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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
May 3, 2016

President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Brian Probst, Street Department Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

Public Comment

Five visitors introduced themselves. No comments were offered.

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Boyer, council approved the meeting minutes of April 5, 2016 by a vote of 6-0-1. Mr. Sees abstained.

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council unanimously approved the council meeting minutes of April 19, 2016.

Northumberland Sewer Department

- Mr. Mark Strahota, Hazen & Sawyer, informed council that the contractor has requested a 60-day extension to the contract duration which means that the substantial completion date would be revised to September 4, 2016.
- Mr. Strahota recommended council approve Payment No. 11 for Fulkroad Contract 14-1G in the amount of \$872,660.93. Mr. Boyer so moved. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- Mr. Strahota explained that the contractor has requested a reduction in their retainage amount from 10% to 5%. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tira advised that the request along with the 60-day extension request be tabled at this time. Council concurred.
- Mr. Strahota presented a price from Houck Services, Inc. to install a roofing system over the existing BUR roofing system at the Queen Street Pump Station. The option recommended is to adhere a layer of polyiso insulation using a foam adhesive at a price of \$8,800. A 15 year warranty at a price of \$700 is also recommended. Discussion ensued. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the roof recovery project at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The preferred option is the Roof Recovery Price 1 which includes no General contractor markup, plus the 15 year warranty for \$700. If this option is not feasible, the Roof Coating option #3 with no General Contractor markup at a price of \$4,600 would be approved. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

- Mr. Strahota recommended that the council authorize the contractor to repoint the brick walls at the Queen Street Pump Station at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. He noted that mortar has fallen out from between the bricks at several places and water is seeping into the building. The price is on a time and material basis. According to Mr. Strahota, Hazen & Sawyer estimated that the cost for a mason to report the brick should be around \$5,000. Mr. Wynn moved to approve the work at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Mr. Sees questioned why the “cushion” is \$2,500. Mr. Strahota replied that they do not have any quotes for this work. They estimated eighty hours for a mason at a certain rate. Mr. Sees noted that with a not to exceed amount, they may get to that amount. Mr. Strahota noted that the reason for the cushion is because the rehab work is being done on an existing building and it is not known what you could get into once the work begins. He added that council could wait on this and he would have a mason look at the work and estimate the cost. Mr. Probst stated that he is not in favor of a time and material price; but prefers that someone come in and provide a contract price. Council voted unanimously to reject the motion. Mr. Strahota stated that he could obtain a contract bid for the council. The work should be inside the current contract per Mr. Strahota. The topic was tabled.
- Mr. Strahota noted that he does not have the paperwork to be signed, but recommended application for Payment No. 10 for Myco, Contract 14-2H, in the amount of \$17,796.16 as soon as the paperwork is submitted and signed. Mr. Wynn so moved. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- Mr. Strahota recommended payment of application for Payment No. 10 for \$150,218.68 from Lecce, Contract 14-3E. Mr. Boyer so moved. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Zboray read a proclamation designating the week of May 15-21, 2016 as Emergency Medical Services Week:

“EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the week of May 15-21, 2016, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service and community public health safety net; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of public safety telecommunicators, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I, Len Zboray, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2016 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

With the theme, EMS Strong: Called to Care, and I encourage the community of the Borough of Northumberland to join me in observing this week and recognizing our local EMS agency/agencies and providers.

May 3, 2015

Len Zboray, Mayor, Borough of Northumberland”

- Memorial Day parade on May 30th forms at 8:30 at King Street Park and moves at 9:00 a.m. The speaker at the Riverview Cemetery is Reid Furman.
- New electric service has been installed in the second quadrant at King Street Park. Mayor Zboray thanked Brian (Probst) and the borough street department for their assistance to K&N Electric. The S. Luther Savidge trust donated the funding. The quadrants are approximately \$5,000 each.
- The Northumberland Alumni Banquet will be Saturday, May 28th, at Front Street Station. Tickets are on sale at Frye's and Norry Pharmacy.
- Mayor Zboray noted that Northumberland Borough has been named the "Number 1 Rivertown" in the state of Pennsylvania. There were twelve rivertowns on the list. Mayor Zboray feels that this is a tribute to the Borough Council and everyone who lives in the Borough. The article was in the Daily Item.

Mayor Zboray asked if council had any questions for Chief Kriner. Mr. Sees requested the total of the lost time at the end of 2015 for the police officers. He is requesting the accumulation of time, if any, for sick time, personal time, vacation time or comp time for each officer.

Fire Police Report

Captain Jon Apple requested that council approve Donald Ayars as a member of Fire Police. He added that Mr. Ayars has passed the background check and is an active member of the Hookies. Mrs. Rees moved to approve Donald Ayars as a member of the fire Police. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Zboray commented that other Fire Police organizations in the local area are having trouble recruiting and the Borough is getting a lot of Fire Police. He noted that it is a tribute to Jon Apple. Mr. Apple responded that it is the whole team and that there are seven to eight members responding to every call. He added that the new truck should be in service by the end of the month.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Brian Probst provided a written report to the council. It includes a list of accomplishments by the department, a to-do list, and equipment issues. Discussion ensued.

Committee Reports

Community Development

- Dr. Cianflone informed council that the Fun Fair is scheduled for June 2nd at Liberty Splashland. The committee is working with Terri Campbell from Lynda Culver's office. Vendors will have information during the day and a movie will be shown at the Kiwanis Building that evening. This is the opening day for the pool.
- Quotes have been obtained to remove trees behind the pool. A quote of \$750 to remove two trees was received from Susquehanna Tree Care. The other quote was from Mike Egan for \$1,800 to remove three trees.
- The installation of the playground equipment at the Pineknott Park ballfield will be completed.
- The electrical inspector was at the pool today. Mr. Probst will address the concerns about the grounding and make changes to meet the requirements.
- The pool has been cleaned. Tomorrow the expansion joints will be removed and resealed.

- The pool will be painted. Before it can be painted, it must be power washed and washed down with muriatic acid. Mr. Probst added that it will require 48 hours to fill the pool. Council discussed holding a paint party.
- Mr. Lagerman and Mr. Hayhurst approached the committee about a riverboat. They are interested in using the Sea Scout Dock because it is the only dock that will accommodate an 80 by 20 foot boat. They are also interested in a place to store the boat during the winter months.

Finance

Mr. Sees stated that he met with the Borough Secretary last week to review the budget. He noted that there is nothing out of the ordinary as far as where we are at with current budget. He also stated that there is pending an Act 111 arbitration and another arbitration that could impact the Borough depending on the outcome so there is a need to keep tabs on the budget.

Mr. Sees stated that he will be attending the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Personnel

Mrs. Rees informed the council that the committee conducted interviews for the part-time street position and would like to recommend Nathan Stover for the position. Mr. Boyer made a motion to hire Mr. Stover to start as soon as possible at a rate of \$13.50 per hour for thirty hours per week. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Mr. Wynn questioned if he has a CDL. Mr. Probst said that he will obtain one. Council approved the hiring by a vote of 6-0-1 with Mr. Sees abstaining.

Mrs. Rees stated that the committee is in the process of interviewing for the code enforcement officer position. Three applications have been received thus far.

Public Safety – no report

Rules – no report

Streets

Mr. Boyer stated that he and Mr. Ruane attended the Susquehanna COG meeting last month. The paving bids were opened, ranging from a high of \$240,817.50 to a low of \$148,808.95. The estimate was \$183,008. He noted that Meckley's Limestone was the low bidder for the project that includes milling, wearing surface and repairs, 300 feet of curbing and ADA ramps.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to award the paving bid to Meckley's Limestone at a price of \$148,808.95. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Boyer thanked Mr. Probst for repairing the Fire Police sign that was hit over the weekend.

Mr. Wynn noted that grants are available for street work. The information was published in the Borough magazine.

Mr. Ruane noted that the paving project cannot start until the manholes are replaced on Wheatley Avenue and UGI is finished with their excavation work.

Old Business

1. Mr. Ruane tabled Resolution C-2016, the Police Retirement Contribution, until after the contract is settled.

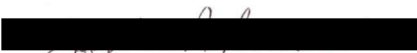
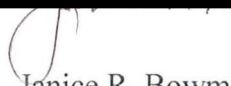
New Business

1. Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council unanimously approved the payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$19,459.71; Liberty Splashland bills total \$104.72; bills to be paid from the Donations account total \$171.76; Park & Recreation Fund bills total \$16,102.16; and Sewer Department bills total \$53,183.94.
2. Mr. Ruane presented a letter to the PUC regarding whether the PUC should grant utility status through the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC's) to distributed antenna systems (DAS). Mr. Ruane explained that this would permit companies that erect cell towers to place them in right-of-ways. The letter concludes that the Borough recommends that the PUC ends practice of granting CPC's to DAS providers. Mr. Tira noted that this letter does not commit the Borough to anything. Mr. Ruane made a motion to submit the letter to the PUC regarding the DAS. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Ruane announced that the council would go into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and may or may not return. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. for the Executive Session. The meeting was not reconvened.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary