

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
January 5, 2009

President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith H. Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Jonathan Rees, Darwin Straub, Frank Wetzel, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius, Timothy Fink, Police Chief; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council member Robert Long was on vacation.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius requested that the following resolution be noted in the record:

RESOLUTION

In recognition of the Tenth Anniversary of the Martin Concini Jr. Memorial Toy Drive conducted by the Northumberland Police Department.

Whereas, in 1990 Martin Concini Jr., Chief of the Northumberland Police Department (NPD), saw the need to assist less fortunate families in the area.

Whereas, with his officers and the help of local Sunshine Bike Shop owner Francis Hummel, bikes were repaired and distributed until Chief Concini's untimely death in 1992.

Whereas, in 1998, under the leadership of Sergeant Clifford Kriner the NPD began to collect un-wrapped toys for distribution to the less fortunate, in memory of their dear friend and Chief.

Whereas, during the past ten years the program has grown and the late Chief's daughters, Breanne, Ashley and Crystal Concini, have helped with this program as well as many others.

Now Therefore, this 3rd day of January 2009, Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor of the Borough of Northumberland, and the Northumberland Borough Council, as Representatives of the Citizens of Northumberland, do hereby issue this Resolution as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation to the officers of the Northumberland Police Department, and others who have participated in this drive for the past 10 years, commending them for their exemplary Community Spirit in Service to the Borough of Northumberland and to the needy children of several other communities as well.

Bryan M. Wolfe, Council President

Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor

Street Supervisor's Report

- Mr. Tom Slodysko reported that the street department is currently picking up Christmas trees.
- The town clock is being refurbished and repaired. Discussion ensued.
- Information has been obtained from a company that installs colored aggregates for walkways. The product is $\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick. In order to install this product in the downtown crosswalks, it would require the removal of the bricks and concrete base and installation of asphalt for a new base. Mr. Slodysko proposed an alternative of installing colored concrete and stamping it to resemble bricks. He will obtain more information.
- Mr. Slodysko reported that the trees in the downtown area should be trimmed. He will speak with the Shade Tree Commission. He also stated that the berries are dropping even though the trees were sprayed last spring. Council discussed the measures that have been taken and alternatives to be considered.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report - No report

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report - No report

Emergency Services Board Report - No report

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub stated that the committee would meet on January 27 at 7:00 p.m. One topic of discussion will be a Winter Festival.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe requested that the council approve a tax anticipation loan. Ms. Lark moved to approve application for a \$100,000 tax anticipation loan at an interest rate of 2.8%. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Personnel

Mr. Wolfe requested that council members consider volunteering to serve on the committee to negotiate a new police contract. Anyone willing to do so should let him know.

Mr. Rees asked if the police are interested in merging with Point Township's department. Chief Fink replied that the officers would be willing to meet with the council to discuss their views.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel announced that the committee would not meet this month.

Rules

The committee has provided the council with the draft of an animal ordinance. Ms. Lark requested that any questions or concerns regarding the ordinance be forwarded to her before the work session. The committee will meet on January 20 at 6:00 to review any questions pertaining to the ordinance.

Streets

Mr. Rees said that the committee would meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wolfe recommended that the solicitor be contacted for advice about the Riverview Cemetery Board's request of the Borough to abandon the unopened portion of 7th Street by cemetery.

Several residents have questioned whether parking is permitted on Susquehanna Road because vehicles are being parked on the street at one residence. The residents have concerns that the parked vehicles create a safety hazard because the street is not very wide.

Old Business

1. On a motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Ms. Groninger, council voted unanimously to approve Larson Design, Inc. to provide General Consulting Services in 2009.
2. Council members are asked to complete the survey requesting Infrastructure Needs as requested by PSAB. They should provide their responses to the Borough Office by Friday, January 9th.
3. Mrs. Groninger discussed several letters from PennDOT. One regarding the reconstruction of Route 147 and whether the Borough would contribute toward the cost of new crosswalks. The council had decided not to contribute to the new crosswalks. The second letter requested that the Borough agree to maintain cameras at the traffic lights to aid the flow of traffic by changing the light cycle. PennDOT would install the cameras instead of the wire loops under the street. It was recommended that the Street Committee determine if the cameras should be approved.
4. Council discussed a letter from the PUC regarding Comcast's request for an extension to December 31, 2009 for the installation of an aerial communication line at the crossing where Lower Orange Street crosses the North Shore Railroad. The PUC granted the extension request, but allowed that the council could file a petition with the Commission if dissatisfied with the resolution.
5. Mayor Brosius thanked the Kiwanis Club for the use of the building for non-profit organizations' meetings.

New Business

1. Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 council meeting. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Mr. Wolfe requested that the minutes reflect the council's negative response to PennDOT request's to pay toward new handicapped ramps along Duke Street when the street is repaved.
2. Mr. Rees moved to approve payment of the bills. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – All ayes. Bills to be paid from the General

Fund total \$51,789.10; Liberty Splashland bills total \$58.65; Norry Playground bills total \$31.71; and Parking Meter Fund bills total \$312.91.

3. Handicapped Parking Space requests

Mr. Wolfe moved to approve a handicapped parking space for Mary Smith at 340 Fourth Street. Ms. Groninger seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – Mr. Wetzel, Mrs. Groninger, Ms. Lark, Mr. Rees, and Mr. Straub voted aye; Mr. Wolfe voted nay. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-1.

Mr. Wetzel moved to approve a handicapped parking space for Thomas Propst at 331 Fourth Street. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – Ms. Lark, Mr. Rees, Mr. Straub, and Mr. Wetzel voted aye; Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Groninger voted nay.

Mr. Wolfe requested that the office keep a list of handicapped spaces. A list was created several years ago and will be updated.

4. Mr. Rees moved to adopt Resolution A-2009. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. This is the Schedule of Fees and Penalties for 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. On motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Ms. Lark, council unanimously approved Resolution B-2009 which provides approval for dotGrant use.
6. Council discussed deed restrictions for streets in the hill section of the Borough. The office will obtain copies of deed restrictions regarding parking on the streets in the developments.
7. Mr. Slodysko requested permission to obtain costs to install a generator at the traffic lights when there is a power outage. Council approved his request.

Mr. Wetzel moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
February 3, 2009

President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith H. Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Robert Long, Jonathan Rees, Darvin Straub, Frank Wetzel, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius, Timothy Fink, Police Chief; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

Five members of the public were present.

Public Comment

Mr. Ty Sees asked where the EPA investigation stands for Pineknott Park. He was informed that the EPA is waiting for a final report from the company that was contracted to perform the inspection. The representative from the EPA was asked if there is any reason to close the park at this time and responded that there is not. Mr. Wolfe noted that the people who are contacting the radio station anonymously are quoting a letter from 1998 and that since 1998, the Borough has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to make sure the area is safe. Mr. Wolfe added that the DEP inspects the property on a regular basis.

Ryan Tira, an attorney with McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, was introduced as the Borough's solicitor.

Executive Session

At 7:09 p.m. the council adjourned for an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel issues. Mr. Wolfe reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and noted that no actions were required.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius noted that the council has received the police report. She also read excerpts from a letter from Chief Mazzeo of the Sunbury Police Department, commending Chief Timothy Fink and Officer David Donmoyer for their performance of service at an incident in Sunbury in December of 2008. Chief Mazzeo noted that the officers exhibited the highest levels of law enforcement professionalism and did earn and therefore deserve this Commendation of Merit. The letter was signed by Chief Mazzeo on January 10, 2009.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Slodysko had no comments but offered to take any questions.

Mr. Pat McPherson commended the street department for clearing the streets during the recent snow storm.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

No report

Emergency Services Board Report

Chris Boyer, President of the Emergency Services Board requested that the council approve that they re-write the ordinance that pertains to the Board and the Fire Department. Mr. Wolfe advised that the group should present their revisions to the Rules Committee who would review it before recommending them to the council.

Mr. Boyer asked if the Fire Department could continue to distribute the smoke detectors that were purchased with a grant from the Degenstein Foundation and contributions from the borough and township fire companies. The department held an open house in the fall at the Hookies and distributed smoke detectors and had refreshments, handouts, and door prizes. Mr. Wolfe approved the request to continue to distribute smoke detectors.

Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Jim Troup provided a report for the month of January 2009 to the council. Mrs. Groninger asked if there is a problem with training, because of information that was reported on the minutes. Mr. Troup advised that the firemen train weekly and that at this time there are no problems. He explained the meaning of box cards.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mayor Brosius announced that the S. Luther Savidge Trust met and approved the Borough's application for \$30,000 for the renovation of the community room at the 2nd Street building. Mr. Straub moved that the council approve to proceed with the project of renovating the community room by obtaining specifications from the architect to demolish partitions and install a beam in the building. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote. All ayes.

A group is interested in renting several classrooms this summer. Mr. Straub will meet with them and pursue the topic.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to learn what is necessary to sell the current Borough Building and to obtain quotes for an appraisal of the property. The solicitor is to review the deed to the property. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Borough could move the daily operations to the 2nd Street building and use the proceeds from the sale of the current Borough Building toward the renovations. Motion was passed unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Borough ended 2009 with a deficit of \$4,200. The committee will meet in March to review the budget numbers. Mr. Tira explained

the highlights of Resolution C-2009, the Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note. The tax-free rate is 2.8% through the Northumberland National Bank and is to be used as a line of credit. It was noted that if the grant reimbursements are received, the loan may not be necessary. On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Lark, the council unanimously approved Resolution C-2009.

Personnel

Mrs. Groninger stated that the Borough has received a grievance from the Street Crew.

Mr. Wolfe announced that the Jonathan Rees, Judith Groninger and he, the Personnel Committee, would serve as the negotiating committee for the police contract. Mr. Wolfe would like to begin meeting in April. Mr. Tira will review the deadlines to be met.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel stated that there is no report and that the committee would not meet in February.

Rules

Ms. Lark announced that the committee would meet at 6:00 p.m. on February 17 to discuss the animal ordinance.

Streets

Mr. Rees stated that the committee approved the PennDOT request to permit the installation of cameras to regulate traffic lights instead of the loops under the roadway.

Mr. Slodysko is obtaining information to purchase a mini excavator.

The committee will meet next week at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Tira explained the procedures required to vacate a portion of the unopened 7th Street by the Riverview Cemetery as requested by the Cemetery Board. The office will advise the Cemetery Board of the steps to be taken. The most expeditious method would be for all the adjoining landowners to present a petition to the council to vacate the unopened portion of 7th Street and waive any potential damages to the property.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Paul Ruane reported that he has contacted the insurance company for the house on 5th Street that was destroyed by fire on January 1. The Borough's ordinance requires that a percentage of the insurance money be held in escrow until the property is repaired or torn down.

Mr. Ruane read a letter about the landlords and the rental ordinance noting that most landlords are complying with the ordinance and having their rental units inspected. Mr.

Tira advised that the Borough should follow through with the provisions of the ordinance for those who have not complied.

Presentation

Mr. Wolfe announced that Greg Carl has been awarded the Volunteerism Award by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society, Inc. for his work at Liberty Splashland. Mr. Wolfe, Mayor Brosius, and the council congratulated him on this accomplishment. Mr. Carl responded with appreciation for the council for supporting his ideas and for Tom Slodysko for helping him to complete the renovations at the pool.

Old Business

1. Mr. Wolfe conducted the bid opening for the 2002 Ford Explorer. One bid of \$1,000 was received from Mr. Donald Keiser Rear of Milton, PA. No motion was offered to accept the bid.

On a motion by Mr. Straub, seconded by Mrs. Groninger, the council voted unanimously to have the vehicle sold through North Shore Auto Sales.

2. Correspondence from PENCOM regarding the Direct Energy program has been received. Mr. Tira will check with the company to see if a vote may be taken on March 3rd so there is more time to review the information. Mr. Wolfe stated that if the vote must be taken before then, the work session could be advertised as a regular meeting.
3. Mayor Brosius suggested that the Borough should have a representative on the Chamber of Commerce's transportation committee to support the bypass. She requested that anyone who is interested contact her.

New Business

1. On a motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mrs. Groninger, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the January 5, 2009 council meeting with one abstention by Mr. Long. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that the trees in the downtown area be trimmed before spring. Mrs. Groninger asked if a quote was obtained for the work to replace the crosswalks in the downtown intersections. Mr. Slodysko has explored the various products available and is obtaining prices. Mrs. Groninger questioned if a meeting has been set between the council and police. Mr. Wolfe replied that the police are to provide dates when they would be available.
2. Mr. Straub moved to approve the payment of the bills. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion and second were revised to exclude the bill of \$1,500 for the Revitalizing River Towns project. Council voted unanimously to approve the remaining bills. Bills to be paid from the general Fund total \$31,736.48; Liquid Fuel bills total 3,890.69; and Liberty Splashland bills total \$1,500.
3. Mr. Long moved and Mr. Rees seconded a motion to reappoint Margaret Weirick to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote – All ayes.

4. Mr. Long moved and Mr. Rees seconded a motion to reappoint Margaret Weirick to the Shade Tree Commission. Roll call vote – All ayes.
5. Mrs. Groninger moved and Ms. Lark seconded a motion to reappoint Richard Hort to the Zoning Hearing Board. Roll call vote – All ayes.
6. Mr. Wolfe asked about Herb Gottshall's health. Mayor Brosius responded that Mr. Gottshall, the Borough's EMA director, has been improving since his heart attack and plans to return to work.
7. A question arose about deed restrictions and parking on Borough streets in a development. Mr. Tira explained that a developer or a neighbor would have the right to have the deed restrictions enforced. Mayor Brosius noted that the streets on the hill are too narrow to permit two-way traffic if vehicles are parked on the street. The streets are also too narrow for a fire truck to get through with parked vehicles. Mr. Tira responded that without an ordinance and no parking signs, the Borough has no means of enforcement. Mr. Wolfe suggested that the Street Committee review the situation and make a recommendation to council.

Mr. Wolfe announced that, after much deliberating, he has decided not to run for re-election to council in 2009.

Mr. Wetzel moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
March 3, 2009

Borough Council Vice President Jonathan Rees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith H. Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Robert Long, Jonathan Rees, Darvin Straub, and Frank Wetzel. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Timothy Fink, Police Chief; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council President Bryan Wolfe was absent due to a prior commitment.

The four visitors present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned for an Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

Mrs. Groninger moved to hire Wade Lytle as a part-time police officer. She added that all candidates were qualified and the personnel committee was pleased with the applications. Mr. Lytle is available to work all shifts and the committee is recommending he be hired. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius announced that the police have had several drug busts recently. The police are actively pursuing every lead and arrests have been made.

Police Chief Timothy Fink read the following letter into the record:

“Northumberland Borough Council,

This letter is to inform the Northumberland Borough Council of an incident which had taken place in the Borough of Northumberland on 02 March, 2009. I would like to officially acknowledge certain agencies and I would like for this to be part of the official Borough minutes for the month of March, 2009.

At 18:08 hours on the evening of Monday 02 March, 2009, Officer Hennessey of the Northumberland Police Department received information from a

caller that her paramour had threatened to shoot her. The complainant, who lives in the 500 block of Queen Street, advised her paramour, a 38-year old male that she was going to call the police after which he replied, “the first one to come to the door will be shot”.

Several surrounding neighbors were evacuated, the block was shut down to all traffic and a perimeter was set to contain the threat. Once the perimeter was set, two trained police negotiators made contact with the suspect via the telephone. After several minutes of conversation between the subject and the negotiators, the subject agreed to come out of his house unarmed. At 20:10 hours the subject was taken into custody without incident.

My thanks goes out to Chief Mazzeo and the five members who responded with him to our call for help from the Sunbury Police Department, as well as the two additional officers called in off duty to handle incidents in Sunbury, Northumberland and Point Township while this incident was taking place.

I would also like to thank the two Point Township officers who responded as well as several Pennsylvania State Troopers who responded along with Corporal Cook of the Stonington Barracks, the AREA Ambulance Service for being on stand-by and to the six officers from the Northumberland Police Department for their response and service to the Borough once the situation was quelled. I would like to mention a “job well done” by the Northumberland County Communications Center. I would like to thank the Northumberland Emergency Services Board for graciously vacating the council chambers and moving their meeting so that we could use the council chambers during this incident.

I would like to specifically mention a “job well done” to the two trained hostage negotiators from the Sunbury Police Department, Brad Hare and Stephen Bennick, for their professionalism and expertise in talking the subject out of his house without injury to him or anyone else.

Timothy Fink”

Mr. Rees noted the council’s thanks to the chief and to everyone else involved.

Mayor Brosius thanked Don Frye, Sr. and Don Frye, Jr. for donating their time to install flooring at the Girl Scout House. She also thanked the Brownie Troop #15 for spear-heading the drive for the new flooring and the Revitalization Committee for their donation for the flooring.

Street Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Thomas Slodysko described the equipment that he would like to purchase this year and the funding that is required. He also reviewed the list of street projects that are proposed to be completed this year. The committee meeting scheduled for March 10th was rescheduled to Monday, March 9th at 4:30. Mr. Tira advised that the meeting would not need to be advertised as long as the meeting is a work session and there is no quorum of council.

Mr. Slodysko stated that the crew would be sealing cracks with the tar buggy to preserve streets.

Ms. Lark moved to purchase the Takeuchi mini-excavator from Medico Industries for \$38,168. This item is on state contract. Her motion includes the purchase of a trailer and steel plates. The cost of these items is \$15,176 over the amount budgeted for 2009 equipment. She stated that the \$15,176 is to come from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Ms. Lark amended the motion to stipulate that the council would decide how the additional cost would be paid once the bill is received since several options are available. Mr. Rees amended the second. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve the purchases.

Paving bids are due to the COG by the March 18.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

Ms. Lark reported that the agreements with the railroads have been settled.

Emergency Services Board Report

No report

Mr. Tira noted a letter from Gregory A. Stuck, Esq. regarding the election of Michael S. Reedy, Deputy Chief of the Northumberland Borough Fire Department. Mr. Mike McPherson, a member of the Number 1's, asked for the Borough solicitor's opinion about the qualifications to be a fire chief. Discussion ensued. The solicitor will provide an opinion to the council and council will provide a written decision to the Emergency Services Board and each fire company.

Mayor Brosius noted that the council had received a report from the Number 1's reporting on the number of volunteer hours in the company for 2008. A total of 91 activities and 503.75 of documented man hours were reported. Mr. Robin Bolig added that the number of volunteer hours is actually higher than reported because some hours do not get documented.

Fire Chief's Report

No report

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub announced that the committee will meet on Wednesday, March 25th instead of Tuesday.

The following companies provided the quotes for a certified appraisal of the current Borough Building:

Appraisal & Marketing

Restrictive report (sales comparisons) - \$1,200

Sales Comparisons, Income Approach & Competitive Listings - \$1,800

Arrow Appraisals - \$1,100

Mary Beth Rodriguez (Bowen Agency)

Summary report - \$500

Summary report with more details and competitive listings - \$750

Villager Realty - \$1,800

Mr. Tira advised that the appraisal is required to establish fair market value. The Borough must sell the property by enclosed bid or public auction. The fair market value is the amount that the council will use to accept or reject a bid.

Mr. Straub moved to engage Mary Beth Rodriguez to provide a certified appraisal at the cost of \$500. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Council discussed where to obtain the funding for the cost of the appraisal and determined to use General Funds to be replaced from the proceeds of the sale of the building. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Mr. Straub moved and Mr. Long seconded a motion to advertise for bids for the demolition of the walls and installation of the beam for the multi-purpose room at the 2nd Street Community Center once the specifications are completed. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Mr. Long moved and Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion to advertise for bids for the repairs to the gazebo in the King Street Park once the specifications are completed. Roll call vote – All ayes.

A new grant application is available from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Mr. Long moved that the Borough apply for funding to re-roof the Kiwanis building and the building that is rented by A.R.E.A. Services. The application is also to include renovations to the interior of the Kiwanis Building. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.

It was noted that the Borough has applied for stimulus funds for many items not mentioned in the Daily Item article which only named playgrounds. Funds were also requested to make street repairs, replace storm sewers, for the 2nd Street Community Center, and to purchase new vehicles.

Finance

Mr. Rees announced that the committee would meet on March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel

No report

Public Safety

No report

Rules

The committee will meet on March 17 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the animal ordinance. Ms. Lark added that she has provided copies of the ordinance to the solicitor, police chief, and code office. She requested that any questions or concerns be forwarded to the Borough Secretary before the meeting.

The committee will also hear concerns from the Emergency Services Board. Mr. Wetzel had attended the Emergency Services Board meeting and noted that the

board has a question regarding the requirements to be fire chief and deputy fire chief and whether the nominee must be an active member of the company that is nominating him. The solicitor will provide an opinion based on the current ordinance. The Board had also discussed changing the current ordinance. The committee would like the Board to provide them with their recommendations.

Streets

The committee decided to meet on Monday at 4:30 since several parties will not be available on Tuesday evening.

Old Business

1. Mr. Tira has reviewed the contract with PENCOM concerning Direct Energy. He stated that the contract is legally valid but he is recommending that the council check with C.S.I.U. to learn if an electrical consultant had reviewed the contract.
2. Mr. Wetzel asked if the Cemetery Board has responded to the council's suggestion that they contact the other adjoining property owners to present a petition to the council to vacate the unopened portion of 7th Street and waive any potential damages to the property. This information was provided to the Cemetery Board, but no response has yet been received.
3. Mayor Brosius noted that Susquehanna student volunteers will be in the Borough on March 21st working at Liberty Splashland and 2nd Street Community Center.
4. Mr. Slodysko reported that Penn DOT is looking for a place to take 800 cubic yards of fill.

New Business

1. Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2008 council meeting. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. On a motion by Ms. Groninger, seconded by Mr. Long, the council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$28,474.36 and Liberty Splashland bills total \$102.24.

Mr. Long moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
April 7, 2009

Borough Council Vice-President Jonathan Rees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith Groninger, Robert Long, Jonathan Rees, Darvin Straub and Frank Wetzel. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Timothy Fink, Police Chief; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary

One visitor was present.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

No report

Street Supervisor's Report

No report

Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Jim Troup reported that the Fire Department reported to ten calls this month. Discussion was held concerning false alarms at Nottingham Village.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius stated that the police report for the month is available.

A Crime Watch meeting was held at the Savoy on April 2nd with approximately 60 residents in attendance. Another meeting is scheduled for May 7th.

Mayor Brosius commended the police on solving the crime of the vandalism of approximately sixty vehicles. Mr. Tira noted that the district attorney may pursue restitution from the parents of the 13-year olds who were responsible for keying the automobiles.

Mayor Brosius has composed a letter to be sent to the PA Museum Commission opposing the closing of the Priestley House and noting the historical and scientific value of the building. In addition to Barbara Franco, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical

and Museum Commission, copies of the letter were sent to Senator Gordner, Representative Phillips, and Governor Rendell. She requested that the letter be included in the minutes:

“April 7, 2009

It has been brought to our attention that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Sustainability Committee draft report has recommended closing the Priestley House in Northumberland due to budgetary problems.

We in the Borough of Northumberland would be sadly affected by such a move. The Joseph Priestley House Museum is not only a national historical landmark but the only state museum in the area.

We consider it to be a significant part of our community’s 237 year history. Dr. Priestley’s residence here has been a source of great pride as is evidenced by the name of our library, an elementary school, a street and a bridge. It puts us on the map. It gives us identity.

History and science both come alive for people of all ages who visit the House. Many school children have enjoyed various activities sponsored at the Joseph Priestley House. The excellent staff and volunteers have held many worthwhile programs and these would be missed if the museum should close.

The American Chemical Society (the Society) is the largest scientific society in the world and got its start right here in Northumberland on July 31, 1974 at the Priestley House at the centennial celebration of Dr. Priestley’s discovery of oxygen. It was during this celebration the initial steps were taken to form the Society. Members of this esteemed group have met here in Northumberland in recent times as well. In 1994 the American Chemical Society designated Dr. Priestley’s Pennsylvania home a National Historic Chemical Landmark. And in 2000 the Society joined the Royal Society of Chemistry in designating Bowood House, the site of Priestley’s English laboratory, an International Historic Chemical Landmark. In 1922 the Society established the Priestley Medal as its highest honor. It is awarded for distinguished service in the field of chemistry. The medal originally awarded once every three years, since 1944 has been awarded yearly.

So we as representatives of the people of Northumberland are asking you to please do what you can to keep this museum open remembering that our community would suffer a great loss if the Joseph Priestley House should close. We thank you in advance for your consideration to this matter.

Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor

Bryan M. Wolfe, Borough Council President”

Mayor Brosius encouraged residents to attend the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 9 at the Unitarian Church on Route 11 to support the Priestley House. She also encouraged people to write to Senator Gordner, Representative Phillips, Barbara Franco of the PA Museum Commission and Governor Rendell.

Council member Cynthia Lark arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Volunteers will be working in the Borough on April 17th. The United Way is sponsoring the “Day of Action” and two groups will be here; employees from

Cherokee Pharmaceuticals will be working at Liberty Splashland, and employees from the Sunbury Community Hospital will volunteer at the 2nd Street Community Center.

The Revitalization Committee has set May 11 to May 16 as Community Pride Week. Residents are being recruited to help clean up the parks, the downtown and beautify the town.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub has contacted four contractors to obtain quotes to finish the wood floors in the two classrooms at the 2nd Street end of the building. Two contractors responded. The low quote of \$5,337 was from John L. Kerstetter Floor Sanding & Finishing. The other quote was \$9,405.

Mrs. Groninger moved to accept the low quote from John L. Kerstetter Floor Sanding & Finishing. The payment will be made from the 2nd Street fund. If additional funds are required, the money will be borrowed from the General Fund and repaid once other donations are secured. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote was unanimous to accept the low quote.

Mr. Straub noted that another party has inquired about using classrooms at the Park Avenue end of the building.

Mr. Tira will provide a lease to be used with tenants.

Council was informed that Mr. Carl has obtained tapes about pool safety that will be shown to all pool employees. Liberty Splashland employee guidelines were distributed to the council. Mr. Tira will review the guidelines before the council votes to approve them. Mrs. Groninger suggested that once the guidelines are approved, the pool employees should be requested to sign that they have read them. Discussion ensued regarding whether to call them guidelines or policies.

An application has been submitted to the Sunbury/Northumberland Trust to request funds to enlarge the fence at Liberty Splashland. The trustees meet in May.

The Community Development Committee will meet on April 29 at 7:00 instead of April 28th at the Borough Building.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel reported that he attended the Emergency Services Board meeting last night. The fire companies are in the process of distributing smoke alarms to residents of the Borough and Point Township. The group would like to distribute packets with safety information to residents in the two communities through a door to door campaign. The packets will include a recruitment letter and information about smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors along with 4-inch bag clips imprinted with the fire companies' information. Approximately 3,700 households would receive the packets. The group is requesting that the Borough approve a contribution of up to \$1,400 toward the cost of these packets. Mr. Wetzel moved to

approve payment of up to \$1,400. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The money that remains from the funding for the Smoke Detector program is to be used toward this campaign. The motion was tabled.

Council member Bryan Wolfe arrived at 7:45 p.m. and assumed the president's chair.

Mr. Wetzel stated that another topic that was discussed by the Emergency Services Board was reflective signs for addresses.

Rules

Ms. Lark reported that the solicitor has reviewed the animal ordinance and has provided several suggestions. Discussion ensued.

Streets

The bids for the street construction have been let out by the COG and will be opened at their April 15th meeting. Mr. Rees added that the committee would not meet in April.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

Ms. Lark reported that Representative Merle Phillips and Senator John Gordner have provided letters of support for the grant for the Northumberland Sewer Authority's project. If awarded, the grant would finance half the cost of the project.

Old Business

1. Information has been received from the CSIU regarding PENCOM and Direct Energy. The Pennsylvania Energy Consortium used a formal RFP in 2001 to select an electricity services provider to coordinate the purchase of electricity for the members. Strategic Energy (now Direct Energy) was chosen based on their response. Direct Energy will purchase blocks of electricity at strategic times in the wholesale market in coordination with the PENCON Board based on market timing to obtain the best prices of wholesale electricity. In addition to the CSIU, there are approximately 180 members in the consortium from across the state. Direct Energy will only purchase electricity for metered accounts so the street lights will still be billed through PPL since the borough is charged for the cost of electricity, and repair and replacement of the light, for each light fixture. On a motion by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Long, the council voted unanimously to join Direct Energy.
2. On a motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Ms. Lark, the council voted unanimously to approve the request from Red Cross to use Liberty Splashland for swimming lessons. The charge to use the pool is to remain at \$600, the same as last year. This fee covers the cost for utilities and chemicals.

New Business

1. Mrs. Groninger moved and Ms. Lark seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2008 council meeting. Voting to approve were Mr. Wetzel, Mrs. Groninger, Ms. Lark, Mr. Long, Mr. Rees and Mr. Straub. Mr. Wolfe abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

2. Mr. Wetzel moved and Mr. Long seconded the motion to approve payment of the bills. Discussion ensued. Council unanimously approved. Bills to be paid from the General Fund are \$28,474.36 and Liberty Splashland bills to be paid total \$102.24.
3. A correspondence has been received regarding the Riverstock Triathlon planned for August 30, 2009. The group has requested that the Borough to provide police, fire department and fire police assistance during the event. Mr. Wolfe tabled any action on the request pending additional information.
4. Mr. Rees and Mr. Long moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution D-2009. This is a bank resolution to authorize signers for the Beaver Fire Insurance Escrow Account. Those authorized to sign are Bryan M. Wolfe, Jonathan D. Rees, Jane G. Sanders-Ressler and Janice R. Bowman.
5. Mr. Long and Mr. Straub moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution E-2009. This resolution authorizes Bryan M. Wolfe to be the signer for the DCNR grant application.
6. Robert Wallace of 253 Hanover Street has requested a handicapped parking space be designated in front of his residence. Mrs. Groninger so moved. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous to grant the request.
7. Ms. Lark and Mr. Long moved and seconded a motion to transfer \$1000 from General Fund to Liberty Splashland account. This money is a portion of the recreation tax for 2009. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.
8. Mary Beth Rodriguez has completed the appraisal of the Borough property at 221 Second Street. She recommends that the property be surveyed prior to being offered for sale. Mr. Tira noted that there is no description for this property and recommended that quotes be obtained for a survey of the property. Upon a motion by Ms. Lark, seconded by Mr. Straub, the council voted unanimously to obtain quotes to have the Borough property surveyed.
9. Mr. Wolfe announced that a "Meet the Candidates Night" would be held on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. All candidates for borough council and the mayor offices will be invited to attend. The council discussed where to hold the event and determined that the Kiwanis Building would be the best venue. The Daily Item and Sunbury Broadcasting will be informed of the plans.

The meeting was adjourned for an Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Groninger made a seconded a motion to apply for the COPS grant for one officer. Discussion ensued. This grant funds the officer's salary and benefits for three years. The Borough must commit to fund the grant for a fourth year. Council members voting to approve the application were Mr. Wetzel, Mrs. Groninger, Ms. Lark, Mr. Long, Mr. Rees and Mr. Straub; Mr. Wolfe voted no. Motion passed 6-1.

Mr. Wetzel moved to approve \$1,100 funding toward the materials for the fire companies' door to door campaign. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. This amount is in addition to the amount budgeted for the Fire Department budget. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Mr. Long moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street
Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
May 5, 2009

Borough Council President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Cynthia Lark, Robert Long, Jonathan Rees, Darvin Straub, Frank Wetzel and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Timothy Fink, Police Chief; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council member Judith Groninger was absent.

Two visitors were present.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Gretchen Brosius reported the Chief Fink has finished three weeks of DARE education at the C.W. Rice Middle School.
- The COPS grant as been submitted.
- The crime watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at Townside at the Savoy.
- Mayor Brosius thanked those who recently volunteered in Northumberland. Employees from the Cherokee Plant volunteered their time at Liberty Splashland and Sunbury Community Hospital employees painted at the 2nd Street Community Center. These groups were part of the Days of Action, sponsored by Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Brosius also thanked Steve Reeves for replacing the roof on the Santa House.
- Mayor Brosius noted that National Day of Prayer would be celebrated in front of the Borough Building at noon on May 7th. This event is sponsored by the Northumberland/ Point Township Ministerium.
- History Day will be held on May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mayor Brosius added that volunteers are welcomed to help before, during and after the event. The group will be setting up on Friday beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Slodysko reported that the curbing project has been let out for bids. A special meeting will be held on May 15th to open and consider the bids.

The tar buggy is fully operational and the street sweeper has been running.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Paul Ruane reported that 158 letters were mailed regarding code violations. He stated that during property inspections, he has noted safety issues such as lights that throw sparks, a lack of smoke detectors, and an issue with garbage removal.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

No report

Emergency Services Board Report

No report

Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Jim Troup reported that the department had eleven calls in April for a total of 163.25 hours.

Committee Reports

Community Development

The committee will meet on May 25th. They are holding a work session on May 9th to paint the walls in the classrooms so the floors may be refinished beginning May 18th.

Mayor Brosius has learned that the H. Blanche Savidge Trust is now accepting applications for grant requests. Mayor Brosius suggested that a letter of request for funding for the gymnasium be submitted to the trustees. The Joseph J. Anselmo, Sr. Community Trust has sent \$7,500 toward the gymnasium refurbishment. An additional \$7,500 has been pledged for 2010.

The quotes for the Multi-purpose room demolition and beam installation will be acted on at the special meeting on May 15, 2009.

The quotes for the King Street Park Gazebo repair will also be acted on at the May 15th special meeting.

Finance

The 2008 audit has been received. Mr. Wolfe stated that the council will act upon the audit at the June 2nd council meeting.

The Finance Committee will meet in June.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the negotiating committee comprised of Jonathan Rees, Frank Wetzel and himself would meet on May 19th with the solicitor.

Personnel

Mr. Lee Shaffer has tendered his resignation as Health Officer. Ms. Lark moved to accept Lee's resignation, with regret. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Brosius noted that Mr. Shaffer had been the Health Officer in the Borough for more than 20 years. She added that a letter has been sent, thanking him for his years of service and wishing him the best in his retirement.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Borough and the City of Sunbury have shared a Health Officer for many years. Sunbury has hired Mary Sue Buss as the new Health Officer. Mr. Wolfe moved and Mr. Wetzel seconded a motion that the Borough also hires Mary Sue Buss. Her resume has been provided to the council. Roll call vote was unanimous to hire Ms. Buss.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel reminded the council that a Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Savoy. He added that the Public Safety Committee would not meet in May.

Rules

Ms. Lark reported that the Rules Committee will be recommending an ordinance pertaining to a sexual harassment policy to be adopted by the council. One requirement for the COPS grant is to have a policy in place. [Note: The policy to be recommended is a drug-free workplace policy.]

Streets

The paving bid has been awarded. Eastern Industries was the low bidder for the street construction in the Borough with a bid of \$117,775. This bid was conducted through the Central Susquehanna COG. Eastern will start to pave on the hill section of the Borough in the next week. They will return later in the summer to pave Sixth Street.

Mr. Wolfe discussed a letter from the Pennsylvania Water Company informing the Borough that they are requesting a rate increase of over 15% from the PUC. Mr. Wetzel and Ms. Lark moved and seconded a motion to send a letter to the PUC stated that the council feels that a 15% water increase is too high given the current economic conditions and that the company has not substantiated the need for the increase. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Old Business

1. Mr. Mark Cox had attended the April work session to present additional information to the council regarding the Riverstock Triathlon. This race is will be run on August 30th. The race route includes traveling on King and Orange Streets and Priestley Avenue in the Borough. Upon a motion and second by Mr. Rees and Mr. Long, the council unanimously approved the request. Mayor Brosius noted that Mr. Cox had sent a thank-you note to her and the council for the opportunity to discuss the Riverstock Triathlon with them.
2. The Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan has been presented at a public meeting in April that was hosted by the Planning Commissions from the Borough and the

Township. A 45-day review and comment period will end on May 22nd. The next step in the process is for the Council and Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for additional comments before the final vote on the plan. Council discussed a possible date for the hearing and suggested that the hearing be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 2nd before the council meeting or on June 16th before the work session. The Township Supervisors will be contacted for their preference. The meeting will be held at the Kiwanis Building, if possible.

3. Three quotes have been obtained to conduct a survey of the Borough property at 219-221 Second Street. They were from Larson Design Group, Inc. for \$2,600 plus reimbursable expenses, Keefer & Associates, Inc. for \$1,795, and Taylor & Associates for \$1,500. Ms. Lark moved to accept the lowest quote of \$1,500 from Taylor & Associates. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Mr. Tira explained that the survey is necessary because there is currently no legal description of the property for the deed. Roll call vote – All ayes.
4. The Keystone COG has submitted a letter inviting the Borough to use their Appeals Board. The Borough has had a 3-person Appeals Board. There are pros and cons for each option. Mr. Wolfe suggested that no action be taken at this time.
5. Mr. Greg Carl has submitted a set of guidelines for Liberty Splashland. The solicitor has reviewed them and made some changes. Mr. Wolfe tabled action on them until the May 15th special meeting so council members have more time to review.

New Business

1. Mr. Wetzel moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2008 council meeting. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. On motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Straub, the council unanimously approved payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$36,005.22; and Liberty Splashland bills total \$2,588.77.
3. On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, the council unanimously approved transferring \$6,000 of the recreation tax from the General Fund to the Liberty Splashland account.
4. Mr. Long moved and Mr. Straub seconded a motion to reappoint Hope Kopf to the Civil Service Commission. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve the reappointment.
5. Ms. Lark and Mr. Long moved and seconded a motion to authorize Janice Bowman, the Borough Secretary, to make purchases through the GSA (U.S. General Services Administration). Roll call vote – All ayes.
6. The American Legion Post 44 has requested permission to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Pineknott Park at 3:00 p.m. on June 14th. This request includes approval to burn the flags. Mr. Long moved to approve the request and Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes. [NOTE: The Veterans have since

changed the venue of the Flag Retirement Ceremony to the Legion due to the closing of Route 11 and the underpass for road construction.]

7. Mr. Ruane informed the council that the Legion will be receiving eight rifles. He requested permission to have the guns delivered to the Borough Office because someone must be present to accept the packages between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Approval was given.
8. Mr. Wetzel stated that David Hollabaugh and Matthew Strauser are volunteering to host a fundraiser for the Borough at the Priestley-Savidge House with the proceeds going to the 2nd Street Community Center. The council voiced their approval. It was also noted that Mr. Hollabaugh and Mr. Strauser will host an open house at the property on May 23rd.

Mr. Straub moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

**Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street
Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Special Council Meeting
May 15, 2009**

Borough Council President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present were Cynthia Lark, Judith Groninger, Jonathan Rees, Darwin Straub, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Gretchen Brosius; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

Two visitors were present.

Curbing Bid

Mr. Wolfe opened the bids for the curbing project. Mr. Wolfe moved to award the bid to the lowest apparent bidder who is Lytle Construction. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. One of the bidders, Mr. Thomas, noted that the total of the linear feet of curbing on Attachment 1 was twice the amount of the total specifications on Attachment 2. The motion was tabled while Mr. Slodysko reviewed the specifications.

Request from Bethany Trees to hold a 5K Run

Bethany Treas requested permission for the Northumberland Christian School to host a 5K run and a kids' race in the Borough on October 3, 2009. Ms. Lark and Mr. Straub moved and seconded a motion to approve her request. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Curbing Bid (continued)

Mr. Slodysko stated that Mr. Thomas is correct. The linear feet of curbing on Attachment 1 should be 220.5, not 441. Mr. Lytle's unit prices on the bid sheet do not mathematically add up to the total bid. Mr. Wolfe requested that the Borough Secretary contact Mr. Lytle to determine if he bid on the 220.5 or 441 feet of curbing and the Solicitor to determine if the bid can be awarded as bid. Mr. Wolfe moved and Mr. Straub seconded the motion to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, upon the advice of the solicitor. Roll call vote – All ayes. The bidders and their total bids were as follows:

Black Bear Construction	17,950.87
B & R Construction	21,842.75
Lytle's Concrete	16,897.00
G & R Charles Excavating	21,195.93
Mid-State Paving	21,370.35
M & E Construction	18,184.00
Robert Feaster Corporation	18,000.00
Lundy Concrete Services	19,550.05
Diversified Construction, Inc.	17,935.63

2nd Street Community Center Quotes

Quotes were obtained from three contractors to demolish walls in the south wing of the building and to install a beam, per the architect's specifications. The following quotes were received: Feaster Corporation - \$14,950.00; Hepco Construction, Inc. - \$9,616.00; and Zartman's Construction - \$11,100.00. Mr. Rees moved to accept the quote from Hepco Construction, Inc. of \$9,616.00. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The funding for this project will come from the Luther Savidge Trust. Roll call vote – All ayes.

King Street Park Gazebo

Quotes were requested from three contractors to repair the gazebo with two options (replacement of ten columns or replacement of five columns). The quotes were as follows: Feaster Corporation - \$6,500 (10 columns) or \$4,350 (5 columns); Zartman's Construction - \$8,175 (10 columns) or \$5,679 (5 columns). Robert Welby, of Welby Homes declined to provide quotes. Ms. Lark moved to accept the \$6,500 bid from the Feaster Corporation to replace ten columns. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Real Estate Tax Refund

Albert Bressi, Northumberland County Chief Assessor, informed the Borough that Franklin C. and Judith A. Hoffman have requested a refund on their property taxes of \$83.57 for 2008 and \$91.38 for 2009 because the house was assessed as having a full basement, which it does not. Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Straub seconded the motion to refund the amount of \$174.95 for the overpayment of real estate taxes. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Liberty Splashland Guidelines

At the May 5, 2009 council meeting, Greg Carl had requested that the council approve the guidelines for the employees of Liberty Splashland. Ryan Tira, the Borough Solicitor has reviewed and revised some of the guidelines. Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the guidelines; Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote: Mr. Straub, Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Groninger and Mr. Rees voted aye; Ms. Lark voted nay. Motion passed 4-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
June 2, 2009

President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith H. Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Jonathan Rees, Darwin Straub, Frank Wetzel, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Timothy Fink, Police Chief; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

Public Comment

Ms. Ruth Ford commented on a vehicle that was driving unsafely, speeding down Front Street past King Street. She suggested that a police car should be parked at that corner to slow traffic down. She also recommended that the police ticket all offenders. Chief Fink stated that he will inform the other officers and they will try to patrol that area more frequently.

Mr. Adam Klock thanked Chief Fink for addressing his concern about a number of people who run the stop sign at King and Second Streets. He noted that the police had been patrolling this area.

Mr. Klock asked if yard debris is being collected at the Recycling Center. Yard debris is not accepted at the Recycling Center because no one is there to see that the appropriate materials are dropped off. Mr. Slodysko said that once the college students begin summer employment, the crew would collect branches and tree trimmings door-to-door. Compost and mulch are available at the Recycling Center, but the logistics of when residents will be permitted to load it have to be determined. Discussion ensued. Mr. Slodysko will decide when and how the compost and mulch will be available. The crew will place the materials outside the fence and residents will be able to obtain them for free. Residents must have their own means to load and transport the materials. No assistance will be available.

Mr. Klock asked about the availability of the billboard at the underpass. The billboard has been rented and is currently reserved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius asked if anyone has a copy of the notebook pertaining to the police accreditation. The police procedures and policies should be corrected and completed.

The monthly police report has been submitted for the council.

Mayor Brosius thanked the volunteers for the History Day event.

Mayor Brosius thanked the Sunbury/Northumberland Trust for their check of \$4,000 toward a fence at Liberty Splashland.

Mayor Brosius thanked the Joseph J. Anselmo Sr. Trust for the check of \$7,500 toward the renovations of the gymnasium at the 2nd Street community Center. She also thanked them for the \$300 for the Kid's Krafty Korner program. The program begins on June 3 and is held from 9:30 to 11:30, running six consecutive Wednesday mornings. Mayor Brosius is in charge of the program.

The Mayor explained that a letter was received from the H. Blanche Savidge Trust informing the council that the Borough does not qualify for funding from that trust.

The Mayor has been invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 at the new Nottingham Village facility. She added that several Central Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce events will be occurring this summer. Anyone interested should speak to her for more information.

Mayor Brosius noted that the family of Gerry Mertz has sent a thank-you note for the expression of sympathy that they received.

Music in the Park is scheduled for July 13th. The Sunbury City Band will be playing.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Paul Ruane reported on the activity of the Code Office for the month of May. He commented on the difficulty the Code Office has when trying to contact owners of abandoned properties. He noted the location of some of the properties that are foreclosures.

Mr. Ruane explained that the state will be issuing contractor licenses in July. The COG that Paul belongs to has discussed other requirements that Boroughs may require to regulate contractors working in the Borough.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Tom Slodysko reported that the streets in the hill section of the Borough have been paved. Mr. Slodysko has been working on the storm drains on Sixth Street. The work is taking longer than anticipated due to additional pipes that were found once the excavation began. Point Township has loaned a tamper to the Borough to aid in the construction.

Signs have been posted prohibiting trucks from traveling streets that are not designated as truck routes unless local deliveries are being made.

The sea scout dock has been painted with graffiti. Discussion was held regarding measures that could be taken. A chain across the roadway is blocking vehicular access to the area. Chief Fink recommended that the area be posted with "No Trespassing" signs. Mr. Tira concurred.

The school zone signs will be erected and curb painting will be done shortly.

The wood floor has been refinished in the west wing of the 2nd Street Community Center.

Mr. Klock asked when the crosswalks would be painted. Mr. Slodysko responded that the curbing and crosswalks will be painted this summer.

Street signs will be ordered in about two weeks. Currently the signs for the main streets are being replaced. Mr. Wetzel asked if signs for the alleys are to be replaced. Mr. Slodysko stated that he has \$3,000 budgeted for new street signs this year and will order new signs. If the funding does not cover signs for the alleys this year, it is possible that next year's budget could include funding for more signs.

Mayor Brosius received complaints about trees and shrubbery that are close to intersections and obstruct the view. Mr. Slodysko stated that the street department has trimmed trees, etc. throughout the Borough and would check on the specific locations mentioned. Letters to property owners may be sent.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

Ms. Lark noted that the sewer project is proceeding.

Emergency Services Board Report

No representative from the Board was present. Mr. Wolfe asked why the Board has not appointed an assistant fire chief. Mr. Wetzel told the council that he attended the meeting last night. He stated that only three members of the 5-member board were present at the meeting. All five members must be present for the vote for assistant fire chief. Some of the members feel that the ordinance is too vague and requires more teeth. The group would like to work toward becoming one fire department instead of two. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wetzel stated that the board would review the current ordinance and make recommendations to the Rules Committee and the Borough Council.

Fire Chief's Report

No report.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub stated that the floor is finished and it is beautiful. Mr. Slodysko is obtaining tempered glass for the interior classroom doors.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe requested a motion to approve the 2008 audit. Ms. Lark made the motion, seconded by Mr. Long. Discussion ensued. The council voted unanimously to approve the 2008 audit.

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 17th instead of June 18th. The meeting will be advertised.

Personnel

Mrs. Groninger requested that the committee meet following the Finance Committee meeting on June 17th.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel noted that the sidewalk next to the driveway along the police station is raised due to the tree truck. Mayor Brosius asked if house numbers are visible on all properties. It was suggested that information be provided in the newsletter. Mr. Wetzel stated that the committee would not meet in June.

Rules

Ms. Lark stated that Mr. Tira has the Drug-Free Workplace Policy to review. The committee will not meet this month because that is the date and time for the joint Comprehensive Plan meeting.

Streets

Mr. Rees stated that the committee would not meet this month.

Old Business

1. The Public Hearing for the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan is set for June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Building. The council will hold a regular council meeting after the hearing. This meeting will be advertised.
2. Mr. Carl announced that the Sunbury-Northumberland Foundation has awarded a \$4,000 grant to Liberty Splashland toward the purchase of fencing to enclose ground adjacent to the pool area. Quotes were obtained and the low quote of \$9,899.02 was received from Apollo Fencing. The additional funding for the fence could come from the Parks and Recreation Account which has a balance of approximately \$10,000. Mrs. Groninger moved and Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion to add money from the Parks and Recreation Account to the grant funding in order to purchase the fencing. Mr. Slodysko stated that he feels it is a good move to incorporate the pavilion in the pool area because it is seldom used by the public. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion. The amount to be used from the Parks and Recreation Account is \$5,899.02.
3. A letter had been written to the PUC regarding the rate increase proposed by the PA American Water Company. The PUC has responded with a request to complete and return a PUC Objection or Comment to Proposed Rate Increase Form – PA American Water Co. Council verbally approved the submission of the form.
4. Ms. Lark asked if there were any specifications on the tent that is erected at the Priestley-Savidge property. Mr. Ruane replied that there are none. The only stipulations made by the Zoning Hearing Board are the time the music must stop and conditions related to the parking. A question arose about money raised at the open house. Mr. Wetzel stated that no money was raised at the open house.
5. Mr. Wolfe received a letter pertaining to the current tax collector's policies. Mr. Wolfe stated that since the tax collector is an elected official the council has no authority over his policies. He added that as of January, the Borough will have another tax collector.
6. Mayor Brosius asked that the water be turned on in the King Street Park for the water fountain. Mr. Slodysko will see that it is done.

New Business

1. Mr. Rees moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 council meeting. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. It was noted that the policy that is required for the COPS grant is a drug-free workplace policy. Roll call vote: Mr. Rees, Mr. Straub, Mr. Wetzel, Mr. Wolfe, Ms. Lark and Mr. Long voted aye; Mrs. Groninger abstained because she was not present for this meeting.
2. Ms. Lark moved and Mr. Wolfe seconded a motion to approve the May 15, 2009 special council meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Straub, Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Groninger, Ms. Lark, and Mr. Rees voted aye; Mr. Wetzel and Mr. Long abstained because they were not present for the meeting.
3. Mrs. Groninger and Mr. Long moved and seconded a motion to pay the bills. Discussion ensued. Council approved the motion unanimously. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$43,166.69; Liberty Splashland bills total \$5,432.07; bills to be paid from the Parking Meter account total \$105.00; and 2nd Street Community Center bills total \$514.12.
4. Mrs. Groninger moved to transfer \$5,067.77 from the General Fund to the Liberty Splashland account. This is the remaining amount budgeted for the pool from the recreation tax. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.
5. Council discussed the petition that was presented by Adam Klock regarding PennDOT and closing Route 11 for the road construction. The Borough Secretary had contacted Paul King, a representative at PennDOT, who had already been made aware of the petition and had received other correspondences regarding the detour. Mr. King stated that PennDOT felt this was the best way to address the repairs. Mr. Wolfe added that the Borough was not really given a choice in when or how the construction would be completed. Mr. Rees added that council members had voiced their concern about the dates when school would be over and the affect the construction would have on the local businesses. Council had also requested that access be kept open to Pineknott Park. PennDOT determined that by closing the road, the construction could be completed much more quickly than if one lane was closed at a time. Discussion ensued. The construction company has reduced the timeframe for construction from three weeks to two weeks by working 24 hours a day. Mrs. Groninger noted that a location on Duke Street has been obtained for the used car dealership if he would like to operate from this location. PennDOT held a pre-construction meeting at the Borough with the contractor, Borough employees, the Sewer Authority, and Sunbury representatives. Mr. Rees noted that the borough has met with PennDOT numerous times over the past 10 years about Duke Street and nothing has been done even though PennDOT had agreed to erect Pedestrian Crossing signage. Mr. Klock stated that, in the future, he would like PennDOT to provide more notice to the public when roads are planned to be closed for construction. Mrs. Groninger requested that the contractor be asked to provide the customers access to Bonaventura's Garage on Route 11. Ms. Lark stated that the contractor is to be working at night, according to what was disclosed at the pre-construction meeting.
6. The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership has contacted the Borough Office to request assistance in determining the location and content for a Susquehanna Greenway

Orientation Sign. The objective of the signs is to create awareness for the land-based assets within the Susquehanna Greenway corridor. The Greenway would like to locate one sign in the Pineknottter Park/ Point area that would reflect attractions in the Borough and immediate surrounding area. The council recommended that the Revitalization Committee assist the Greenway in determining where the sign should be placed and the content for the sign.

7. Mr. Wetzel stated that he thinks the council should appoint a Junior Councilperson. The requirements would specify that the candidates be borough residents who are juniors or seniors in high school. While the representative would not have voting rights, Mr. Wetzel feels that he/she could bring a new perspective to the council. Mr. Wetzel and Ms. Lark moved and seconded a motion to explore the appointment of a Junior Councilperson. Discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Susquehanna University has asked if the Borough is interested in participating in the Susquehanna University Volunteer Experience on August 29, 2009. Students from the university volunteer at a project in the Borough, as in past years. Council members voiced approval to participate again. Mr. Wolfe stated that they will be asked to provide assistance to recreational purposes.
9. Council discussed the Pineknottters' Days Committee's request for the Police Department and Street Crew's assistance. Chief Fink stated that two officers are scheduled for the 2nd shift during these days. Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Wetzel moved and seconded a motion to provide the assistance. Roll call vote was unanimously approved.

Mr. Rees moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
June 16, 2009

President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Kiwanis Building on Prince Street.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith H. Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Jonathan Rees, Darwin Straub, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius, Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Robert Long and Frank Wetzel were absent.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Old Business

1. A public hearing to review the multi-municipal comprehensive plan was conducted this evening prior to the Borough Council Meeting.

Mr. Wetzel arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Lark, seconded by Mr. Straub, the council voted unanimously to approve the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan as presented with the revisions proposed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve.

2. The Curbing/ Sidewalk Project Bids were opened on June 12, 2009. The low bidder was M & E Construction from Lewistown at an amount of \$11,222.50. Other bidders and bid amounts were as follows:

B & R Construction	\$14,424.25
Lytle's Concrete	\$17,179.00
Robert Feaster Corporation	\$16,325.00
Lundy Concrete Services	\$15,426.88
Diversified Construction, Inc.	\$17,835.63
Eastern Industries, Inc.	\$23,987.49
HRI, Inc.	\$28,586.00
Jack Anderson Contracting, Inc.	\$13,340.00

Mr. Wolfe moved to accept the bid of \$11,222.50 from M & E Construction. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – All ayes.

3. Discussion took place regarding the Junior Council Member. The Boroughs Association has a resolution that may be adopted to establish the position. It was suggested that letters of interest be requested from candidates and a questionnaire be developed to aid in determining the appointee. Council determined that the term should be a one-year term. Ms. Lark made a motion that the position of a Junior Council Member be established as a one-year term of office from September through May. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued as to the qualifications and requirements. It was suggested that the resolution and a questionnaire be provided to the council for the next council meeting. The motion was tabled.

New Business

1. Mrs. Groninger moved and Mr. Rees seconded a motion to approve payment of the bills. Discussion ensued. Council requested that the invoice from the solicitor be itemized so the various departments may be charged accordingly. Mayor Brosius learned that the lights at Pineknott Park were on at midnight. The police were contacted by the 911 center and reported that someone was cutting the grass. The officer also told the Mayor that this was done on a regular basis last year. Mr. Slodysko stated that the street department had cut the grass at the field. Mr. Wetzel stated that the council must contact the group to discuss the use of the field. Roll call vote – All ayes. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$15,307.12; Liquid Fuels bills total \$73,705.65; and Liberty Splashland bills total \$6,482.80.
2. Mr. Wolfe moved and Mrs. Groninger seconded a motion to provide a handicapped parking space for Henry Strothers at 56 Queen Street. Discussion ensued. It was noted that a handicapped parking space is located across the street at the Lewis Building and that this space is seldom used. The motion failed with a vote of 0-6.
3. Mr. Wolfe questioned if the Borough would be conducting the curbside yard waste recycling service this year. An article is being prepared to be published in the Daily Item with the dates and stipulations for the program. This information will also be posted on the Borough website.
4. Michelle Brummer of Gannett- Fleming informed the council that a resolution is required to adopt the comprehensive plan. She will send it to the Borough Secretary for adoption at the meeting in July.
5. Mr. Carl requested that council visit Liberty Splashland at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
July 7, 2009

President Bryan M. Wolfe called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Darvin Straub, Frank Wetzel, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer, Timothy Fink, Police Chief; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Robert Long and Jonathan Rees were absent.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius reported that the monthly police report has been provided by Chief Fink. This is in a different format than previous reports and it is also being sent to the Daily Item. Mrs. Groninger noted that Borough Police have assisted other agencies 42 times throughout the month, more than once a day. Chief Fink responded that most of the assist calls are in Point Township. Mr. Straub stated that he has seen Sunbury police assisting in the Borough on Duke Street. Mrs. Groninger also told the council that she feels that the security checks that the police conduct at businesses are positive activities. The officer who conducts the check leaves a card that informs the business owner that a security check was completed and the time of the check.

Mayor Brosius informed the council that Dominic Picerno, a senior at Bloomsburg University, would like to intern with the police department for three weeks at no cost the Borough. Mrs. Groninger made a motion, and Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion, to approve the request. Council voted unanimously to approve.

Chief Fink noted that the police patrolled the park during Pineknottter Days and things went smoothly. Mayor Brosius thanked all who volunteered during the festivities. Next year, the week of Pineknottter Days begins on Monday, July 5th with the craft show planned for that day. She also questioned if the police would hold the Soapbox Race on July 3rd. Chief Fink replied that he thinks it will be held on that date. Mrs. Groninger recommended that the list of the core group of volunteers for Pineknottter Days be recognized in the next Borough newsletter and commended them for their work.

Mayor Brosius announced that Lemonade Day will be held on August 1st at the 2nd Street Community Center and the Corn Festival will be held on August 8th at King Street Park.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Paul Ruane reported that two mortgage companies have cut grass at two of the abandoned properties. One property owner had been cited for code violations at her property. Since she has filed for bankruptcy, the case was dismissed. A lien had been placed on this property for payment to the Borough for installing the sidewalks. Mr. Tira advised that the lien remains on the property.

Mr. Ruane has sent a notice to a landlord for not having a rental license. If the property owner does not comply, he will be cited.

Mr. Straub stated that a tenant has told him that the property that he rents has a cellar wall that is collapsing. The basement also has termites. Mr. Ruane replied that he will be inspecting the property.

Mrs. Groninger asked questions of Mr. Tira about placing liens on properties. Mr. Tira stated that a percentage of the lien is included to cover costs. Mr. Tira does recommend that the Borough file liens when appropriate. Mrs. Groninger agreed, stating that she would like ordinances enforced and liens filed when appropriate. Mr. Tira will consult with the Mr. Ruane regarding other properties where problems persist.

Mr. Wetzel stated that a resident who had a handicapped space recently died. He requested that the office check if the space is still needed at this location.

Street Supervisor's Report

No report.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

Ms. Lark reported that the project is progressing and should be completed in August.

Emergency Services Board Report

Mr. Wetzel reported that Sam Wolfe, Dean Paul, Steve Cimino, and Hap Hullihen were present at the meeting last evening. Because the entire board was not present, they could not vote on the appointment of the Assistant Chief. The No. 1's have proposed Mike McPherson for the position. The Board plans to review the ordinance and make recommendations for amending it.

Fire Chief's Report

No report.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub stated that the committee would meet on July 28. Interviews have been conducted by the PCC for the crew leader.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe stated that the committee met in June and would begin the 2010 budget in September.

Personnel

Mrs. Groninger stated that the committee met in June and has been given an employee policy to consider.

Public Safety

No report.

Rules

Ms. Lark stated that the solicitor has reviewed the drug-free workplace policy. The committee will review his revisions and provide the council with the final copy. The committee will meet on July 21 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Groninger asked if the committee is still considering a cat ordinance. Ms. Lark replied that the committee realized that an ordinance would be difficult to enforce and that someone would have to be appointed to take care of the animals. Discussion ensued.

Streets

The curbing contractor will begin the curb replacement work on Sixth Street within the next two weeks.

A truck detour will be effective from July 10 to July 13 for construction at the intersection of Duke and Water streets. Car traffic will be reduced to one lane.

Old Business

1. Ms. Lark moved to adopt Resolution F-2009. This resolution sets the policy for a Junior Councilperson. The length of term was discussed. The resolution is for the term to run from September through May. A question was asked pertaining to confidential matters and if the Junior Councilperson would be permitted to be part of the meeting. Mr. Tira explained that the “executive session” referenced in the resolution includes personnel meetings, contract negotiations, etc. Any meeting that would not be open to the public would not be attended by the Junior Councilperson. Ms. Lark and Mr. Straub moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution F-2009. A questionnaire has been prepared for applicants to complete. An article announcing the addition of the Junior Council person was published in the summer newsletter. To date, no one has responded. Roll call vote: Mr. Straub, Mr. Wetzell and Ms. Lark voted aye; Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Groninger voted nay. Motion carried 3-2. The resolution is as follows:

Resolution F-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH'S JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Borough council seeks to educate and involve the youth of the Borough in their local government, and to reach out to involve possible future members of Council, to benefit both the youth and all residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Council Person Program as established and fostered by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), seeks to encourage Boroughs to have high school age Borough residents participate in the workings of their local government by appointing Junior council Person(s); and

WHEREAS, Borough Council intends to seek assistance from High School faculty members and guidance counselors to recommend prospective Junior Council candidates to Council, and Council plans to select a student to serve as Junior Council Member during the school year; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to extend to the youth of Northumberland Borough a voice in the operation of this Borough and this council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Northumberland hereby creates the position of "Junior Council Person".
- 2) The term of office shall be during the school year, from September through May.
- 3) Candidates for the office shall submit a written application to Borough Council with a one-page cover letter highlighting the applicant's interest in the position. After considering all submissions, Borough Council shall appoint a student at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- 4) The Junior Council Person shall be a resident of Northumberland Borough and a student in his/her junior or senior year of high school.
- 5) The Junior Council Person shall be sworn in upon appointment and take an "oath of office".
- 6) The Junior Council Person shall not receive compensation.
- 7) The Junior Council Person shall be permitted to attend all meetings of Council and all committee meetings and shall be permitted to participate fully in those proceedings, except that he/she shall not be afforded the right to vote and shall not be permitted to attend executive sessions.

ADOPTED this 7th day of July, 2009.

Northumberland Borough Council

(Bryan M. Wolfe), President

ATTEST:

(Janice R. Bowman), Borough Secretary

2. Mr. Wolfe moved to approve Resolution G-2009. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. This resolution formally adopts the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. G-2009

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGH,
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGH-POINT TOWNSHIP
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND JOINT PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, The Northumberland Borough Planning Commission (the Planning Commission) serves as the official planning agency for Northumberland Borough (Borough); and

WHEREAS, Section 301.4 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) requires that municipal plans be generally consistent with the adopted county comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council and the Planning Commission joined with Point Township to organize a planning advisory committee to oversee the preparation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan and conduct a public involvement process by holding community workshops to gain insights on existing conditions and issues under their purview, and to facilitate the development of goals, policies and action strategies to achieve the joint planning area's vision for the future; and

WHEREAS, the socioeconomic and housing data, transportation and land use patterns, cultural and environmental resources, and community facilities and services were analyzed to create the framework for the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Comprehensive Plan is a guide to future growth, development, land use, and community character; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has conducted a public meeting pursuant to Section 302 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission distributed copies of the draft Joint Comprehensive Plan to adjacent municipalities, the Shikellamy School District, and to the Northumberland County Planning Commission for review and comment, and has taken the comments of these entities into consideration in preparing the Joint Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Northumberland Borough, a borough, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Borough Council of Northumberland Borough recognizes the Northumberland Borough Planning Commission as the official planning commission for the Borough and that such agency promote public interest in, and understanding of, the Joint Comprehensive Plan and the planning profession; and
2. That the Joint Comprehensive Plan submitted by the Planning Commission is hereby adopted by the Borough Council of Northumberland Borough as the official Comprehensive Plan of Northumberland Borough, rescinding the Joint Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1985; and
3. That the Borough Council of Northumberland Borough will consider the community development goals and objectives presented in the Joint Comprehensive Plan when dealing with planning issues requiring action by the Council; and
4. That the Borough Council of Northumberland Borough strongly urges all Authorities, Boards, Commissions, in the Borough, as well as county and state agencies to review and consider the Joint Comprehensive Plan in their planning and decision-making processes; and
5. The Borough Manager shall distribute copies of this Resolution to the proper staff, Authorities and Boards in the Borough whose further action is necessary to achieve the purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF July 2009.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NORTHUMBERLAND
BOROUGH

(Bryan M. Wolfe), (Borough Council President)

ATTEST:

(Janice R. Bowman), (Borough Secretary)

3. Mr. Wolfe announced that the EPA will be holding an informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 13, 2009 at the Kiwanis Building. Questions pertaining to Pineknottter Park will be answered. The EPA's final site inspection report for Pineknottter Park determines that there is no threat to the health and safety of people using the park. In the summary of the inspection report, the EPA concluded that:
 - Soil, sediment and water samples show that the park does not pose a threat to public health.

- Samples indicate a prior release of volatile organic compounds in surface waters and sediment; however, concentrations found are below federally-established levels that could impact public health.
- Heavy metals and organic compounds were found in sediments and soils; however, the levels found pose no threat to public health.
- Arsenic concentrations are at concentrations below federal screening levels and do not pose a health threat.

The EPA report may be seen in its entirety at <http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/>.

The Daily Item and WKOK have been informed of the July 13th meeting. The EPA mailed information regarding the park and the public meeting to all Borough residents. Mrs. Groninger suggested that a copy of the EPA's meeting announcement and an invitation be sent to those people who we have been told are concerned about the park but do not live in the Borough and would not have been on the Borough resident mailing list that was provided to the EPA. Those people include Shawn Colescott, Mark Heintzelman, Judy Gulden, Harry and Linda Balliet, and Todd Snyder. Mrs. Groninger requested that a letter also be sent to Ty Sees because he is the only person who came to a council meeting and asked about the testing done at the park. It was also suggested that Al Trego be sent the information since the EPA will be returning in the fall to conduct additional testing because Mr. Trego has informed them that he knows where barrels have been buried in the park.

4. Council discussed the method to sell the present Municipal Building. Mr. Tira advised that the building must be sold by auction or by bid. The survey, required to obtain a legal description for the deed, should be completed soon. An appraisal has been obtained. On a motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Straub, council voted 4-1 to sell the Borough Building by sealed bid, using the appraised value of the building as the minimum acceptable amount. Mrs. Groninger cast the no vote.
5. Ms. Lark stated that Pineknott Park ballfield had been discussed at a past meeting. She asked if the lights are still being turned on to cut the grass. Mrs. Groninger replied that she spoke with Brian Luden. He has contacted the individual who was cutting the grass under the lights and has told him that it is not to be done. Mrs. Groninger also suggested that the police should patrol the park regularly. To date, no team has contributed toward the light bill. Another issue at the park is a problem with the garbage. Mr. Wolfe suggested that a letter be sent to the various teams reminding them that the lights should only be used for games and that the teams should be responsible for picking up the garbage after each game.

New Business

1. Ms. Lark moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 and June 16, 2009 council meetings. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.
2. Mrs. Groninger moved and Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion to approve payment of the bills. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Groninger recommended that the bill for the red paint for the curbing across from the fire company be assessed to the fire department budget. Mrs. Groninger questioned a bill for repair to the traffic signal. The call was made on a weekend when construction work was ongoing because the signal was not

functioning properly. The bill will be submitted to PennDOT along with the additional payroll costs due to police assisting with traffic control during the construction. Mr. Straub asked about the bill for \$790 for signs at the pool. Mr. Carl replied that the insurance company required that No Diving signs be fixed on the concrete around the pool. It also includes a sign for the billboard and for other signs at the pool. A \$1,500 bill received for the Rivertowns was questioned. Mrs. Groninger amended the motion to exclude this bill. Mr. Wetzel amended his second. Roll call vote to pay the bills – All ayes. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$33,984.65; bills to be paid from the Donations account are \$180.00; and Liberty Splashland bills total \$6,685.12.

3. Mr. Wolfe asked for names of a delegate and alternate to serve on the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Straub and Ms. Lark moved and seconded a motion to appoint Bill Roll as the delegate and Jonathan Rees as the alternate. Mr. Roll had agreed to serve if no one else volunteered. Mr. Rees had agreed to be an alternate. Council approved the appointments unanimously.
4. Mr. Wolfe asked if anyone wanted to entertain a motion in response to a letter from Frankie Strouse requesting a two-hour parking restriction in front of her business at 358 Orange Street. The business is in a residential area and has off-street parking. No motion was offered.
5. Evenlink has requested that the council provide a letter of support to be included in Evenlink's federal grant application for a project to bring highspeed technology, services, jobs and empowerment to rural and technologically underserved areas. Mr. Wolfe moved to send a letter of support. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Roll call vote was in 4-1 favor of the motion with Mrs. Groninger casting the no vote.
6. Mr. Greg Carl requested \$200 funding to replace the chains, repaint the swingset, and make other repairs to the playground equipment that is located behind the pool. Mrs. Groninger moved and Ms. Lark seconded the motion to use up to \$200 from the Parks and Recreation account for the repairs to the equipment. Roll call vote – All ayes.
7. Mr. Carl requested permission to begin seeking funds for the purchase of the bowl slide that was discussed at a council workshop. Mrs. Groninger and Mr. Wetzel moved and seconded the motion to approve the request. Council voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Straub moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
August 4, 2009

President Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Robert Long, Jonathan Rees, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

Eight visitors present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Ms. Julia Morana , a resident of Orange Street and co-chairman of the Friends of Shikellamy State Park told the council that she is here to support SEDA-Cog's proposal for the Revitalizing RiverTowns project.

Mrs. Groninger left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Siri Dock, a resident of Orange Street, stated that she is here about the lack of the progress on Sixth Street. Ms. Dock stated that the storm drains were placed in the area the end of April and questioned why Tom Slodysko is doing the work himself and the borough is not hiring a contractor to replace the storm lines. She noted that if the residents did not have off-street parking, they would have to park a distance away from their homes. She is also concerned about the danger of the work if it is not completed before school begins. Another neighbor stated that their concern is that the work needs to be completed.

Mr. Slodysko explained that when he was doing the storm basin at the corner of Sixth and Orange Street, he considered the future plan for Sixth Street. This required additional work. The lack of a map of the underground pipes has also delayed the work since old pipes were discovered when the trench was dug. Additional exploration was required to determine if they were connected to other drains. Another problem arose when a pipe had been replaced and the excavation was covered with a steel plate. The water from a heavy storm during the night lifted the stormwater pipe and broke a waterline. The water company repaired the pipe with Mr. Slodysko helping to excavate. Mr. Slodysko stated that the sidewalk and curbing work is almost complete. This work was contracted out. This year Sixth Street will be paved from above Orange Street to King Street and from Vista Avenue to just below Prince Street. Eastern Industries will be paving the street. Mr. Slodysko plans to discuss the next step to replace the pipe above Orange Street to Wallace Street with the Street Committee. Mr. Rees explained that whenever the Borough paves

the street, the installation of handicapped sidewalks and curbing is required. In order to pave more streets, Mr. Slodysko had agreed to install the storm lines, saving the Borough money. Mr. Rees added that Sixth Street, between Orange and Prince, is scheduled to be paved in 2010. Mrs. Dock stated that she had questioned why handicapped curbs hadn't been installed at the Pines Apartments when the apartments were built.

Ms. Lark asked if a pre-construction meeting will be held before Sixth Street is paved. Mr. Slodysko stated that one is not scheduled, but the sewer manholes will be raised 1.5 inches.

Mr. Robert Kratzer questioned why some sidewalks have not been repaired. The Borough Secretary explained that code officer sent notices to all property owners whose sidewalks did not conform to code. All but three property owners complied; the Borough hired a contractor to repair the sidewalks at these three locations and sent the bills to the property owners. One property owner paid the bill. The other two did not, so liens were filed on the properties. Mr. Kratzer was told that if he notices any sidewalks that should be repaired, he should provide the office with the property addresses. The ordinance is still in force and the code officer will send notices to the property owner if his sidewalk is not up to code.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius noted that the police intern will be leaving this week. She said that the intern and Chief Fink visited with the children occupying the 2nd Street Community Center building a few weeks ago and that they received thank you notes from the children which were shared with the council. Concern, the group renting the rooms, also sent a thank-you note to the police for speaking to the children.

New meter heads and parts have been ordered to replace those that have been vandalized and to repair old parts.

The Crime Watch Committee will meet on August 7th at the 7:00 p.m. at the Savoy. A speaker is scheduled.

Kids Krafty Korner had an average of eighteen participants each Wednesday and was enjoyed by all. Mayor Brosius thanked the pool employees who helped with the program and well as Tyler Hassinger who led the games with the children. Mayor Brosius noted that the Joseph J. Anselmo Community Trust provided funding for the program and thanked the Borough for the use of the Girl Scout Little House.

Mayor Brosius thanked Bob and Noelle Long for organizing Lemonade Day again this year. She also thanked the many volunteers, and the council for its support, the Northumberland/ Point Township Revitalization Committee, the Joseph J. Anselmo Community Trust, and Bob and Noelle's family.

The Corn Festival will be held on Saturday, August 8th from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Food, music, and the dunk tank are planned for the festivities.

Mayor Brosius thanked Steven and Anna Reeves for painting a rusted box behind the backstop at the CW Rice tennis courts. She noted that although this is not Borough property, they have improved an eye sore.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Slodysko explained additional charges are expected for the sidewalk contract. During the course of the sidewalk replacement project, the contractor discovered that additional sidewalks had to be replaced because the slope was too great and did not conform to state requirements.

Curb painting is progressing. The "school zone" decals will be installed soon. Mayor Brosius asked about the placement of the "school zone" signs. Mr. Slodysko explained that the signs were placed according to PennDOT's instructions.

Mr. Slodysko stated that the council should consider abandoning the unopened Fifth Street extension at Lincoln Street. There are several large trees on the property that should be removed. This portion of unopened Fifth Street is adjacent to private property on three sides.

Mr. Slodysko informed the council about an issue with the large corrugated metal storm pipe located above the pool and runs to Prince Street. The ground is collapsing around the pipe. Three holes and the headwall have been repaired. Mr. Slodysko is obtaining prices for an aluminum pipe. A location below Priestley Avenue also has a pipe that is collapsing. Mr. Slodysko stated that the Borough is trying to determine who is responsible for this pipe because it does not appear that the Borough has a right-of-way on the property and no one currently working for the Borough knows of the Borough having installed this pipe.

New stop signs have been installed throughout the Borough to replace faded ones.

The new fence was installed at the pool and the crew removed the old fencing.

The road construction has begun on Duke Street. PennDOT is going to replace a storm box cover at Third and Duke Streets.

Demolition work is being done at the 2nd Street Community Center to remove walls in the newer wing.

The contractor and architect are reviewing the repairs to the King Street Park Gazebo. Mr. Slodysko stated that the supports for the top of the posts are not adequate. The contractor has complied with the original plans. Lighting for the gazebo was discussed. Mr. Slodysko will install the lights.

The waterfall at the pond has been turned off because water is leaking behind the waterfall or near it. Mr. Slodysko will make the repairs.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

Ms. Lark reported that the project is ongoing and will hopefully be completed soon.

Emergency Services Board Report – No report.

Fire Chief's Report – No report.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mayor Brosius stated that the beam has been installed at the 2nd Street Community Center multi-purpose room. The Vo-Tech students will be renovating this room during the school year.

The Pennsylvania Conservation Corps will be renovating other areas of the building. Interviews have been conducted for the crew leader. He will hire the crew members. The impasse on the state budget has delayed the hiring.

Mayor Brosius noted that the committee would meet the fourth Tuesday of August. She would like to discuss some issues concerning the playground and urged attendance at this meeting.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe announced that the Finance Committee meetings are rescheduled from Thursdays to Wednesdays, September 16, October 21, November 18, at 6:00 p.m. The committee will not meet in August. Department budget requests are to be presented at the September meeting. Letters and copies of the 2009 budget will be sent to each department.

Mr. Long and Ms. Lark moved and seconded a motion to approve the contributions to the Riverview Cemetery Board, the Shade Tree Account, the Northumberland/ Point Township Revitalization, and the Penn Valley Airport Authority. These contributions are included in the 2009 budget. Roll call vote to approve the donations was unanimous.

Personnel

Mr. Wolfe said that the committee met today to discuss personnel issues.

Public Safety

Mayor Brosius noted that the Emergency Services Board met last evening. They could not vote to approve an assistant fire chief since not all members were present as required by the Borough Code.

Mr. Wolfe discussed a letter that was received from Michael Reedy, concerned about the inability of the Emergency Services Board to be impartial in dealing with matters that come before the board. Mr. Wolfe also noted that it has been several months since all members were present at the meeting.

Rules

Ms. Lark stated that the cat ordinance is at an impasse. Mayor Brosius stated that many stray cats are in the hollow above Prince Street, behind Fifth Street. One resident adopted a cat and took it to the veterinarian. The veterinarian told her that the cat had feline aids and euthanized the animal. He also told the resident that the other cats in this area probably also have feline aids. Mr. Tira recommended that Cindy Crozier with PA Pets be contacted for information.

Ms. Lark noted that the drug and alcohol policy is ready. Council members will be provided with copies before the next meeting.

Streets

Mr. Rees stated that the committee would not meet this month.

Old Business

1. Mr. Tira reported that the survey for the building is completed. Legally, everything is lined up for the sale of the Borough Building. It is now a matter of advertising and setting the date for the bids to be due.
2. Discovering River Towns project – Allison Stevenson
Ms. Stevenson addressed the council about the Project Proposal Summary for the Discovering River Towns Phase II, requesting that the council contribute \$1,350 toward this phase. SEDA-COG is applying for federal funding through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and state funding through DCED toward the total budget of \$100,000. The local match of \$27,000 is being requested from ten communities. If monetary support is not possible, she requested that the council submit a letter of support. Ms. Stevenson explained that workshops and a River Towns Conference are planned as part of Phase II which is projected to begin in the Summer-Fall of 2010.

Ms. Lark moved to provide a letter of support and to review the contribution request at the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Mayor Brosius asked if this project is connected to another study that is being done through SEDA-COG. She referred to an initiative to have the Lake Augusta Gateway Project included in the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative. Ms. Stevenson replied that this study is a separate one.

3. Mr. Greg Carl requested that the council approve the purchase of a bowl slide for Liberty Splashland. A down payment of \$10,000 is required at this time. He asked that \$4,000 be paid from the Parks and Recreation account and an additional \$6,000 from the General Fund be approved for the down payment. This money will be replaced as soon as donations are received. Mr. Carl has estimated that an additional \$60,000 will be required to construct the platform and small pool for the slide. Mr. Carl noted that this is a refurbished slide. A new one would cost approximately \$400,000 installed. He is requesting the approval at this time because another party is interested in purchasing the slide if the Borough does not purchase it now. He stated that the feasibility study that was completed several years ago concluded that if two new attractions were added to the facility, there would be an increase in attendance. A question arose as to whether Point Township contributes toward the operation of the pool. The township has contributed \$1,500 to the pool in 2008 and 2009.

Mr. Wolfe moved to authorize entering into the contract of \$41,000 for the bowl slide and to approve using \$4,000 from the Parks and Recreation account and \$6,000 from the General Fund for the down payment, to be reimbursed from

donations. The motion included earmarking up to \$31,000 from the Gerry Mertz estate as a last resort if the balance for the slide is due prior to other fund availability. If the balance is due before the estate is settled or additional funding is obtained, the money is to be paid from the General Fund. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The roll call vote was tabled until the solicitor could speak with the owner of the company regarding the contract.

4. A request was received from Mr. Henry Strothers, requesting that the handicapped parking space on the lower side of Queen Street be moved to 56 Queen Street.

Mr. Wolfe moved to relocate the handicapped parking space from one side of Queen Street to the other. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all nays. The handicapped parking space is currently in front of the Lewis Building. Mayor Brosius suggested that the manager at the Lewis Building be contacted to see if the handicapped parking space is used by the tenants.

New Business

1. Mr. Wolfe moved, and Ms. Lark seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 council meeting. The motion was tabled because there was not a quorum present who were in attendance at the July 7th meeting.
2. Mr. Long moved to approve payment of the bills. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – All ayes. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total ; Liberty Splashland bills total ; 2nd Street Community Center bills total \$9,616.00; and bills to be paid from the Parking Meter Account total \$864.00.
3. On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Lark, council unanimously approved to transfer \$5,998.59 from the Parks & Recreation Account to Liberty Splashland. This money is to be used toward the purchase of the fence.
4. Brian Luden made a request through the Borough Secretary to approve hiring two college students to assist with removing the old roof from the dugouts at Pineknotted Park. Mr. Tira recommended that if the Borough is paying for the work to be done, casual employees be hired to do the work.

Ms. Lark and Mr. Rees moved to hire two capable temporary workers to assist with the renovations, providing they are supervised. Discussion ensued. The council questioned whether some adults who play ball at Pineknotted Park could volunteer to assist with the repairs. The motion was withdrawn.

5. Mr. Ken Lewis has obtained grant funding to install fencing along the first baseline at the Pineknotted Park field. Mr. Rees moved to approve installing the fence; Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Mr. Rees and Ms. Lark voted aye; Mr. Long and Mr. Wolfe voted nay. Mayor Brosius broke the tie with an affirmative vote. Motion passed 3-2.
6. Mr. Tira provided council with information about the bowl slide. He spoke with the representative of the company and learned that \$10,000 deposit is required now. Another \$10,000 would be required by the end of September. He explained that

the council would authorize to enter into contract. Mr. Wolfe stated that the motion he made earlier in the meeting stands. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Additional Old Business

1. Ms. Lark asked if Mr. Deitrick who owns a vacant lot on Queen Street has received a letter about the high weeds on the property. The code officer was not present, but it is believed that a letter was sent. Mr. Tira advised that if the weeds are not mowed, the Borough could have the work done and bill the property owner.
2. Mr. Slodysko suggested that a chain system be utilized at Pineknott Park to limit the access to the Sea Scout dock. He added that the amount of garbage in the area has increased. He was told that the area could be posted so the police could cite trespassers.

Mr. Rees moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
September 1, 2009

President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Robert Long, Darvin Straub, Frank Wetzel and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius, Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Timothy Fink, Chief of Police; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary

The eight visitors present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Mr. Adam Klock informed the council that he would like to remove a tree from the front of his property. The tree hangs across King Street so he is requesting permission to close the street for two to four hours on Saturday while the tree is being removed. The Northumberland Fire Police agreed to provide the barricades. Mr. Wolfe moved to close King Street from 2nd Street to Church Avenue on September 5th from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Jon Apple voiced the appreciation of the Northumberland Fire Police to the council for allowing them to use the building on Route 11 at Pineknott Park. He presented a plaque to Mr. Wolfe with the following engraving, "Presented to the Northumberland Borough Council in recognition for your continuous support to the Northumberland Fire Police 2009".

Taylor Carl presented Mayor Brosius with a \$100 donation for the bowl slide at Liberty Splashland. Mayor Brosius noted that Taylor was one of her former students. She thanked him for the generous donation.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius noted that Officer Hennessey anticipates returning to work this week after being off duty due to an injury sustained while responding to an emergency during the last storm that shut off electrical power to part of the Borough.

Chief Fink's July and August police reports have been presented to the council.

Negotiations for the new police contract have begun.

Mayor Brosius voiced her appreciation for the students from Susquehanna University who volunteered their services by working at Liberty Splashland, 2nd Street Community Center, and the King Street pond area. She has sent a letter of thanks to the group.

Mayor Brosius announced that Amanda Naugle, Alison Reigle, Amanda Graybill and Whitney Troutman, members of Northumberland Girl Scout Troop #405, recently completed the requirements for achieving the Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest rank. A Certificate of Achievement and letter of congratulation has been sent to each girl, recognizing her, her parents, and the scout leaders.

Mayor Brosius thanked all volunteers for making the Corn Festival a great success. She thanked the musicians for donating their time and Bill and Molly Geise for donating the corn.

Mayor Brosius reminded those present that the upcoming Remembrance Ceremony of 9/11 would be held at 7:00 p.m. in the King Street Park.

Emergency Services Board Report

On behalf of the Northumberland Hook and Ladder Company, Mr. Jim Troup requested that the Borough Council officially recognize the Junior Firefighting program as an approved activity of the Northumberland Fire Department. The Emergency Services Board was approached for its approval and the members recommended that the council approve the program first.

Mr. Wetzel moved to recognize the Junior Firefighting program as an activity of the Northumberland Fire Department. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Mr. Wolfe asked if the Emergency Services Board has approved an Assistant Fire Chief. Mr. Troup responded that the Board would like the ordinance to be revised with more details regarding qualifications for the position. Mr. Wolfe asked if all board members have been present for the meetings. Mr. Troup responded that one of the council appointed representatives had not been present.

The Emergency Services Board is reviewing the current ordinance and will make recommendations to the Rules Committee for revisions. Mr. Wolfe noted that the council has been waiting some time for these changes. Currently there is no assistant chief. Mr. Troup stated that his term ends next year.

Fire Chief's Report

Mr. Troup reported that the department had 12 calls for the month of July.

Mr. Troup asked if the boat docks belong to the Borough or the State. The docks belong to the Borough. He asked permission to install donated fire hose on the sides of the dock. Mr. Straub said that the docks would be stored at the Recycling Center once they are taken out of the river and Mr. Troup would be able to work on them there.

Code Officer's Report

Mayor Brosius reported that the Code Enforcement Officer has provided a written report to the council.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub received a report from the group that rented the Community Center this summer. They enjoyed the playground and the building's proximity to the library and the

pool. Several comments were made about the limited restroom facilities, the cleanliness of the restroom, and the access to supplies. Mr. Straub suggested that the multi-purpose room could be used in the future if this group is interested in renting it. He also suggested that the council consider putting a divider in the multi-purpose room so two groups would be able to rent this space.

Mr. Straub stated that the committee has discussed the sale of the current Borough Building. The committee is requesting that council advertise for sealed bids with the bid opening on October 19 and the closing by December 21. Mr. Straub so moved. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Mr. Wolfe stated that no group has taken an official leadership role for the Pineknott Park ballfield. Discussion ensued. A recommendation was made to invite the coaches from all the teams to attend a Community Development Committee meeting. Mr. Long recommended that a set of guidelines be drawn up for all teams that use the field. It was suggested that a timer be put on the lights since some of the teams are not contributing to the light bill as requested. Coaches will be invited to Community Development Committee meeting on September 29th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wetzel noted that the Sea Scout dock area poses problems with garbage, graffiti, etc.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe announced that the committee will meet on September 15th to discuss departmental budgets.

New computers were purchased for the police department. The computers and installation will cost between \$3,500 and \$5,000.

Personnel

Mrs. Groninger stated that a grievance was received from the Teamsters and would be discussed in the Executive Session.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel stated that the Crime Watch Committee would meet on Thursday. Last month a presentation was given by an employee from the 9-1-1 center about drugs and gangs in the area. Since only five people were present, the program will be presented again at the October 1st meeting. Mr. Wetzel stated that he will publicize the meeting.

Rules

Ms. Lark moved to accept the following Drug-Free Policy. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Borough of Northumberland Drug-Free Workplace Policy

Purpose and Goal

The Borough of Northumberland is committed to protecting the safety, health and well being of all employees and other individuals in our workplace. We recognize that alcohol abuse and drug use pose a significant threat to our goals. We have established a drug-free workplace program that balances our respect for individuals with the need to maintain an alcohol and drug-free environment.

- This organization encourages employees to voluntarily seek help with drug and alcohol problems.

Covered Workers

Any individual who conducts business for the organization, is applying for a position or is conducting business on the organization's property is covered by our drug-free workplace policy. Our policy includes, but is not limited to managers, supervisors, full-time employees, part-time employees, and temporary employees.

Applicability

Our drug-free workplace policy is intended to apply whenever anyone is representing or conducting business for the organization. Therefore, this policy applies during all working hours, whenever conducting business or representing the organization, while on call, paid standby, while on organization property and at company-sponsored events.

Prohibited Behavior

It is a violation of our drug-free workplace policy to use, possess, sell, trade, and/or offer for sale alcohol, illegal drugs or intoxicants at the workplace or while working and/or representing the Borough of Northumberland. It is a violation of our drug-free workplace policy to at any time use, possess, sell, trade, and/or offer for sale illegal drugs or intoxicants. It is a violation of our drug-free workplace policy to fail or refuse to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test.

Notification of Convictions

Any employee who is convicted of a criminal drug violation or alcohol related offense must notify the Borough in writing within five calendar days of the conviction. The organization will take appropriate action within 30 days of notification. Federal contracting agencies will be notified when appropriate.

Searches

Entering the organization's property constitutes consent to searches and inspections. If an individual is suspected of violating the drug-free workplace policy, he or she may be asked to submit to a search or inspection at any time. Searches can be conducted of pockets and clothing, lockers, wallets, purses, briefcases and lunchboxes, desks and work stations and vehicles and equipment brought onto the work place or property of the Borough.

Drug Testing

To ensure the accuracy and fairness of our testing program, all testing will be conducted according to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) guidelines where applicable and will include a screening test; a confirmation test; the opportunity for a split sample; review by a Medical Review Officer, including the opportunity for employees who test positive to provide a legitimate medical explanation, such as a physician's prescription, for the positive result; and a documented chain of custody.

All drug-testing information will be maintained in separate confidential records.

Each employee, as a condition of employment, will be required to participate in pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty and follow-up testing upon selection or request of management.

The substances that may be tested for are: Amphetamines, Cannabinoids (THC), Cocaine, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP), Alcohol, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methaqualone, Methadone and Propoxyphene.

Testing for the presence of alcohol will be conducted by analysis of breath, urine and/or blood. Testing for the presence of the metabolites of drugs will be conducted by the analysis of urine and/or blood.

Any employee who tests positive will be subject to discipline, including discharge. An employee who self-reports a substance abuse prior to being selected for testing will be referred to a substance abuse professional for assessment and recommendations, required to successfully complete recommended rehabilitation including continuing care, required to pass a Return-to-Duty test and sign a Return-to-Work Agreement and subject to ongoing, unannounced, follow-up testing for a period of five years.

An employee will be subject to the same consequences of a positive test if he/she refuses the screening or the test, adulterates or dilutes the specimen, substitutes the specimen with that from another person or sends an imposter, will not sign the required forms or refuses to cooperate in the testing process in such a way that prevents completion of the test.

Consequences

One of the goals of our drug-free workplace program is to encourage employees to voluntarily seek help with alcohol and/or drug problems. If, however, an individual violates the policy, the consequences are serious.

In the case of applicants, if he or she violates the drug-free workplace policy, the offer of employment can be withdrawn. The applicant may reapply after one year and must successfully pass a pre-employment drug test.

If an employee violates the policy, he or she will be subject to disciplinary action and may be required to enter rehabilitation. An employee required to enter rehabilitation who fails to successfully complete it and/or repeatedly violates the policy will be terminated from employment.

Nothing in this policy prohibits the employee from being disciplined or discharged for other violations and/or performance problems.

Return-to-Work Agreements

Following a violation of the drug-free workplace policy, an employee may be offered an opportunity to participate in rehabilitation. In such cases, the employee must sign and abide by the terms set forth in a Return-to-Work Agreement as a condition of continued employment.

Assistance

The Borough of Northumberland recognizes that alcohol and drug abuse and addiction are treatable illnesses. We also realize that early intervention and support improve the success of rehabilitation. To support our employees, our drug-free workplace policy:

- Encourages employees to seek help if they are concerned that they or their family members may have a drug and/or alcohol problem.
- Encourages employees to utilize the services of qualified professionals in the community to assess the seriousness of suspected drug or alcohol problems and identify appropriate sources of help.
- Allows the use of accrued paid leave while seeking treatment for alcohol and other drug problems.
- Ensures the availability of a current list of qualified community professionals.

Treatment for alcoholism and/or other drug use disorders may be covered by the employee benefit plan. However, the ultimate financial responsibility for recommended treatment belongs to the employee.

Confidentiality

All information received by the organization through the drug-free workplace program is confidential communication. Access to this information is limited to those who have a legitimate need to know in compliance with relevant laws and management policies.

Shared Responsibility

A safe and productive drug-free workplace is achieved through cooperation and shared responsibility. Both employees and management have important roles to play.

All employees are required to not report to work or be subject to duty while their ability to perform job duties is impaired due to on- or off-duty use of alcohol or other drugs.

In addition, employees are encouraged to:

- Be concerned about working in a safe environment.
- Support fellow workers in seeking help.
- Report dangerous behavior to their supervisor.

It is the supervisor's responsibility to:

- Inform employees of the drug-free workplace policy.
- Observe employee performance.
- Investigate reports of dangerous practices.
- Document negative changes and problems in performance.
- Counsel employees as to expected performance improvement.
- Clearly state consequences of policy violations.

Communication

Communicating our drug-free workplace policy to both supervisors and employees is critical to our success. To ensure all employees are aware of their role in supporting our drug-free workplace program:

- All employees will receive a written copy of the policy.
- Posters and brochures will be available at all locations.

Another topic the Rules Committee has been discussing is the cat issue. Ms. Lark informed the council that the committee is looking into other means to deal with wild cats in the Borough. Mr. Straub explained that if an animal ordinance were adopted, the Borough would have to provide a facility to house stray animals for 48 hours. PA Pets has been contacted as one source of information.

Streets

Ms. Lark asked if a walk-through is scheduled for the Duke Street paving project. She requested that the drain covers be checked. The code officer and Street Supervisor will be asked to check into it. Sixth Street is to be paved tomorrow.

Mr. Wetzel noted that someone came to him about the pipe/culvert under Queen Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets. He requested that it be checked.

Mr. Troup stated that Empress Tree Lane has no curbing. He said that the Borough accepted the road without requiring the developer to install curbs. Now the water runs into his yard and is also eroding the road. Discussion ensued.

Old Business

1. Mr. Tira spoke with Eugene Brosius about the Riverview Cemetery Board's request to abandon a portion of unopened Seventh Street. Mr. Brosius is preparing a petition to be presented to council.
2. Mrs. Groninger noted that there were eight burglaries in the Borough in August and four in July. Mrs. Groninger stated that she has been approached by residents who are unaware of burglaries occurring in the Borough. She asked that information from the police report be submitted to the Daily Item. Mayor Brosius stated that Chief Fink has submitted information to the Item and the information is not published. Chief Fink said that the police calls about suspicious behavior have increased since the Crime Watch Committee has been developed. Mrs. Groninger said that she appreciates the police conducting security checks at businesses in the Borough. When a security check is done, the officer leaves a card at the property, informing the business owner that the property was checked.
3. Mr. Troup asked about piles of equipment that is stacked at the Norry Christian School. Mayor Brosius responded that it is playground equipment that is to be installed at the school.

New Business

1. Ms. Lark moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 council meeting. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Groninger, Ms. Lark, and Mr. Straub voted aye; Mr. Wetzel and Mr. Long abstained because they were absent. Motion passed 4-0-2.
2. Ms. Lark moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2009 council meeting. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Wolfe, Ms. Lark, Mr. Long voted aye; Mrs. Groninger, Mr. Straub, and Mr. Wetzel abstained because they were absent. Motion passed 3-0-3.
3. Mr. Long moved to pay the bills; Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$50,464; bills to be paid from the Parking Meter fund total \$1517.65; and Liberty Splashland bills total \$3,862.09.
4. The 2010 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Northumberland Borough and the Northumberland Borough Police pension plans were provided to the council as governed by Act 205 of 1984. The MMO for the municipal non-uniform plan is \$4,831 and the MMO for the police pension plan is \$50,076. These amounts are due to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System by December 31, 2010.
5. Mrs. Groninger asked if an ordinance exists that prohibits people from walking, running, etc. in the streets. She added that it is difficult to see some people when they are in the street, especially at dusk. Others agreed that this is a safety issue. Mr. Wolfe suggested

that an article be written for the newsletter. Mr. Tira responded that an ordinance is not required since the issue could be addressed under the vehicle code.

6. Mr. Straub noted that the Borough received grant funding in the amount of \$2,183, for the Act 101 Recycling Grant. This is a performance grant, based on the amount of recyclables collected in the Borough in 2007. This is \$1,373 more than the amount received last year.
7. Mr. Long made a motion to hire Gary Wolfe to draw up plans for the police department at the 2nd Street building. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. The 2009 budget includes funding toward renovations at the building. Roll call vote – All ayes.
8. Mayor Brosius received an email about truck traffic on Front Street below King Street. Signs are posted which prohibit truck travel in this area except for local deliveries. The police are aware of the problem and will be watching for violators.
9. Mayor Brosius received an email about a property on Priestley Avenue. A hole has appeared in the yard at a storm pipe that runs through the property. PPL has been contacted but has no information. No information can be found on a right-of-way for the Borough or information on when the pipe was installed and who installed it.
10. Newsletter articles are due September 25th.

Mr. Wolfe announced that the council would meet in Executive Session after the conclusion of the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Long moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
October 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan M. Wolfe at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Jonathan Rees, Darwin Straub, Frank Wetzel, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Timothy Fink, Police Chief; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council member Robert Long was absent.

The six visitors present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

- Mr. Adam Klock stated that he received a letter from Greg Carl requesting a donation for a water slide for Liberty Splashland. He questioned the logic to approve funding for this project and questioned if this is still the council's stance. Mr. Wolfe replied that council approved the purchase because this is the only piece of equipment of its kind available. It is a used slide that would have been sold to another party if the council had not approved the purchase. The company will refurbish the slide. The council's approval included the stipulation that the donations for the water slide project would reimburse the general fund. Mayor Brosius added that the Borough will be receiving a bequest to be used for recreational purposes from a former resident. While the entire project is estimated to cost \$100,000, the price of the slide is \$40,000. Mayor Brosius stated that if enough funding is not received in donations, the slide could be sold.
- Mr. Joel Mitchell, a project manager from the Pennsylvania American Water Company, explained that last September a water main break occurred in a line that runs under the Susquehanna River. The company has a current right-of-way, but requires a new right-of-way, parallel to the present one, about five to ten feet away. He requested that the council approve a right-of-way. The solicitor has reviewed the paperwork. Mrs. Groninger moved to approve the right-of-way, Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.
- Megan Will from the Clinical Outcomes Group requested permission to hold a 5K Run on October 17th. Mr. Rees and Mr. Straub moved and seconded a motion to approve the request. Roll call vote – All ayes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius commended the Borough's police department and the surrounding area police departments for apprehending the burglary ring that operated in the area. She informed the council that the monthly police report is available. The gun qualifying by the officers has been ongoing.

Mrs. Groninger questioned a charge for a replacement taser. Chief Fink explained that two tasers were purchased with a grant. One taser is not working properly and the company has agreed to replace it for \$550. Chief Fink said that the department has had to use the tasers.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in King Street Park.

Mayor Brosius thanked the Revitalization Committee for their work to beautify the town. She also thanked Gene Brosius for his continuing work to improve the area at the railroad underpass.

Susquehanna University sent a thank you to the council for helping to make SU Give a success.

The Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library has sent a thank you note for permitting them to hold a used book sale in the 2nd Street Community Center.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Paul Ruane reported that the rental inspections are proceeding well. He noted that one property was condemned because it was infested with cockroaches. The tenants have been evicted and the property is being cleaned up.

Mr. Ruane reported on the improvements to the properties on King Street owned by Mark Walberg. The log house that was moved from another location is being erected on one of the lots. He has also installed new sidewalks at the property on Front and King Streets.

Mr. Ruane noted that the code office is working to locate rental properties and noted that one landlord who has four rental units was only paying for three sewer hook-ups.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Tom Slodysko reported that the crew would be picking up leaves in a few weeks, once more leaves have come down. Leaf pickup will continue until the first week of December.

The street sweeper should be repaired by next week.

The school signs that were ordered cost more than anticipated so fewer street name signs are being replaced this year. Discussion about the method of determining which signs are to be replaced was held.

Council discussed excavation in various streets by utility companies.

The crack sealer is being used to repair streets that can be saved. Approximately two blocks of crack sealing can be completed in a day.

Paving has been completed. A portion of Sixth Street between Wheatley Avenue and Orange Street was paved in the rain. Eastern Industries has stated that they will guarantee the work.

Ms. Lark asked how the council would like the Sewer Authority to bring their manholes up to grade when the streets are paved. PennDOT requires that the manhole is brought up to grade after the street is paved. Mr. Slodysko stated that this is the method that he prefers. Ms. Lark stated that in the future, when the Borough paves, the specifications to replace the manholes could be included in the bid or the Sewer Authority would contract after the paving to have the work done by the contractor.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

Ms. Lark asked if a motion is required to determine if this method is approved by council. Mr. Tira advised that a motion is not required. This method follows PennDOT specifications.

Ms. Lark announced that DEP has lifted the moratorium on sewer permits.

Emergency Services Board Report

Mr. Steve Cimino informed the council that the Board does not currently have a chairperson. The Board voted to approve the Junior Firefighter program. Mr. Cimino requested that a letter be sent to the insurance company informing them of this program.

Fire Chief's Report

Mr. Jim Troup gave a report on the activity of the fire department for the past month. He also reported that the fire department would be participating in Fire Safety next week. They will present programs at the Priestley School and Northumberland Christian School. They will also hold a fire drill at the Lewis Building.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub reported that the committee met with the coaches of the teams that play at Pineknoller Park. The committee requested information about the money that the teams receive from passing the hat and from selling concessions. The committee also explained the approved use of the lights.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe reported that the committee met to discuss the 2010 budget. Representatives from the Library attended the committee meeting and requested that the Borough contribute \$2,500 this year because if the Borough reduces the funding from last year which was \$2,500, the state may reduce the library's state funding. He stated that the committee would discuss the addition of this funding for 2009 at the next Finance Committee meeting which will be held on October 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel

Upon motion by Mrs. Groninger, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, the council unanimously approved to advertise for Civil Service Testing for the Police Officers Civil Service List.

Upon motion by Mrs. Groninger, seconded by Ms. Lark, the council unanimously approved to accept the resignations from EMA director Herb Gottshall and Assistant Director Gary McNeir, with regret.

Upon motion by Mrs. Groninger, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the council unanimously approved to appoint Chris Boyer as EMA director and Larry Redington as Assistant EMA Director.

Upon motion by Mrs. Groninger, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, the council unanimously approved to accept the resignation, with regret, from Herb Gottshall as a member of the Fire Police.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel reported that a Crime Watch meeting was held at the Savoy last Thursday. Noel Jones and Sunbury Police Chief Steve Mazzeo presented a program on drugs and gangs in the area. About sixty people attended the meeting. Mr. Wetzel added that one of the Borough police officers will be attending a seminar on crime watch programs and will be taking over the meetings. The next meeting will be on November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Savoy.

Mr. Klock requested that information about police calls be submitted to the Daily Item for publication. Discussion ensued. Chief Fink stated that he had been faxing information to the newspaper, but the information was not being published. It was suggested that the information be sent to the publisher. Mr. Wetzel stated that a reporter was to attend the Crime Watch meeting but he did not show up. There has not been a reporter in attendance at borough council meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Wetzel added that during the Crime Watch program, discussion took place about other municipalities, Selinsgrove and Berwick, with landlord ordinances that require that landlords be responsible for activities on their properties. The Borough code officers work with the police department and inform landlords of calls to their properties.

Mr. Troup asked who the Fire Police are to report to. Mayor Brosius stated that the information is in the Borough Code.

Rules - No report.

Streets - No report.

Old Business

1. Ms. Lark and Ms. Groninger moved and seconded a motion to ratify changing the bid opening date from October 19th to October 20th for the sale of the Borough Municipal Building. Roll call vote – All ayes.
2. The PCC grant applications for 2010-2011 are open. This grant provides \$15,000 for materials and employs a crew leader and five crew members. The current program which was to begin in July began in September and is funded with stimulus money.

The grant application is due in January. Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Ms. Lark, the council voted unanimously to move forward with the PCC grant application.

3. Mayor Brosius noted that the pavement in front of the Borough Building must be leveled.
4. Mr. Klock stated that at a prior meeting he had asked if there are plans for off-street parking at the 2nd Street building. The commercial building inspector was consulted and he advised that off-street parking is not required for the property. If the council would choose to create off-street parking, one van-accessible handicapped space is required at any location where an off-street parking is created.
5. Mr. Wolfe stated that the Northumberland County Assessment Bureau has set hearings for assessment appeals from Weis Markets and Resilite for October 15th. The two companies are requesting that their assessments be reduced. The county has invited the municipality and school district to participate in the hearing. Mr. Tira recommended that he and the Borough Secretary attend the hearing. The council concurred.

New Business

1. Ms. Lark moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009 council meeting. Ms. Groninger seconded the motion. Mr. Straub, Mr. Wetzel, Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Groninger and Ms. Lark voted to approve; Mr. Rees abstained because he did not attend the meeting.
2. Mrs. Groninger moved to approve the payment of the bills. Mr. Rees seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote – All ayes. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$103,569.71; Liquid Fuels bills total \$61,171.27; Liberty Splashland bills total \$21,768.98; and bills to be paid from the Parking Meter account total \$4.76.
3. Mrs. Groninger moved to transfer \$16,300 from the General Fund to the Liberty Splashland Account. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. This money will be reimbursed when donations are received. Mr. Straub, Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Groninger, Ms. Lark and Mr. Rees voted aye; Mr. Wetzel voted nay. Motion passed 5-1.
4. Ms. Lark moved to appoint Elizabeth Lockcuff to the Shade Tree Commission. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Roll call vote – All ayes.
5. Ms. Lark moved to designate October 31, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as Trick-or-Treat night in the Borough. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.
6. Mrs. Groninger stated that she checked on the pile of equipment that is at the Christian School property. She said that it is located next to the warehouse close to 6th Street and it is playground equipment. Mr. Troup replied that there is steel piping and ventilation and he feels that if other property owners are asked to clean up their

properties, this property should also be cleaned up. Mrs. Groninger visited Empress Tree Lane to follow up on Mr. Troup's comments about storm water running onto his property. She noted that there is no rolled curbing at this location. A swale is located between Wild Cherry and Empress Tree Lane but this does not take care of water coming from Empress Tree Lane. Mrs. Groninger stated that with the last development at Branchview the council added more requirements for the street paving. When Empress Tree Lane was developed, the council at that time did not require rolled curbs.

7. Mr. Straub requested permission for the Borough to pursue the cost of installing a meter on the lights at Pineknott Park. He stated that all the public fields in the Scranton area are this way. Mr. Tira advised that a motion is not required. Mr. Straub was given the go-ahead.
8. Mr. Wolfe requested that Greg Carl address concerns about the funding for projects at the pool. He added that he feels that if Mr. Carl had not been involved with the pool in the past ten years, the pool would probably be closed. Mr. Carl explained that he has sent letters out to residents requesting donations for the bowl slide at Liberty Splashland. He added that he personally gave \$500 for the project and his son gave \$100 from his summer earnings. Mr. Carl explained that he and Tom Slodysko donate their time to the pool. Mr. Carl said that the expectation is that the donations will reimburse the Borough for the money that it is putting up to purchase the slide. He explained that the cost of the refurbished slide is \$30,000. An additional \$10,000 is for the design and will not be required until funding is obtained. Mr. Carl stated that attendance has increased this year. He explained that a feasibility study was conducted several years ago which concludes that by adding features to the pool, attendance will increase and the pool could become self-sustaining.
9. The Halloween Parade will be held on at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28th. Mayor Brosius asked if funding is in the budget for the parade. Funding was not included in the 2009 budget. Mayor Brosius noted that the parade is run by volunteers. Mr. Straub said that the Kiwanis Club has donated \$500 to the parade.

Mr. Wolfe announced that the council would hold an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation issues after the meeting is adjourned. No action will be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
November 2, 2009

Vice President Jonathan Rees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Robert Long, Jonathan Rees, Darwin Straub, and Frank Wetzell. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Timothy Fink, Chief of Police; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

One visitor present introduced himself.

Public Comment

No comments were offered.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius reported that Civil Service tests were conducted and five candidates will be interviewed. Chief Fink stated that the interviews would be held on Tuesday, November 10th.

The following commendation for Officer Matthew Lauver was read into the minutes:

"Officer's Commendation

WHEREAS, Northumberland Boro Police Officer Matthew Lauver, has performed meritorious service for the City of Sunbury, PA, its citizens, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Northumberland Boro Police Department Police Officer, did exhibit the highest levels of law enforcement professionalism on October 16, 2009 at 3:27 AM,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Northumberland Boro Police Department Police Officer did on : assist Sunbury Police Officer Vern Petty in subduing an early morning violent and highly intoxicated trespasser; said trespasser injured Officer Petty while they were effecting the arrest.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Northumberland Boro Police Department Police Officer has earned and does therefore deserve this Commendation of Merit.

Signed on this 16th day, in the month of October, in the Year of our Lord 2009.

Stephen A. Mazzeo
Chief of Police
City of Sunbury, PA"

Mayor Brosius noted the contribution of the members of the Revitalization Committee and other volunteers under the leadership of Bob and Noelle Long who worked to make the Fall Festival a success.

Mayor Brosius thanked the Halloween Parade Committee under Elaine Rockey's leadership for another successful parade. She noted that Jan Bowman helped to finalize plans for the parade since the committee membership has dwindled of the last year and Elaine was out of town. She thanked all who have worked for many years to provide this parade for the residents. She also stated that volunteers are need for a new committee to take over the parade planning.

An open house was held at the Joseph Priestley House on Sunday, November 1. Volunteers are opening the house and museum for visitors since the state has reduced funding for paid employees. She added that they need our support both financially and physically.

The American Legion will have a brief Veterans' recognition on Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery. She encouraged all to come out and honor our fallen veterans.

Decorating in the King Street Park is set for November 14 at 1:00 p.m. Santa in the Park will be on November 30th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Brosius stated that she, Ms. Lark and Mrs. Bowman met with representatives from Sunbury and Upper Augusta. Discussions were held on EMA services and cooperation between the municipalities. Another topic discussed was the request of the county for a holding cell that would be utilized by Sunbury, Point Township and Northumberland police departments. Currently, whenever someone is being held by any of the departments, the officer on duty must stay in the office and is not available for other calls.

Sewer Authority Report

No report.

Council President Bryan Wolfe arrived at 7:20 p.m. and assumed the chair.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Ruane provided the council with his report for the month of October.

Emergency Services Board Report

The council is requested to approve the contribution of \$30,000 for the Hookies' Truck Fund.

Committee Reports

Community Development

The committee is requesting that a monthly report be provided to keep them updated on the progress at the 2nd Street building.

Finance

The committee will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. to finalize the 2010 budget.

Personnel

Mr. Tira noted that he has a personnel item for an Executive Session which will be held at the end of the regular meeting.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel said that the Crime Watch Committee will meet on November 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Savoy.

Rules

No report. The committee will not meet this month.

Streets

No report. The committee will not meet this month.

Old Business

1. Since no bids were received, Mr. Long made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Groninger to advertise a second time for bids for the sale of the Borough Municipal Building with bids to be opened at the December 1 council meeting. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tira advised that according to state law, the Borough must advertise twice and if no bids are received the second time, the Borough may enter into negotiations with interested parties. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. The Pennsylvania American Water Company has requested that the Borough approve a right-of-way for the company along the unopened portion of 7th Street above Prince Street. An agreement had been in place at one time, but it may have been with the Water Authority. The company will provide the legal documents and present them to the Borough. The water line to the hill section of the borough is located in this area and the company wants to be assured that access will be available in the future once the land is transferred to the adjacent property owners.
3. Mr. Tira provided an update on the assessment appeals by Weis Markets and Resilite. Both companies are requesting a reduction in their assessments. No action was taken by the Assessment Board at the hearings.

New Business

1. Ms. Lark moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 council meeting. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. All council members voted to approve except for Mr. Long who abstained.
2. Upon motion by Mrs. Groninger, seconded by Mr. Long, council voted unanimously to approve the payment of the bills, including bills from Rogers' Trophies (\$57.60), Norry Citgo (\$29.65), and the Northumberland Hookies' Truck Fund (\$30,000). Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$56,885.26. It was noted that \$19,704.79 is the amount of the state aid to be paid to the Northumberland Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Account. Liberty Splashland bills total \$112.30.
3. Upon motion by Mr. Rees, seconded by Mrs. Groninger, Robert Sabol was unanimously appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. The term is a 3-year term.

4. Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Long, council unanimously approved to pay the PA Unemployment Solvency Fee of \$679.23.
5. Mr. Tira recommended that the council adopt a resolution requiring a Special Events Permit Application of anyone wishing to use the Borough streets, parks, etc. He provided a resolution for the council to consider. The resolution requires that an organization holding the event submit an application that provides information of the organization as well as insurance information.
6. Mr. Wolfe noted that the volunteers at the Priestley House are providing a valuable service by opening the house and museum. He attended the recent Open House that was held by the volunteers.
7. Mayor Brosius submitted the name of Mike Filbert for appointment to the Fire Police Squad. He has been approved by Fire Company No. 1. Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Straub, council unanimously approved the appointment of Mike Filbert to the Fire Police.
8. Neither Mr. Roll nor Mr. Rees is able to attend the next Tax Collector Committee meeting on November 3rd. Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Long, Ms. Groninger was approved as an alternate to the Tax Collector Committee. Council members Lark, Long, Rees, Straub and Wolfe voted in favor of the motion; Mrs. Groninger and Mr. Wetzel who voted no. The committee was established to determine who will collect the earned income taxes for Northumberland County. Mrs. Groninger noted that Shikellamy Earned Income Tax Office is always prompt with the payments to the Borough.

Mr. Wolfe announced that the council would hold an Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss personnel issues. No action will be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
December 1, 2009

President Bryan M. Wolfe called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the seventeen visitors present introduced themselves. Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Judith H. Groninger, Cynthia Lark, Jonathan Rees, Darvin Straub, Frank Wetzel, and Bryan Wolfe. Others present were Mayor Brosius; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Timothy Fink, Police Chief; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council member Robert Long was absent due to another commitment.

EPA Presentation

EPA representative Ann Breslin stated that due to information received from an individual that drums were buried at three locations in the landfill, the EPA dug test bores in the three areas and discovered trash and ash. Over six foot of ash was found in the back hole along with some trash. The depth of the hole dug was 16 feet. The two holes in the front area of the landfill contained trash and less ash. They were dug down to native soil. The holes were refilled and the area was restored. When asked if leachate was present, Ann Breslin stated, "We have not been able to locate leachate, period." The holes dug were dry to the native soil. She added that methane was present in the front hole and that it dissipated immediately. Ann Breslin and EPA Community Involvement Liaison David Polish answered questions from the audience. When asked who made the complaints, Dave Polish said that the emails were coming from members of the Norry Neighbors. When questioned, Ms. Breslin stated that no representative from the Norry Neighbors visited the site during the dig.

When asked of the cost of the investigation, it was disclosed that as of March 2009 the EPA had spent \$175,000 on the investigation of Pineknott Park. Mr. Wolfe added that the Borough of Northumberland has spent at least \$380,000 to "clean up the landfill" since 1998.

Norry Neighbors representative Judy Bird-Gulden presented the EPA and the Borough Council with a list of "unanswered questions". Mr. Polish stated that this was the first time he's seen this list of questions, and he would not to answer any of them until he takes them back to the experts at the agency. David Young, a member of the Norry Neighbors, asked if the agency would respond to all the questions. Mr. Polish replied that the agency would respond to those questions that are not repetitive. When asked if he is a resident of the borough, Mr. Young responded that he lives in the valley.

Mr. Richard Shoch stated that the members of the Norry Neighbors have attended Point Township meetings for three years. He advised the council that they will not let the issue go. He cited examples of issues that surfaced in the township and added that while the Norry Neighbors claim to be concerned with the environment, they sent correspondence to Senator Casey's office demanding that he pull the funding for an air quality ordinance for the township. Another example he provided is that some members of the Norry Neighbors are also land developers who are not willing to pay for retests for on-site sewage systems on their lots. One developer lost one third of his lots when they were retested. Members of DEP came to a Point Township meeting and stated that it was the only prudent thing that the township officials could do to protect the environment and citizens who would later purchase these lots. Mr. Shoch also stated that whenever the Norry Neighbors fail, they claim it is due to a conspiracy.

Mr. Randy Yoxheimer asked if the EPA would make all the results available to the residents. Ms. Breslin replied that the information will be provided to the Borough by early February. Mr. Polish added that some people do not want to accept the scientific data. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry has said the park is safe. Phil Rotstein's (EPA) investigation found that the park was safe; and now Ann Breslin's (EPA) investigation found that the park is safe. He believes that there is no credibility for another dig.

Mr. Slodysko asked about the moisture content of the third hole. The response was that the content was damp, but there was no standing water. Ms. Breslin added that they never found standing water.

Mr. Montie Peters questioned if the EPA would provide the total cost of the investigations conducted at Pineknott Park and also if the Norry Neighbors could be held responsible for the costs. Mr. Polish stated that the EPA would provide the total amount spent on the investigations once there is a final tally. The EPA does not charge groups for their work.

Mr. Adam Klock asked what material was used for the "cap" at the landfill. It was explained that the cap is a layer of two feet of soil that was added to the landfill in 2001. There is not a membrane of any type covering the landfill.

The council thanked Ms. Breslin and Mr. Polish for attending the meeting to discuss the findings.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius stated that the police's monthly report is in the council's packets.

Mayor Brosius received a letter of Commendation of Merit from Sunbury Police Chief Stephen Mazzeo commending Sgt. Clifford Kriner and Officer Edward Cope for their participation and prosecution of professional criminals in the recent burglary and drug rings that were operating in the Sunbury/ Northumberland area. Officer Cope also received a letter of appreciation from a Northumberland businessman for solving an embezzlement case. Mayor Brosius noted her thanks to these officers for their dedication and service to the community.

Ms. Groninger left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Wetzel moved and Ms. Lark seconded a motion to approve an internship with the Police Department for Joshua Moyer. If he qualifies for PHEAA/ Degenstein grant funding, the position will be paid; if he does not qualify it will be an unpaid internship. Roll call vote was unanimous with five votes cast.

Mayor Brosius announced that the annual Martin Concini Toy Drive is underway. Sgt. Kriner and the Police are sponsoring the drive again this year. She thanked them for continuing this service.

Mayor Brosius noted the community's thanks to the volunteers who made Santa in the Park possible. She noted that thanks go out to Santa, the fire companies, the Revitalization Committee, the Sunbury City Band, Tom Slodysko and helpers, the Northumberland/Point Township Kiwanis Club and the Joseph J. Anselmo Community Trust for making Santa's arrival a pleasant happening last evening. Approximately 110 children visited Santa during the event.

The annual Wreaths for Warriors ceremony is scheduled for December 6, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery.

Mrs. Groninger returned at 7:56 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report – No report

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Slodysko reported that leaf pickup ends this week and the Street Department is ready for the winter.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report – No report

Emergency Services Board Report

Steve Cimino told the council that the board held a work session to begin rewriting the Fire Department ordinance. They will present a draft to the council next year.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Jim Troup reported that two kitchen fires occurred recently. The Fire Department conducted a fire drill at the Lewis Building.

Committee Reports

Community Development

The committee will not meet this month. Mayor Brosius asked that the 2nd Street part of the committee meet this month to discuss plans for the building, date and time to be determined.

Finance

Mr. Wolfe stated that the Finance Committee is proposing a 2010 Budget that is 1% less than the 2009 budget and contains no tax increase. Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the first reading of the 2010 budget. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. Discussion

ensued. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous. The final reading will be at the December 15th meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Groninger, seconded by Mr. Straub, the council voted unanimously to approve application for a \$100,000 line of credit for a tax anticipation loan from the First National Bank with an interest rate of 2.6%. The Northumberland National Bank provided a lower interest rate of 2.45%. However, the bank charges an additional \$100 fee which means that the total cost is higher than the 2.6% interest rate with no additional fee.

Mr. Wolfe announced that the council's reorganizational meeting would be held on Monday, January 4th.

Personnel

Mrs. Groninger stated that the committee would meet after this meeting.

Public Safety – no report

Rules – no report

Streets

Mr. Rees announced that the committee would meet in January.

Old Business

1. The bids were due today for the sale of the Borough Building. Since no bids were received and the sale has been advertised twice, the council may now enter into negotiations with any interested parties.
2. Resolution I-2009 will be discussed at the December 15 meeting. This resolution requires that any organization wishing to hold a special event in the Borough agree to submit a standardized application that provides the name of the sponsoring organization, insurance information for the special event, description of the special event and the sponsoring organization's agreement to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Borough from any legal claims related to the special event.
3. Wreaths for Warriors will be distributed on Sunday, December 6th with a ceremony at 3:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate should check WKOK's website.

New Business

1. Mr. Wetzel moved and Mrs. Groninger seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2009 council meeting. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the payment of the bills. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. The motion includes paying a bill for the Hookie's financial statement. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$21,082.70 and Liberty Splashland bills total \$38.30.

3. Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Ms. Lark, council voted unanimously to reappoint Matthew Markunas to the Planning Commission and to appoint David Hollabaugh as one of the Borough's representatives to the Emergency Services Board.
4. Upon motion by Mr. Straub, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, council voted unanimously to approve Resolution H- 2009. This resolution provides for the closeout of the DCNR grant for the multi-municipal comprehensive plan.
5. Upon motion by Mr. Rees, seconded by Mr. Straub, council voted 5-1 to approve the contribution of \$2,500 to the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library. Mr. Wetzel cast the dissenting vote.

Mr. Wolfe announced that an Executive Session would follow the council meeting. Personnel issues relating to negotiations would be discussed and since no action would be taken following the Executive Session, Mr. Wolfe adjourned the council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

Borough of Northumberland
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
December 15, 2009

Vice President Jonathan Rees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Cynthia Lark, Robert Long, Jonathan Rees, Darvin Straub, and Frank Wetzel. Others present were Mayor Brosius, Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Timothy Fink, Police Chief; Sergeant Clifford Kriner; Patrolmen Edward Hennessey and Matthew Lauver; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Judith Groninger and Bryan Wolfe were absent.

The visitors present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Cindy Lark thanked Darvin Straub and Bob Long for serving on Borough Council. She stated that she realized when she was elected to office two years ago that there is a big difference between sitting on the council and attending meetings as a resident. She added that the people who are on council now and those who are leaving have made it easier for her since they were a great group to work with. Mr. Rees added his appreciation for Darvin and Bob.

Adam Klock noted that the sidewalks were not cleared at 97 Duke Street following the last snowstorm. Discussion ensued about measures that can be taken. The police will issue citations to property owners who do not clear their sidewalks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brosius noted several commendations.

She presented the following commendation to Patrolman Matthew Lauver:

“WHEREAS, Northumberland Borough Police officer Matthew Lauver has performed meritorious service for the Borough of Northumberland, PA, its citizens, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned officer, did exhibit the highest levels of law enforcement professionalism on his November 17th, November 18th, 2009 tour of duty.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned officer patrolled our borough thoroughly during his tour of duty and at 0133 hours, discovered an elderly female standing on a porch who appeared confused and was shivering. It was later discovered that this elderly female wandered away from her residence and had a very low body temperature. EMS was dispatched and then transported the elderly female to the hospital.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned officer felt something was not right and investigated the matter which may have saved this elderly female's life. Officer Lauver has earned and does therefore deserve this Commendation of Merit.

Signed on this 30th day, in the month of November, in the year 2009.

Timothy A. Fink
Chief of Police
Northumberland

Gretchen Brosius
Mayor
Northumberland"

Mayor Brosius and the Borough Council congratulated Officer Lauver.

Mayor Brosius announced that she would like to honor the Borough Council members who are leaving office. She has started a Mayoral Certificate of Excellence.

Mayor Brosius read the following Mayoral Certificates of Excellence:

"Mayoral Certificate of Excellence awarded to Darvin L. Straub in recognition of his volunteer spirit that has been demonstrated by his involvement with the following community organizations: Northumberland Borough Council, Northumberland / Point Township Kiwanis Club, Pineknott Days, Liberty Glass Recycling, Second Street Community Center, and the First Baptist Church of Northumberland. Presented on December 15, 2009 in the Borough of Northumberland. Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor."

Mayor Brosius noted that if it were not for Darvin, the recycling center would not be what it is today.

The next award was for Noelle and Bob Long who had both served on Borough Council:

"Mayoral Certificate of Excellence awarded to Noelle A. & Robert L. Long Jr. in recognition of their volunteer spirit as demonstrated during their individual tenures on Borough Council. They distinguished themselves in the following community projects & committees: Second Street Community Center playground, Northumberland Revitalization, Pineknott Days, Lemonade Day, Fall Festival &

Haunted Walk, History Day and Soap Box Race. Presented on December 15, 2009 in the Borough of Northumberland. Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor.”

Mayor Brosius stated that she would present a third certificate to Bryan Wolfe who is expected to arrive later in the meeting.

Mayor Brosius stated that part-time patrolman Dave Donmoyer has verbally resigned and the department would like to hire another part-time officer. Discussion ensued. Mr. Long moved and Mr. Straub seconded a motion to authorize the chief to have six part-time officers, with the hires based on the police chief’s recommendations. Council voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Rees thanked the police officers for their service to the community on a daily basis.

Street Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Slodysko reported that the crew is working at the community center. Mr. Straub asked if the sewage problem that was discovered at the 2nd Street Community Center was resolved. Mr. Slodysko stated that an incredibly large-sized stone was in the pipe, it was removed and the line was repaired. Mr. Rees thanked him for his work, noting that he has saved the taxpayers much money with his expertise.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report – no report

Emergency Services Board Report

The Board did not have a quorum at the December meeting. They will meet on January 4th at the No. 1’s. Mr. Rees and Mayor Brosius thanked the Emergency Services Board members for their volunteer efforts.

Fire Chief’s Report

Fire Chief Jim Troup stated that so far there was one fire call for a furnace malfunction. There were also some calls to Nottingham. Mayor Brosius thanked the firemen who volunteer their time.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Straub stated that he is looking forward to having the vo-tech students working in the building. Mayor Brosius said that the PCC crew has done a good job in the areas of the building where they are working.

Finance

Upon a motion by Ms. Lark, seconded by Mr. Long, council unanimously approved the second reading of the 2010 budget.

Upon a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Straub, the council unanimously approved to adopt Resolution J-2009 authorizing a \$100,000 Tax Anticipation Loan at a rate of 2.6% from the First National Bank.

Personnel

Mr. Tira requested the council meet in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss labor issues.

Public Safety – No report

Rules

Ms. Lark moved to approve Resolution I-2009. Mr. Long seconded the motion. This resolution requires organizations who wish to hold special events within the Borough that require closing roads or the use of Borough property to obtain permits and to provide liability insurance coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. A Special Events Permit Application is attached to the resolution as Exhibit "A". Roll call vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Wetzel moved and Mr. Long seconded the motion to advertise Ordinance 2010-1. This ordinance sets the tax rates for 2010. Mr. Rees read the proposed millage rates: General Revenue Purposes – 14.625 mils; Debt Service – 2.700 mils; Fire Equipment – 2.600 mils; Special Road Fund – 2.500 mils; and Recreation purposes – 1.000 mils. Council voted unanimously to advertise the ordinance.

Streets

Mr. Rees stated that the new street committee should meet in January to determine the street work to be done in 2010.

Old Business

1. Mr. Tira informed the council that no official action is required at this time for the sale of the Borough Municipal Building. Mr. Tira noted that there is interest in the building, but no offer as of yet.
2. Mr. Rees stated that there will be a vacant two-year seat on the council beginning in January. Mr. Rees moved and Ms. Lark seconded a motion to set a deadline of December 31, 2009, for applications for the vacant two-year council seat. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous. The council may extend this time frame after the reorganization meeting in January. Mr. Tira added that the council will have thirty days to appoint someone to the seat.
3. Mr. Wetzel announced that the next meeting of the Crime Watch Committee will be February 1, 2010. The location for the meeting was discussed and it was determined that the meeting would be held at the Kiwanis Building.

New Business

1. The December 1, 2009 minutes were discussed. The secretary noted a correction on page 4, the motion to approve the application for the \$100,000 line of credit was seconded by Mr. Straub, not Mrs. Groninger as originally reported. Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Straub, council approved the corrected minutes of

the December 1, 2009 council meeting with a vote of 4-0. Mr. Long abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

2. Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Rees, council unanimously approved payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$77,261.27; Liberty Splashland bills total \$223.45; and the 2nd Street Community Center bills total \$5,504.84.

Mr. Tira noted that the council would conduct an Executive Session following the adjournment of the council meeting to discuss labor issues. Mr. Rees stated that he has another personnel issue to discuss that may involve the council reconvening for a vote after the Executive Session.

Mr. Rees adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. for the Executive Session with the announcement that the meeting would be reconvened if necessary.

Council President Bryan Mr. Wolfe arrived at 7:40 p.m. during the Executive Session.

Mr. Wolfe reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Council member Judith Groninger arrived at 7:56 p.m.

Mr. Wolfe asked if anyone had a motion to make as a result of the Executive Session. Mr. Long moved to present a \$1,000 bonus to Mr. Slodysko for the additional work that he has done for the Borough. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote was 6-1 in favor of the motion with Mr. Wetzel casting the dissenting vote.

Mayor Brosius presented the following Mayoral Commendation to Mr. Wolfe:

“Mayoral Certificate of Excellence awarded to Bryan Wolfe in recognition of his volunteer spirit that has been demonstrated by his involvement with the following community organizations: Northumberland Borough Council President , Zion Lutheran Church Council, Pineknottter Days; and for his accomplishments of bringing the Borough into the 21st century by creating the Borough web-site, and Pineknottter News; serving on the finance committee, 2nd Street Community Center Committee & Playground Committee. Presented on December 15, 2009 in the Borough of Northumberland. Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor.”

Mr. Wetzel thanked the outgoing council members for the time they have served on the council. He added that he has learned quite a bit from them and he wished them all the best. Mrs. Groninger voiced her appreciation to the outgoing council members noting that their expertise in various areas would be a great loss.

Mayor Brosius read the following message to the council, “Sometimes we feel as if success or failure is all up to us. But part of faith is stepping out when you don’t see the final destination. It is trusting the community to contribute what the next moment needs.

We are not self-sufficient; we are designed to rely on one another, to create together what we cannot create individually. When we offer what we can, however small or unfinished, help will come; and we will discover a new and deeper love and appreciation of God and our neighbors.”

Mr. Wolfe noted that he has been on council for ten years and that once someone sits at the table he has a new appreciation of what the council does. He said that it has been wonderful working with everyone. He then announced that he has decided to seek the appointment to the vacant council seat.

Mr. Wetzel moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary