

Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
September 1, 2015

President James Troup called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Ty Sees, and James Troup. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Jeremy Deitrick, Street Superintendent; and Ann August, Borough Clerk . Council members Adam Klock, Harry Wynn and Stephen Reed were absent.

Public Comment

Carl Libby, prior Penn Valley Airport Authority representative, introduced Tom Crissinger. Mr. Libby emphasized the need to appoint a representative to the Penn Valley Airport Authority. Mr. Crissinger is the Sr. Vice President, Commercial Lender for Northumberland National Bank. He is a Snyder County resident but would represent the Borough with full honor.

Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the May 18th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes by Ty Sees, seconded by Ellie Rees. All approved.

Northumberland Sewer Department Report

Fulkroad Construction applied for Payment No. 3. However, due to a minor discrepancy associated with Application No. 2, the Contractor was unable to produce an acceptable Application. A motion was made by Paul Ruane, seconded by Ellie Rees, to pay Application No. 3, approximately \$600,000, pending review and clearance by Steve Siegfried and Jeremy Deitrich. All approved.

Lecce Electric Inc. submitted Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$167,719.99. A motion was made by Paul Ruane, seconded by Ellie Rees, to pay Lecce the amount of \$167,719.99. All approved.

The construction plans include the building of a flood wall at the Queen Street Pumping Station. However, there is an issue with gas line being closer than originally thought to the flood wall. The QSPS is outside of the 500-year flood plain. Hazen and Sawyer recommends deleting the flood wall from the project. Paul Ruane made a motion to delete the flood wall from the project, seconded by James Troup. All approved.

Hazen & Sawyer have 90% of the Liberty Hollow Stormwater plans completed. The plans and specifications will be reviewed by the Streets Committee at their next meeting. Ivy Lane may need to be shut down for a week during construction. Hazen & Sawyer requested permission to

advertise the project contingent upon approval from the committee. Paul Ruane made a motion to authorize the Streets Committee to place the project out to bid contingent upon their approval of the final specifications. Motion was seconded by James Troup. All approved.

Mayor's Report

- See You in September is the 6th, Memory Lane will be in concert from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Food will be available.
- Three candidates were tested August 31st, for patrol officer. Physical Agility and Oral Exams will follow shortly.
- Meters were looked at last week. Several needed new batteries, some will need calibrated and a few will probably need replaced.
- Mayor Zboray had a demonstration of the in-car cameras and was very impressed. The S. Luther Savidge Fund paid for the cameras.
- Senator Pat Toomey held a Town Hall meeting here last week. He was very impressed with our building, and thanked us for our hospitality. The meeting was very informative.
- Paul Ruane thanked Police Department officers for their service.

Emergency Services Board Report

No report. The next meeting is September 2nd.

Street Supervisor/ Code Enforcement Officer's Report

- Both UGI and PAWC have been making numerous street cuts in the past few months. Ted McCollum reached an agreement with PAWC. They will be paving a full lane on Prince from Permastone to Front, instead of cutting it back a foot. UGI is on King Street now. They still need to go down Hanover from Second to Front. It should only take another 3 weeks, and then he will get with Meckley's. He would like to hold a meeting with Paul Ruane and Dave Fisher on exactly what they want to do. Cut backs appear to only be a few inches from the curb.
- Ted recommends changing the ordinance to better manage the street cuts, especially when there are numerous cuts in a single block. He will meet with the Rules Committee to set the amendment in motion.
- He has received study materials for the CORE Pesticide test, which he will take in October. He is not planning on attending a class. An additional category is required, and he has selected 'Right-of-way and Weeds'.
- The band joists on the Gazebo at the playground here at the community center have rotted away. Floor boards are loose and dangerous. 6" of concrete delivered will cost \$525. Ted recommends concrete over stones. The street crew can do the labor. There should be playground funds available. A motion was made to install a cement floor in the Gazebo, not to exceed \$650 by Paul Ruane, seconded by Ty Sees. All approved.
- The King Street Park pond has been emptied, it has not been working properly; concerned with the West Nile Virus. Ted recommends removing the pond and installing a fountain. The topic has been moved to the Community Development committee.
- Ted fielded 38 complaints, 22 street cuts, and 20 violations.

Committee Reports

Community Development – no report, next meeting is September 7th, which is Labor Day. Another meeting time will be determined. A discussion occurred regarding winterizing the pool

and bowl slide. Ted has winterized the building plumbing but not anything with the pump room or bowl slide. Ted will contact Mark Lambert regarding winterizing pool. Question was asked regarding removing bowl slide water and pool level.

Pineknottter Park will be winterized as soon as PAWC shuts off the water. Dick Simpson requested Ted to look at the leakage in the irrigation system, discussion. Mayor Zboray recommended contacting PAWC to see if they can pinpoint leaks with their devices (sonar).

Finance - no report, next meeting is September 22 regarding the 2016 Budget. Jeremy Deitrick questioned the completion of the 2014 audit. PennVest has been asking for it.

Personnel - no report

Public Safety - no report. Ellie Rees questioned if there is anything else to do regarding West Nile Virus. Street crew drained problem areas. State sprayed the Hanover Little League field last Friday. There is not much more we can do beyond educating the public.

Rules - no report. Next scheduled meeting is September 7, Labor Day. Meeting will be rescheduled.

Streets - no report. Next meeting is September 8 at 7:00 pm.

Old Business

1. GMC Suburban - Municibid. One party bid the minimum bid of \$3,500. Paul Ruane made a motion to accept the \$3,500 bid on the GMC Suburban, seconded by Ellie. All approved.

New Business

1. Penn Valley Airport Authority
A motion was made by Paul Ruane to appoint Tom Crissinger to the Penn Valley Airport Authority for the remainder of the existing term. James Troup seconded. All approved.
2. Payment of bills.
A motion was made by Paul Ruane, seconded by Ellie Rees, to pay bills as presented. All approved. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$3,847.62; Liberty Splashland bills total \$6,960.34; Donations Account bills total \$10,030; Parks & Recreation Account bills total \$540.06; 2nd Street Community Center bills total \$10.09; and Sewer Department bills total \$9,932.74.
3. Council received the resignation of Stephen Reed from Borough Council this evening. Mr. Reed's resignation was accepted with regret by a motion by Paul Ruane and seconded by James Troup. All approved.

Mr. Tira reminded everyone of the prior procedure adopted by council to advertise for open positions. Council only has 30 days to appoint a new member. A motion to advertise for letters of interest for the position of council member for the remainder of Mr. Reed's term, submissions are due by September 14th; was made by James Troup, seconded by Paul Ruane. All approved.

4. Dick Simpson mentioned the American Legion, with permission, will be using the King Street Park Gazebo for the 9/11 Ceremony. He encouraged everyone to attend.
5. Broker of Record - Letters were available for signature for remove the current Broker of Record and appoint a new Broker. Mr. Troup spoke to Mr. Tira. We can have as many brokers as we want. Discussion ensued and it was determined that council prefers to not exclude prior Broker. Mr. Troup will contact Broker.

Mr. Troup stated that Council would not be voting on anything so he adjourned the meeting to go into an Executive Session regarding potential litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann L. August
Borough Clerk