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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
February 7, 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, and Harry Wynn. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; MaryKay Clark, Code Enforcement Officer; Brian Probst, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Ty Sees and James Troup were absent.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

MaryKay Clark reported that the code office addressed six complaints; nine code violations; and conducted twenty-six rental inspections with fees totaling \$910. The mileage on the car for January 2017 was 57 miles.

PennDOT Report

Mr. Chris Neidig informed the council that he would attend the monthly meetings to provide updates on the reconstruction project. It is anticipated that some of the utilities will begin replacements next month. UGI lines are going to be installed between the sidewalk and curb line on Duke Street and in the roadway on Front Street. PPL and Verizon plan to move the utility poles beginning in August. Mr. Neidig noted that he would remain until the end of the council meeting if anyone would like to speak with him or has any other questions.

Public Comment

Fourteen visitors introduced themselves.

Mr. Dan Berard requested that the council consider lowering the deposit fee of \$200 for the rental of the Savidge Room. Mr. Berard added that the Townside Garden Café would not recommend using this venue because of the high deposit that is required.

Mr. Matt Keller, from Keller's Auto Body, informed council that his business has been in the Borough for nine months. He asked what he can do to get more business through the police department. Chief Kriner stated that the officers may call whomever they choose when they respond to an accident and that whoever is in the accident may request a certain tow service. Mr. Ruane added that as a council, they may not make a motion as to who should be used.

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council unanimously approved the council meeting minutes of December 20, 2016 and January 3, 2017.

Northumberland Sewer Department

Dr. Cianflone made a motion to approve payment to MidState Paving of \$1,662. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Boyer moved to destroy the old Sewer Department records from 2008 and 2009 as provided by the Sewer Department. The state record retention schedule is being followed. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Wynn made a motion to approve the bulk customer reconciliation for 2016 as provided. Point Township will be provided a credit of \$49,684.64 and Upper Augusta Township will receive a payment of \$5,254.36. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Steve Siegfried, engineer with RETTEW, informed council that they are working on the 2016 Chapter 94 report which is due to DEP by the end of March. He will provide a draft of the report to council. The paperwork for the CFA Grant has been completed with all documentation submitted to the state. Mr. Siegfried said that the rate study is done. Mr. Ruane noted that the study determines the revenues for 2017, which help pay the monthly payments on the sewer plant.

Mr. Boyer noted that the committee received a letter from Bill Herrold about installing a meter on his outside spigot. Mr. Boyer stated that a certified letter had been sent to Mr. Herrold. Mr. Ruane explained that Mr. Herrold does not want to pay for the water that he uses outside. However, the council had determined that this cannot be done because customers cannot be treated differently.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zboray reported that he has administered the oath of office to seventeen Fire Police Officers. He thanked them for their service at their meeting. He also thanked Jon Apple for his hard work in building the numbers of the group.

Mayor Zboray announced that Patrol Officer Kelly Roth has completed her studies and is now a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration with a specialization in Criminal Justice. He congratulated her on a job well-done, noting that she worked hard in the last five years to attain this.

The S. Luther Savidge Trust met in January and awarded the Fire Police with the additional \$2,986.28 which brings the total to \$5,000 for four high-band radios and six pagers. The Trust also awarded the Police Department \$5,000 to purchase wireless car video software. When the police pull in, the wireless will connect from the car and will go directly into the server.

Fire Police

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the Fire Police Event Schedule for 2017. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Brian Probst reported that the trucks have been repaired, the chipper has been repaired. The bucket truck must be inspected but they do not know where to take it. Mr. Wynn suggested he check with Jim to see where PPL takes their trucks. Mr. Boyer added that K&N and Service Electric also have bucket trucks and he could contact them.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Dr. Cianflone reported that the work in the gym is progressing. Volunteers from the church will paint the walls and ceiling. The electrician has offered to wait to install the light fixtures until after the painting is completed. Mr. Ruane said that the council is obtaining information on heating systems.

Advertisements have been posted for employment at the pool. Several applications have been received.

Dr. Cianflone made a motion to advertise for bids for the Riverbank Restoration, the River Trail and the Liberty Hollow Trail. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Council discussed the date Liberty Splashland would open for the summer. In past years, the pool opened on Shikellamy School District's last day of school. Mrs. Rees noted that Shikellamy's last school day is June 8th. Council discussed that June 8 would be the opening day.

The Revitalization/17857.org committees met in January. They would like to hold a Paint and Wine fundraiser. The participants would be instructed on painting a picture and could bring their own wine. The committee would receive the proceeds from the entrance fee. Mr. Tira advised that the Borough's insurance carrier be consulted before council makes a decision.

Mr. Probst asked if they could put the cables up on the roads at Pineknoller Park. He added that someone is going in the back by the Sea Scout dock and is ripping up the yard and making a mess there. Council agreed that the cables could be put up.

Dr. Cianflone stated that the Shikellamy Baseball team may play some of their games at Pineknoller Park. He added that he is working on the scoreboard.

Finance

Mrs. Rees reported that the committee met to review the budget.

Personnel

Mrs. Rees stated that a personnel issue would be discussed in Executive Session.

Public Safety - No report

Rules - No report

Streets

Mr. Boyer reported that the committee would meet next week to discuss which streets should be paved this year. He requested that suggestions be forwarded to the Borough Office. Discussion ensued.

Old Business

1. Mr. Ruane tabled Resolution C-2016, the Police Retirement Contribution.

New Business


1. Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Boyer, council unanimously approved payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$63,645.85; bills to paid from the 2nd Street Community and Municipal Account total \$139.86; Liberty Splashland bills total \$34.97; and Sewer Department bills total \$151,744.14.
2. Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Mrs. Rees, council unanimously approved a handicap parking request from Craig Brubaker at 453 Fifth Street.

Executive Session

Mr. Ruane announced that the council would conduct an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. He added that no action would be taken and the meeting would not be reconvened.

Mr. Ruane adjourned the council meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary