

Borough of Northumberland

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175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
October 18, 2016**

Vice President Paul Boyer 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, Ralph Cianflone, Ellie Rees, and Harry Wynn. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Brian Probst, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Paul Ruane, Ty Sees, and James Troup were absent.

Public Comment

Jim Groninger, co-coordinator of the Halloween Parade, informed the council that the parade committee has been working toward the parade. He apologized to the Board for a letter that was sent in error requesting a donation for the parade for this year. He noted that since the parade was cancelled last year due to rain, the committee decided not to request funding this year. He asked if the council would like the donation returned or if it should be kept as seed money for next year. Council's consensus was that the committee should keep the donation.

Northumberland Sewer Department

Mr. Boyer reported on the meeting at the sewer plant this morning, Job Conference No. 36. He stated that the contractor has requested that it be noted in the minutes that whenever a change order is made to the contract, the additional number of days required to complete the change order should be added to the contract. Testing is being done on the clarifiers and tanks and plans are to test the chemical processes next week. Mr. Boyer noted that there was a manufacturer error on the number of feet that should have been shipped for the railing. It should arrive shortly. Lecce Electric, Inc. has submitted Application for Payment No. 15.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Zboray reported that he attended a meeting with PennDOT regarding winter weather plowing. They provided maps of the county that depict who is responsible for the clean-up of ice and snow. If the Borough has a problem with the condition of the roads, there can call PennDOT. Mayor Zboray learned that the county has thirty trucks in operation during winter storms. He explained that the "bats" that divide the lanes on the Veterans' Bridge can be removed if needed by unlocking them at the base. Mayor Zboray questioned whether ice and snow would make it difficult to unlock them. Mr. Wynn questioned why the "bats" are not installed near the entrance on Shamokin Dam side of the bridge.

- Mayor Zboray announced that the S. Luther Savidge Trust has awarded a total of \$5,000 for the Fire Police for four radios and six pagers. They will receive \$2,013.76 this year and \$2,986.28 next year. It was noted that the check came today for the first amount.
- The Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony is set for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, at the Riverview Ceremony.

Committee Reports

Community Development

- "Best of the Valley"
The Daily Item has informed the Borough that Liberty Splashland has been named "Best in the Valley" in the swimming pool category. The council requested that Ralph Cianflone and Brian Probst attend the reception on November 9th at the Silver Moon Banquet and Catering Complex to receive the award.
- Mr. Probst stated that the pool was winterized.
- The Daily Item will publish a special section in the newspaper on November 19th with pictures and articles about the "Best of the Valley". Council was asked if they would like to advertise in this section. A quarter page ad costs \$205 and an eighth page ad is \$175. Mrs. Rees moved to purchase the quarter page ad. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- Mr. Probst stated that they have an idea of where the leak is in the pool so next spring they will make the needed repairs.
- Dr. Cianflone told council that the Crown Victoria will not start. The vehicle has not passed inspection. The vehicle has been parked at the car wash with "For Sale" signs. The Dodge Durango is also parked there. The deadline for bids is November 1st.
- Mrs. Rees noted that the surfacing was installed under the Overdrive on Monday. Mr. Boyer noted that he has completed the questionnaire for the Overdrive.

Finance

- The committee meeting is next Tuesday, October 25th, at 6:30 p.m. for the income side of the 2017 budget.
- The Sewer committee will have a budget meeting on Monday, October 24th, at 5:00 p.m.

Personnel

Mrs. Rees stated that the committee continues to meet to discuss the Teamsters' contract.

Public Safety – no meeting

Rules – no report

Streets

- Mr. Probst stated that the portable toilet is dirty inside and recommended that the company that placed it there be contacted.
- Mr. Probst asked if something could be done about the dog park. He said that there are respectful people who are patrolling the park and making sure people pick up after their dogs. They've also posted a bag holder and keep bags there. They have also added more

bands to the trash cans so the bags don't fall in. However, there is a safety issue with cutting the steep bank toward the stream. Mr. Probst suggested that they install a 60-inch pipe and cover it with millings. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the Northumberland County Conservation District should be contacted for permitting information.

- Mr. Boyer asked if Mr. Probst had contacted Sunbury to see if they could spray the weeds along the river. Mr. Probst replied that he did and that the Sunbury employees may only spray in Sunbury. He added that the street department plans to get certified this winter for pesticides. Mr. Probst said that the only thing they could do is rent a machine that has an arm for cutting down weeds. It was noted that Point Township has a machine like this and Mr. Wynn said he would speak to George Geise to see if he would bring it in. Mr. Probst noted that this machine would also work along Strawbridge Road and the Old Danville Highway.
- Dr. Cianflone questioned what had happened to the water pipe. Mr. Probst said that he contacted the water company and the insurance company who had the contractor come the next day to make the repairs.

Old Business

1. Mr. Boyer tabled Resolution C-2016, the Police Retirement Contribution.
2. Mr. Boyer noted that the Borough won the arbitration between the Borough and Rachel Shear regarding health insurance. No action was required. The second arbitrator's bill is included on the bill list.

New Business

1. Mrs. Rees made a motion to approve Application for Payment No. 15 to Lecce Electrical, Inc. in the amount of \$63,309.28. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
2. Dr. Cianflone made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$19,665.21; Liberty Splashland bills total \$124.85; Parking Meter bills total \$120; Shade Tree Fund bills total \$900.00; and Sewer Department bills total \$20,123.29.
3. Dr. Cianflone moved to adopt Resolution J-2016. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the Council President and Borough Secretary to execute documents for the Borough regarding the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Grant application. Council approved unanimously. The resolution is as follows:

**"BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. J-2016**

RESOLVED, that the Northumberland Borough (the "Borough") hereby requests a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant of \$105,789.54 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the relocation of

the sewer system infrastructure that is necessary due to the reconstruction project of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on Duke Street in the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Secretary of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to execute the necessary papers, documents, etc., for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing.

DULY ADOPTED at a public meeting of the Borough Council on October 18, 2016.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND



By: _____
Jan Bowman, Secretary

By: _____
Paul Ruane, President"

4. Dr. Cianflone made a motion to approve any additional documents required for the CFA grant. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mrs. Rees moved to adjourn. Mr. Boyer adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary