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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
January 3, 2017

President Paul Ruane 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 Paul Boyer, Ralph Cianflone, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Ty Sees, James Troup, and Harry Wynn. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; Jeremy Deitrick, Sewer Department Superintendent; MaryKay Clark, Code Enforcement Officer; Brian Probst, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

Public Comment

Three visitors present introduced themselves.

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council voted unanimously to approve the council meeting minutes of August 16, 2016, September 6, 2016, September 20, 2016, October 4, 2016, October 18, 2016, November 1, 2016, November 15, 2016, and December 6, 2016.

Northumberland Sewer Department

Several applications for payment were presented for council approval.

Mr. Wynn moved to approve payment of \$6,500 to MidState Paving for manhole installation and rehabilitation. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Payment Application Number 18 to Fulkroad in the amount of \$89,534.71. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Wynn made a motion to approve Payment Application Number 17 to Lecce in the amount of \$23,791.08. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

RETTEW

Mr. Steve Siegfried, from RETTEW, informed council that the rate study has been completed. He also noted that the required PennDOT paperwork has been submitted to PennDOT regarding the sewer reconstruction project. RETTEW has not had any report from PennDOT. The CFA grant application has been submitted.

Mr. Jeremy Deitrick requested that council approve the contract with Lycoming County Landfill for waste disposal. The rate is \$34.65 per ton. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the two-

year contract with Lycoming County Landfill at the rate of \$34.65 per ton. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Boyer noted that the council received a letter from Bill Herrold requesting an answer to his request to install a meter to measure the water that is used at his property but is not put in the sewer system. Mr. Boyer noted that Mr. Herrold was told that his request was denied at the sewer committee meeting in March. Mr. Deitrick stated that he also sent a letter to Mr. Herrold as he had requested. Mr. Boyer asked that a certified letter be sent to Mr. Herrold denying the request.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Zboray thanked Margaret Weirick and her staff of volunteers for their work to decorate King Street Park. He also thanked Brian Probst and the Street Department for their decorating efforts. Mayor Zboray said that many compliments were received. He also noted that the trees in King Street Park are to be untrimmed by Friday.
- Mayor Zboray noted that the new police vehicle, a 2017 Explorer, is in service.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

MaryKay Clark provided a report for the month of December. She received five complaints; issued two code violations; issued two street cut permits; conducted 22 rental inspections. Permit fees totaled \$1,000 and inspection fees totaled \$770.

Street Supervisor's Report

Brian Probst informed the council that he ordered fifteen kits to cover the manholes at a cost of \$2,118.40.

Mr. Boyer stated that he understands someone wants to buy the old plow for \$500. He asked if there are parts that could be used. Mr. Probst said that they will take the a-frame and install it on the 2004 truck and put the a-frame from the 2004 truck with the broken plow. There is also a plow blade at the recycling center that could be sold. Mr. Tira advised that the plows should be placed on Municibid. Mr. Boyer made a motion to put the two plows on Municibid. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Dr. Cianflone reported that work is progressing on the gymnasium. The scoreboard from C.W. Rice Middle School has been donated to the Borough by Nate Boyer.

Finance - No report

Personnel

Mrs. Rees made a motion to approve the draft contract with the Teamsters that council received in their emails with the addendum that they received tonight that provides for a total reimbursement of up to \$400 for eye, dental, or prescription costs. The new provision is to include the prescription costs. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously. Mr. Wynn asked if the contract includes a contribution

toward health insurance. He was informed that the employees contribute 7% per month. The health insurance does not include vision or dental insurance.

Public Safety

Mr. Troup reported that the Emergency Services Board did not meet this month.

Rules - no report

Streets – no report

Old Business

1. Resolution C-2016, which sets the Police Retirement Contribution, was tabled.
2. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council voted 5-1 to approve Ordinance 2017-1. Mr. Troup voted no. This is the Tax Levy Ordinance.
3. Upon motion by Mr. Troup, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council unanimously approved Ordinance 2017-2. This ordinance revises the provisions for the Emergency Services Board.

New Business

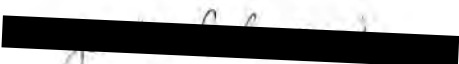
1. Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council unanimously approved payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$41,550.93; 2nd Street Community Center bills total \$5,000; Liberty Splashland bills total \$241.64; Sewer Department bills total \$11,532.91.
2. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve a handicapped parking request at 437 Queen Street from Dorothea Rauch. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
3. Mr. Boyer made a motion to transfer \$55,000 from the General Contingency Account to the General Fund, to be repaid once the Borough receives 2017 real estate taxes. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Tira requested that council adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. He noted that no action would be required and the meeting need not be reconvened.

Mr. Ruane adjourned the council meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary