

# Borough of Northumberland

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**Borough of Northumberland**  
**175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857**  
**Northumberland Borough Council Meeting**  
**April 19, 2016**

President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Council Member Ellie Rees offered an Invocation.

## **Roll Call**

Council members present were Paul Boyer, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Ty Sees, James Troup, and Harry Wynn. Others present were Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council member Ralph Cianflone and Mayor Len Zboray were absent.

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Ted August and members of Boy Scout Troup 342 were present. Mr. August noted that the boys are working toward a badge. Three other visitors introduced themselves.

## **Northumberland Sewer Department**

Mr. Ruane reported that he and Paul Boyer were there today for the 23<sup>rd</sup> job conference. He said that everything is going good right now. The general contractor is requesting an additional six weeks. The other contractors were not aware of this until today. Mr. Ruane stated that there is a penalty that is assessed daily if the work is not completed by the deadline.

## **Committee Reports**

Community Development – no report

### **Finance**

Mr. Sees stated that the committee would meet on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **Personnel**

- Mrs. Rees said that the committee met and conducted interviews. She said that as a committee they would like to recommend Brian Probst for the full-time street supervisor position. She made a motion to hire Brian Probst as the full-time street supervisor at a salary of \$42,000 per year. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- Mr. Wynn made a motion that the hire date for Mr. Probst as a full-time supervisor be retroactive to April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- Mrs. Rees made a motion to advertise for two positions, a part-time code enforcement officer and a part-time street supervisor. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- Mr. Ruane stated that Ted McCollum has made a request to be paid for his unused vacation and personal time. There were 3.66 personal hours and 50 vacation hours. Mr.

Sees asked how many hours he accrued per month. He was told that the vacation time accrued for 2016 is 50.46 hours and 27.15 hours remained from 2015. His personal time remaining for 2016 is 3.66 hours. Mr. Sees cautioned about paying for personal time because it would set a precedent. He made a motion to pay Ted McCollum \$1,009.71 for his unused vacation time. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Public Safety – no report

Rules – no report

#### Streets

- Mr. Boyer provided a quote to chip and tar Westway. It was determined to wait to see what PennDOT's plans are for the roadway since it will be used to access businesses on Duke Street during the reconstruction project.
- Mr. Boyer and Mr. Ruane plan to attend the COG meeting tomorrow night. The paving bids will be opened.
- Mr. Boyer stated that a meeting was held with UGI to discuss the work to be done on the streets. UGI will pay to pave the streets where they have excavated. Mr. Ruane said that UGI will pay to pave half of King Street from Sixth to Seventh. The Borough will pay for the other half.
- Mr. Boyer thanked the volunteers who worked in the Borough last Friday. He noted that Mr. Troup was one of them. They worked toward putting the playground together at Pineknott Park. Other groups painted the Santa House and worked at King Street Park.
- Mr. Ruane stated that he will be acting zoning officer until a zoning officer is hired.

#### Old Business

1. Resolution C-2016 Police Retirement Contribution is tabled until the contract is resolved.

#### New Business

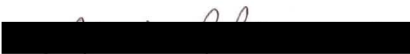

1. Mrs. Rees announced that BIMBO Bakery has generously approved a \$5,000 grant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Playground and likely because there was such an enthusiastic response on Facebook to the tetherball, the Northumberland site was given a prize of another \$5,000. So there is the \$10,000 from BIMBO and \$1,000 from the S. Luther Savidge Trust which will be used to purchase an Overdrive. This apparatus is for older children. The \$11,000 covers the cost of the equipment and installation. A safety mat for under the equipment is included in the price. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council unanimously approved payment of the bills, including the Overdrive.
2. Mrs. Reber informed council that she lives at 370 Water Street. Her neighbor has a tall fence located adjacent to her driveway that blocks her view of the sidewalk and street when pulling out of her driveway. She asked what could be done. Mr. Ruane said that the council can't do anything about it since it is in the middle of the block. He added that if it was at the alley, there would have to be a 25 foot right of way, a "v". She stated that Ted (McCollum) told them that he fined the property owner for having the fence too

close to the sidewalk. Mr. Ruane noted that the fence may be placed along the property line.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Ruane said that the council would adjourn for an Executive Session at 7:05 to discuss personnel issues. The Executive Session ended at 7:49 p.m. and the meeting was not reconvened.

Respectfully submitted,

  
  
Janice R. Bowman  
Borough Secretary