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175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
March 15, 2016**

President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Paul Boyer, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, and Harry Wynn. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ted McCollum, Street Supervisor/Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Ralph Cianflone, Ty Sees, and James Troup were absent.

Public Comment

Two visitors introduced themselves. No comments were offered.

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Mrs. Rees, the council meeting minutes of February 15, 2016, were approved unanimously.

Northumberland Sewer Department Report

Mark Strahota, Hazen & Sawyer, presented a proposal to council to amend the engineering services agreement. He noted a change in the amount and a change in the format. The primary reason is because the original budget was put together when the scope of the project was unknown. The amendment reflects the intent to increase the not-to-exceed limit for the Design Services during Construction (Task A10) and the lump sum fee for the Resident Project Representation (Task A11). The additional amount for task A10 is \$260,000; and the additional amount for task A11 is \$154,000. Mr. Ruane noted that the sewer department has the money to cover the additional costs. Mr. Strahota added that the contract with Fulkroad does include a clause that if the project runs over, they can be held responsible for the additional amount. The original completion date was the end of June. Currently, the projected completion date is October.

Mr. Boyer moved to approve Amendment No. 4 with Hazen & Sawyer at a maximum cost of \$414,000 and to assess the penalties to Fulkroad Construction when appropriate. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Wynn made a motion to approve the contract for Hazen & Sawyer to oversee the Liberty Hollow culvert project at a cost not to exceed \$11,300. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Council member Ralph Cianflone arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Mr. Ruane requested a motion to approve the contract with RETTEW to oversee the Duke Street construction project on a Time and Expense basis for the proposed fee of \$5,700. They will review the design plans and sewer department documents to identify conflicts with the proposed storm sewer pipes and the existing sanitary system. The contract is contingent upon the project proceeding.

Council member Ty Sees arrived at 6:54 p.m.

Mr. Wynn moved to approve the contract with RETTEW as explained. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

The project phases were discussed. State Route 147 is to be reconstructed in 2017; State Route 11 reconstruction work is slated for 2018.

Committee Reports

Community Development

- Dr. Cianflone noted that the Borough budgeted \$12,000 for a merry-go-round for the 2nd Street Playground and would like approval to order the equipment. Mrs. Rees made the motion to purchase the ten foot diameter merry-go-round from George Ely Associates at a cost of \$12,746. Mayor Zboray noted that the Moyer Trust has donated \$817.77 toward the purchase. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- The tetherball on the playground was taken. Council discussed installing cameras to deter vandalism. A new ball is on order.
- A representative from B3 Architects is coming Friday at 9:00 a.m. to measure the gymnasium.
- The Northumberland Little House has been rented for a party next month. Brochures will be designed and placed around town to advertise the building for party rentals.
- The committee discussed the docks that may be available next year from the Northumberland Boat Club. Funding will be sought to install rip rap along the shoreline of the Susquehanna River West Branch before the docks are placed in the river.
- The committee discussed opening the gate and removing the stone that is blocking the lower road at Pineknott Park. It is felt that if the area is more accessible, more people would use the park and there would be less vandalism.
- Brian Hayhurst contacted Dr. Cianflone about using the Sea Scout Dock to dock a riverboat for rides along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. The boat cannot run under the bridges on a regular basis. The only time it would have to go under the Barry King Bridge would be to put it in and take it out. The Borough would be paid for the use of the area.
- Mayor Zboray noted that the JROTC will be cleaning up the area around Duke and Water Streets on Wednesday, April 20th, and Pineknott Park on Thursday, April 21st. Mayor Zboray suggested that the Borough crew could help and show them the areas that need cleaned up.

Finance

Mr. Sees stated that the committee would meet on March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel

- Mrs. Rees said that the committee would be conducting interviews for the Pool Manager position.
- Mrs. Rees stated that the Police Chief has told her that both of the new part-time employees have passed the testing. They are John Robbins and Mike Vognetz.

Public Safety – no report

Rules – no report

Streets

- Mr. Boyer said that two Borough employees, Todd Snyder and Brian Probst, volunteered their time to install pipe along the fence at the Acorn field. Council voiced their gratitude. Dr. Cianflone asked if it would be possible to change Mr. Probst's status from part-time to full-time. He was told that there is not funding in the current budget.
- Mr. Boyer noted that the Fire Police held a meeting at their building on Sunday. He said that they had talked to Ted McCollum last year about directing water away from the front of the building because it flows down the driveway and goes under the front door.
- Mr. Boyer asked if Mr. McCollum has scheduled the pesticide exams. He replied that he will take two tests, the Core test and the Swimming Pool exam, on April 13th. He will also take Parks and School pest control at a later date. The exams are held weekly until May.
- Mr. Boyer said that the street and sewer departments' employees will have their second CPR class tomorrow night.
- Mr. Ruane noted that he and Mr. Boyer would be going to the COG meeting in Rockefeller Township tomorrow night.
- Mr. Wynn suggested that whoever is the pool manager should also take the pesticide test. It was noted that Boyer Pools is giving the Borough credit for the \$100 that was paid for Travis Fisher to take the class and test last year and he did not take it. They offer the classes periodically.

Old Business

1. Resolution C-2016 (Police Retirement Contribution) was tabled until after the contract is settled. Mr. Sees noted that the arbitration was postponed because the arbitrator was sick. The date was rescheduled for April 14th at 11:00a.m.



New Business

1. Mr. Wynn moved to approve payment of the bills. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously. Bills to be paid from the General Fund \$17,292.19; Liberty Splashland bills total \$35.26; the Donations Account bills total \$691.52; and the Sewer Department bills total \$23,469.93.

2. Mr. Ruane noted that there is a grievance with the police department which will go to arbitration. Mr. Wynn asked which officer has submitted the grievance. Mr. Ruane responded that it is Officer Shear. Mr. Sees asked if the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Ruane stated that he did not know. The police union will contact the arbitrators.

Mr. Boyer moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary