

**Borough of Northumberland**  
**175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857**  
**Northumberland Borough Council Meeting**  
**November 17, 2015**

President James Troup called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation.

**Roll Call**

Council members present were James Troup, Harry Wynn, Paul Boyer, Barbara Kistner, Ellie Rees, and Paul Ruane. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; Jeremy Dietrick, Sewer Department Superintendent; Ted McCollum, Street Supervisor/ Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council member Ty Sees was absent.

**Public Comment**

Four visitors were present. No public comment was offered.

**Council Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council unanimously approved the minutes of October 6, 2015.

Upon motion by Mr. Ruane, seconded by Mrs. Rees, council unanimously approved the minutes of October 20, 2015.

**Liberty Hollow Culvert Replacement**

The contracts have been signed by the contractor and are being sent over-night to the Borough Office. DEP will be contacted for the status of the emergency permit for the project.

**Northumberland Sewer Department Report**

Multi-municipal agreement will be discussed in Executive Session due to litigation.

Mark Bottin, Hazen and Sawyer, reported that a job conference was held this morning with the contractors. Progress is being made.

The contractor has requested permission to work the weekend after Thanksgiving to excavate an area at the plant. Mr. Bottin said that this excavation should have been completed at the beginning of the project. Mr. Tira noted that they are in this predicament because of their own doing. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bottin suggested that the company be permitted to excavate up to ten foot with the work to be finished on Monday. Mrs. Rees questioned who would be overseeing the work. Mr. Tira stated that no one would be present; but with the area not being covered, there should be no concern.

Mr. Boyer moved to allow Fulkroad to excavate up to ten feet on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. They must follow all safety provisions set by the engineers. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Fulkroad has submitted payment application number five of contract 14-1G. The engineers recommend payment. Mr. Wynn moved to approve payment application number five in the amount of \$329,765.11. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Work Change Directive Number four was submitted to delete the flood wall at the Queen Street Pump Station resulting in a decrease of approximately \$75,000 in the contract amount. Mr. Wynn moved to approve the Work Change Directive. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Work Change Directive Number five to relocate the sodium hypochlorite solution line was discussed. Mr. Tira recommended waiting to approve until a final cost amount is determined.

Lecce has submitted application for payment number four in the amount of \$332,068.82. The engineers recommend payment. Mr. Wynn so moved. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

AM-Liner East, Inc. has submitted closeout documents for the I/I rehab project along with Application for Payment Number two in the amount of \$9,499.50. This is the final payment. The engineers recommend payment and the closeout of the contract. Mr. Wynn so moved. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Troup moved to approve the proposal from Hazen & Sawyer to complete the NPDES permit renewal at a cost of \$4,800. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Deitrick informed council that the bidding has ended for the 1978 GMC Jet truck and the 1994 Ford F800 Diesel. The high bid for the 1978 GMC was \$1,100 from John Sanguedolce of Montgomery, PA. The high bid for the 1994 Ford F800 was \$3,900 from Kevin Logue of West Chester, PA.

Mr. Wynn moved to accept the high bids of \$1,100 for the 1978 GMC truck from John Sanguedolce and \$3,900 for the 1994 Ford F800 from Kevin Logue. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

### **Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Zboray requested that council designate free parking in the downtown area from November 30, 2015 to January 4, 2015. Mr. Wynn so moved. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- Advertisements have been placed in two newspapers for the civil service testing. Some applications have been picked up. The deadline for submission is December 4th.
- Inside Pennsylvania Magazine had an article about the decorations in the King Street Park and the funding that was received from the S. Luther Savidge Community Trust.
- Santa arrives on November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the King Street Park. The Sunbury City Bank will play and 6:30 p.m. Free cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Santa will be in the house on Fridays and Saturdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

- Volunteer help is requested to put lights on the Christmas trees in the Park. Contact the Borough Office.
- “Wreaths for Warriors” is planned for 2:30 on Sunday, December 6th. Volunteers are needed.

### **Street Supervisor/ Code Enforcement Officer’s Report**

- Mr. McCollum reported that J.F. Kieley is repairing the street excavations for UGI. Brubaker's is making hot mix until November 30th. Mr. McCollum has received a call from a UGI representative concerning the letter that he sent to them. He was told that they will have a corporate meeting and will then meet with Borough representatives to discuss their plan for repairing the streets.
- The street sweeper has been winterized. It is being used to pick up leaves.
- The Santa House was moved into the park last week. Mr. McCollum stated that he will try to put up the trees in the park by Friday but feels that picking up the leaves is the priority. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. McCollum stated that he has to concrete a slab under the pavilion. It was mentioned that the pavilion is sagging. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. McCollum explained that they were unable to begin leaf pickup on the date advertised because he was waiting for a part. He requested that the Borough get Facebook back so notifications can be sent to residents. Mr. Troup said that the problem with Facebook is that there is no way to regulate it that people can't comment and it ends up a negative complaint page. Mr. McCollum said that he is still receiving calls about leaf pickup. Mayor Zboray suggested calling WKOK. It was also suggested to contact the Daily Item.
- Mr. McCollum requested that council approve the purchase of a new truck from Zimmerman's. The cost for the truck is \$46,262; the dump body is \$11,810; the spreader insert with a ten foot plow is \$10,222 for a total of \$68,294. A three-year loan from the Northumberland National Bank for \$55,000 with annual payment of \$18,750.31, the first due at purchase, has an interest rate of 2.25%. The street department budget has remaining funds in the capital purchase line item of \$20,012.81; vehicle fuel line item of \$6,000; supplies line item of \$500; truck maintenance line item of \$2,000; and PMRS line item of \$3,348.50 for a total of \$31,861.31, the amount required this year toward the purchase. Mr. Wynn moved to purchase the vehicle from Zimmerman's per the line items as explained and to approve the \$55,000 loan at the Northumberland National Bank. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council voted 5-1 to approve with Mr. Troup voting no.

Mr. McCollum stated that he had no code office report.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Troup announced that the council would go into an Executive Session to discuss litigation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Community Development**

Mr. Boyer stated that the committee met with Jill Shetter about the lighting in the gymnasium and lighting along the outside of the building. The outside lights would cost \$398.27 and would spread the light in fifty feet. Mrs. Rees moved to purchase the lights

for outside the gymnasium at a cost of \$398.29. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Ms. Shetter also reviewed the electrical plans for the gymnasium and will provide her recommendations.

Scott Gelnett met with Ms. Kistner and the Borough Secretary to look at the gymnasium. He will provide recommendations for acoustical panels and wiring for a sound system.

Mr. Boyer said that he would like to see the concrete poured in the pavilion so the picnic tables can be put under roof for the winter.

The committee looked at the concrete at the rear of the auditorium. The plywood that was covering up a hole in the concrete was removed. Next spring the committee would like to take out concrete and replace it with either concrete or a porous surface and install a handicap ramp

The work at Girl Scout House is progressing. Ms. Kistner stated that a microwave has been donated.

The committee discussed the possibility of keeping the pool open until 8:00 p.m. A group has requested a price to rent the pool for a day for a free Community Swim. The committee discussed a fee of \$900 for the day.

The committee discussed converting the pond in the King Street Park to a waterfall. Other ideas discussed were to install a fountain or something that would require less maintenance than the pond.

#### Finance

The budget meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

#### Personnel - no report

#### Public Safety

Mrs. Rees said that the committee met this evening and discussed the need for a fifth police officer.

#### Rules

Mr. Wynn informed the council that the person who was going to move the property at the Point will not be available until next year. Clayton Krieger has requested permission to stay at the location until June 30th. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wynn moved to extend the lease for the car lot for five months from January 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016 at \$2,100. Council voted 3-3 with Mr. Boyer, Mr. Ruane, and Mr. Wynn voting yes and Ms. Kistner, Mrs. Rees, and Mr. Troup voting no. Mayor Zboray voted no, defeating the motion.

Mr. Troup moved to send notice to Clayton Krieger to vacate the property and remove the vehicle by January 1, 2016 per the agreement. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved the motion by a vote of 4-2. Mr. Ruane and Mr. Wynn voted no.

#### Streets

Ms. Kistner stated that someone parks a boat on Front Street, north of Hanover Street. She noted that it is difficult to see over the boat making it necessary to ease out in the intersection to see if traffic is coming. Mr. Troup requested that the Mayor check with Chief Kriner to see if the boat is parked legally.

#### **Old Business - none**

#### **New Business**

1. Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Ms. Kistner, council unanimously approved payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$14,667.61; Liberty Splashland bills total \$34.30; bills to be paid from the Parks and Recreation fund total \$150.75; bills to be paid from the Shade Tree fund total \$1,100; bills to be paid from the Donations Account total \$2,827.83; Sewer Department bills total \$23,215.68; and Sewer Department PennVest account bills total \$5,788.50.
2. Mr. Troup moved to approve agreement by reference number 201403590. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
3. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the conciliation agreement. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
4. Mr. Troup moved to hire a temporary part-time clerk through Work Force. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Troup adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman  
Borough Secretary