the former Bliss Colliery in Alden has been received and noted.
- A letter was received from *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* in appreciation of the lunch that was provided to volunteers participating in the clean-up event of October 13th 2012.
- It was reminded that the *Nanticoke Basketball Booster Club* had set a response date of November 23rd 2012 for advertisements in the 2013 Trojan & Trojanette Program book. Tom Kashatus made a motion to pay \$50.00 for a half page ad, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- An announcement was received from the *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* asking for volunteers in a clean-up event to be held at Chick's Lane in Nescopeck on Saturday, December 1st 2012.
- A letter was received from former township resident, Martin "Mitch" Tullai regarding the newsletter generally and our article of the Newport Township football team particularly. Heidi Jarecki stated that the letter was very informative and would be published in its' entirety in the winter newsletter. Mr. Tullai also graciously provided copies of his book, *"Football's Best: Quips, Quotes & Quellers"* as a gift for the officers of the organization.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 130 members.
- Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that the amount of orders increased with the holiday season and that she and Paul created a form to be used at the *Variety Stop* in Glen Lyon to keep track of orders received on site. There was a brief discussion on the fifth miniature in the Newport Township historic site commemorative memorabilia with Lee as the featured town. Linda Hourigan made a motion to release *"Chopacks' Grove"* as the 5th miniature, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- Newsletter Editors – Paul and Heidi Jarecki reported that they hoped to have the upcoming, winter newsletter to the printer the first week of January 2013.
- Newsletter Advertisements – Joe Maloney gave a brief update of the advertisement account status. He also reported that the *Lions' Den* in Glen Lyon had a change in hours of operation which should be reflected in their advertisement.
- Hospitality/Sunshine – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that a card was sent to the family of Delbert Evans in sympathy of his recent passing and to the Gene Skordinski family in sympathy of the recent passing of his brother, Myron. "Get Well" wishes were sent to Carolyn Phillips after her recent surgery.
- Recycling – With the recycling project at the estate of the late Nello Roke now complete, it was reported that NTCO saw a monetary gain of over \$5,700.00 solely from this project. Palmira recognized the efforts of Tom Kashatus, whose hard work not only provided needed fundraising, but kept several tons of metal and other material from the landfill.

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V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- g) Illegal Dumpsite Clean Up – Palmira Miller reported that the combined clean-up events of November 16th & 17th in the township collected over 2 tons of debris, 400 lbs. of recyclable metal and 16 tires.
- h) NTCO Nominations Committee – The nominations for NTCO officers are as follows: President – Palmira Miller, 1st Vice President – Tom Kashatus, 2nd Vice President – Bill Hourigan, Secretary – Linda Conner, Treasurer – Francis Zaleski, and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – John Jarecki. President Palmira Gregory Miller asked three times for nominations for President. With no other nominations, the President declared the nominations closed. The president asked three times for nominations for 1st Vice President. With no other nominations, the President declared the nominations closed. The president asked three times for nominations for 2nd Vice President. With no other nominations, the President declared the nominations closed. The president asked three times for nomination for Treasurer. With no other nominations, the President declared the nominations closed. The president asked three times for nominations for Secretary. With no other nominations, the President declared the nominations closed. The president asked three times for nominations for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. With no other nominations, the President declared the nominations closed. Secretary Linda Conner cast the deciding vote to elect all nominees to their respective offices. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the nominations as so voted, seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor. President Palmira Gregory Miller declared voting complete.
- i) Citizenship Award Committee – It was reported that two awards for citizenship will be presented for 2012. The efforts of the *Newport Township Women's Activity Group* and *Newport Township Fire Department* member, Dan Kowalski will be recognized by the organization at the year-end dinner meeting.

VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) The year-end dinner meeting will be held 6:00pm, Tuesday, December 11th 2012 at *Maps Restaurant* in Nanticoke. It was voted 6 to 3 (with two members abstaining) in favor of a family style dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$22.00 per individual including tax and gratuity.
- b) Tom Kashatus reported that Jason Kowalski will bring him the NTCO memorial plaque from the *Knights of Columbus* hall in Glen Lyon for updating.
- c) Heidi Jarecki reported that the presentation by Michael Yalch Jr. of mining in Newport Township will be scheduled after January 1st 2013.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Heidi Jarecki reported that she and Paul have received an invitation from *The Luzerne County Historical Society* to attend the premier of the exhibit celebrating the 65th anniversary of the film version of “*The Miracle of the Bells*” on Friday, November 30th 2012. The exhibit will run through March 15th 2013.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) Maintenance of memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park is the responsibility of all members.
- b) The president of the organization will always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense as a measure of accountability.
- c) Members of the organization should attend public meeting throughout the township whenever possible.
- d) New membership, fundraising, etc. are the responsibility of each and every member.
- e) Whenever attending an event as an NTCO member, promote the organization with pride.
- f) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in the NTCO newsletter.

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