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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
November 1, 2016

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

Roll Call

Council members present were James Troup, Harry Wynn, Paul Boyer, Ralph Cianflone, Ellie Rees, and Paul Ruane. Others present were Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Jeremy Deitrick, Sewer Department Supervisor; MaryKay Clark, Code Enforcement Officer; Brian Probst, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Mayor Len Zboray and Councilman Ty Sees were absent.

Public Comment

Six visitors present introduced themselves.

Jon Apple, Captain of the Fire Police, presented the council with a picture of the Fire Police in appreciation for the council's support.

Northumberland Sewer Department

Mr. Mark Strahota, Hazen and Sawyer, presented three payment applications for consideration.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 17 from Fulkroad (Contract 14-1G) in the amount of \$47,400. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 13 from Myco (Contract 14-2H) in the amount of \$63,871.62. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 16 from Lecce (Contract 14-3E) in the amount of \$45,526.80. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Brian Book, RETTEW, provided an update to the council regarding the change in the timeline for the PennDOT project. Mr. Book said that he and the solicitor spoke about the amount of reimbursement the Borough would receive from PennDOT. A grant has been submitted to assist with the Borough's cost which would reduce the Borough's amount to less than \$10,000 and Point Township's amount to less than \$5,000. The solicitor had submitted documentation to PennDOT with generalized percentages for reimbursement. PennDOT rejected that language and want the language to reflect PennDOT's obligation as 75% and the Borough's as 25%. Mr. Tira requested

council's permission to meet with Ann (August) to review the documents regarding the Borough's ownership of the streets. Council had no objections.

Mr. Book said that PennDOT would now like the utilities to complete their work before PennDOT's official start of construction. UGI had said that their work would be completed by 2017. PennDOT would not start their work until 2018. The discussion did not include mention of the impact to the Borough's residents due to the increased timeline. Mr. Book explained that PennDOT wants the gas line out of the road and in the sidewalk. They want the power poles to be located on one side of the road and behind the sidewalk. Mr. Book said that PPL's engineer stated that he couldn't get to the preliminary work until June. PennDOT is now projecting that it will take the construction four years to complete. Council discussed the extended amount of time. Council requested that the Borough Secretary contact PennDOT to schedule a meeting in order to discuss the project and timeline.

Mr. Deitrick informed council that the Sewer Committee discussed holding a Lockout, Tag out class for Borough employees. He said that he will coordinate the date with Brian (Probst).

Mr. Ruane stated that he has a quote for a new push camera for the Sewer Department. The price is \$11,990 which is a co-star price. Mr. Wynn moved to purchase the camera; Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Council approved unanimously.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

MaryKay Clark reported on the activity of the Code Enforcement Officer for October. There was one building permit issued, one zoning permit issued, and permit fees totaled \$113. Six code violations and two citations were issued. Twelve rental inspections were conducted, totaling \$420. Ms. Clark noted that three dead trees were removed by property owners and a falling porch roof was replaced.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Ruane thanked Mr. Probst for his help with winterizing the pool.

Mr. Wynn stated that George Geise would contact Mr. Probst tomorrow about using the township's equipment at the Point, along Strawbridge Road and the Old Danville Highway. There may be a charge.

Committee Reports

Community Development

17857.org Committee met with the Revitalization Committee. The groups are planning to merge to combine efforts in planning events for the Borough.

The pre-bid meeting for the electrical contract for the gymnasium is set for tomorrow morning at 10:00.

Finance

Mr. Ruane reported that the committee reviewed the income side of the 2017 budget. The budget will be finalized at the November 22 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel

Mrs. Rees reported that the committee met with the Teamsters' Union to discuss the contract.

Mr. Wynn noted that the help that the Street Department had over the summer is back in college. He feels that the Borough should hire additional employees for the street department. He said that he is going to propose that the Borough raise taxes this year. He would also like a reassessment of the properties in the Borough. He noted that the county has not done a reassessment since 1972. Mr. Wynn said that the employees in the street department need help and that they are getting older.

Public Safety – no report

Rules – no report

Streets – no report

Old Business

1. Bid Opening

The bids for the 2008 Dodge Durango were as follows:

Chicago Motors - \$2,107

Norm Lahr - \$1,000

Corey Leiby - \$900

HBP Services - \$2,500

Chad Riley - \$3,800

Mr. Troup moved to accept Chad Reilly's bid of \$3,800. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

The bids for the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria were as follows:

Norm Lahr - \$400

Donald Kizer - \$350

Dennis Arbogast - \$500

Laura Holtzapple - \$200

Mr. Boyer moved to accept Dennis Arbogast's bid of \$500. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

New Business

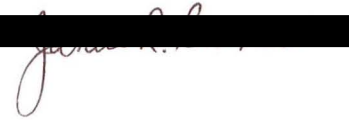
1. Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Boyer, council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$56,881.69; Donations Account bills total \$207.12; Parks and Recreation bills total \$407.98; Liberty Splashland bills total \$847.29; Norry Playground bills total \$938.50; and Sewer Department bills total \$20,205.34.
2. The Priestley-Forsyth Library has requested permission to conduct the Countdown to Noon Celebration 2016/2017 in King Street Park on December 31st. Dr. Cianflone moved to approve the request. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Tira requested that council adjourn to an Executive Session for a labor update. He added that the meeting need not be reconvened.

Mr. Ruane adjourned the meeting for the Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Janice R. Bowman. The signature is written in cursive and is partially visible below the redaction.

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary