

Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Special Council Meeting
September 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

[Note: Because there was no quorum on September 15, 2015, the Borough Council conducted a special meeting on September 22, 2015.]

President James Troup called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of Allegiance was recited and Council member Ellie Rees offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Ty Sees, and James Troup. Council member Harry Wynn was present via telephone conference. Others present were C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; Jeremy Deitrick, Sewer Superintendent; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Adam Klock and Mayor Len Zboray were absent.

Public Comment

The seven visitors present introduced themselves. No comments were offered.

Sewer Department Report

Jeremy Deitrick informed the council that the contractor, Fulkroad and Sons, has requested permission for the subcontractor to work on Saturday to strip forms. Mr. Ruane so moved. Mr. Sees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Borough Council Appointment

Mr. Troup read the applications from the two applicants, Paul Boyer and Sean Deiter. Mrs. Rees stated that she appreciates that they both applied and added that it is hard to make a choice between two. She told Mr. Deiter that in making her motion to appoint Paul Boyer, she hopes that Mr. Deiter continues to be interested and to serve with the fire department and all the other ways that he is serving. She added that there is no personal reflection on him. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion to appoint Paul Boyer. Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Boyer. Mr. Troup congratulated Mr. Boyer and thanked Mr. Deiter for his interest.

Oath of Office

Ms. Brenda Hull, Notary Public, administered the oath of office to Mr. Boyer. Mr. Boyer assumed his seat at the table.

Election – Chairman ProTem

Mr. Troup requested nominations for the position of Chairman ProTem. Mr. Reed had served in this capacity. Mrs. Rees moved to appoint Paul Ruane to the position. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Appointment to Street Department

Mr. Troup made a motion to hire Brian Probst to the part-time street laborer position at a rate of \$13.50 per hour. He is to start employment as soon as possible. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0-1 to approve the motion with Mr. Sees abstaining.

Appointment to Police Department

Mr. Ruane made an appointment to hire Samantha Ortona as a part-time police officer. She had previously worked for the Borough and left to take a full-time position with the Shamokin Dam Police Department. She has resigned that position and has requested council’s consideration to be rehired. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Council voted unanimously to hire her at her previous wage rate (\$14.00).

2nd Street Playground

Mrs. Rees informed council that Bimbo Bakery has offered a \$5,000 grant for playground equipment if the Borough can submit the paperwork by October 2nd. Jim Neidig, a representative from PlayWorld, will be here at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday to discuss equipment that would be available. Mrs. Rees invited council to be present for the meeting. Mr. Troup asked that the information be brought to the next Community Development Committee meeting. Since that meeting is not until October 5th, Mr. Sees recommended that she send an email to the council with the information so the October 2nd deadline may be met.

Committee Assignments

Mr. Troup appointed Mr. Boyer as Chairman of the Community Development Committee and as a member of the Street Committee and Rules Committee. Mr. Troup reviewed the committee assignments:

- Community Development: Paul Boyer, Chairman, Ty Sees and Jim Troup
- Finance: Ty Sees, Chairman, Adam Klock and Jim Troup
- Personnel: Jim Troup, Chairman, Ellie Rees, and Adam Klock
- Rules: Harry Wynn, Chairman, Ellie Rees and Paul Boyer
- Street: Paul Ruane, Chairman, Ty Sees, and Paul Boyer
- Sewer: Adam Klock, Chairman, Paul Ruane, and Jim Troup
- Public Safety: Ellie Rees, Chairperson, Paul Ruane, and Harry Wynn

Mr. Sees moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary