

Borough of Northumberland

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Borough of Northumberland 175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857 Northumberland Borough Council Meeting August 21, 2018

President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Mayor Dan Berard offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Paul Boyer, Ralph Cianflone, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Ty Sees, Orlando Toro, and Jim Troup. Others present were Mayor Berard; Melissa Kelso, Solicitor; C. L. Kriner, Police Chief; and Janice Bowman, Borough Manager.

Mr. Ruane stated that the council conducted an Executive Session prior to the council meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Public Comment

Three members of the public were present.

Mr. Rick Dandes questioned the purpose of the Executive Session. Mr. Ruane responded that it was a police matter.

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Toro made a motion to approve the council meeting minutes from June 5, June 21, and July 10, 2018. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-2 vote with Mr. Troup and Mr. Sees voting no.

Executive Session

Council went into an Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Ruane stated that the council discussed a personnel matter and will make no decision. Another Executive Session is planned before the next council meeting.

Old Business


1. A meeting was held with the engineers and representatives from the railroad. The plan is to install a pipe that extends 15-20 feet beyond the PPL pipe that is close to Priestley Avenue. The pipe will open into an open culvert to the railroad tracks. The railroad has offered to pay for the rip rap extending 50 feet on each side of the railroad tracks. The engineers have applied for an emergency permit from DEP.

New Business

1. The fire department has requested that the council approve the installation of additional fire hydrants. The hydrants would be located at A and Water Streets; C and & Water Streets, and B & Front Streets. Mr. Boyer so moved. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. There is no cost to install the hydrants. Once installed, the Borough is charge \$10 per month for each hydrant. Council approved unanimously.
2. Upon motion by Mr. Ruane, seconded by Mr. Boyer, council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$7,831.40; Park and Recreation Fund bills total \$389.40; and Sewer Department bills total \$6,391.90.
3. EMC has sent an invoice for \$5,000, the amount of deductible owed by the Borough for the defense of the lawsuits brought against the Borough, several Borough officials and employees, by Ed Cope. It was noted that the lawsuit was settled in the Borough's favor. Mr. Boyer moved to pay EMC the \$5,000; Mr. Toro seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
4. Mr. Sees made a motion to approve a handicap parking request from Sandra Lehman at 141 King Street, to be reviewed on an annual basis. Mr. Toro seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
5. Mr. Sees made a motion to preserve the audio tape of the June 5, 2018 council meeting. Mr. Toro seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Toro moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice R. Bowman
Borough Manager