

Borough of Northumberland

175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857

Northumberland Borough Council Minutes June 6, 2023

Council President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Mr. Ortiz offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Mr. Paul Ruane, Dr. Denise Guilbault, Mr. Timothy Botts, Ms. Kaitlyn Simmons, Mr. Frank Wetzel, Mr. Winston Ortiz and Mr. Charles Stroup. Others present were Mayor Daniel Berard; Mr. Jeremy Deitrick, Wastewater Superintendent, Mr. C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; Ms. Jackie Hart, NEIC; and Ms. Ann Zartman, Borough Manager.

Changes to the Agenda requiring a vote - None

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Council Meeting Minutes for

Ms. Simmons made a motion to accept the May 2nd council minutes. Mr. Wetzel seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Berard applauded the Fire Police for attending Narcon Training.

Mayor Berard read the report on the activity of the Police Department for the month of May. The police issued 61 traffic and 1 non-traffic citations, and 184 parking tickets. They responded to 268 calls for service, made 13 court appearances and trained for 11 hours. Several people were arrested for the misdemeanor and felony crimes of Unsworn Falsification, Simple Assault, Prohibited Acts (Drugs), and DUI. The police responded to 28 assist calls for the month; 6 to Point Township, 8 to Sunbury, and 14 to other agencies. Mileage for the month was 1,225.

Sewer Department Report

Mr. Stroup made a motion to accept the Kenyon Pipeline change order, and increase of \$12,450 and extends the contract to September, Mr. Wetzel seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Street Department Report - no report

NEIC Report

Ms. Jackie Hart of NEIC reported for May, 3 zoning permits were issued, and \$150 in zoning permit fees were collected. 1 council meeting was attended by Ms. Jackie Hart. 3 building permits were issued, and \$1,163.50 in building permit fees collected. 9 complaints were lodged and reviewed. 9 code violations were issued, and 1 quality-of-life ticket was issued. 3 street cut permits were issued, resulting in \$1,050 in fees collected. 7 rental units were inspected, \$4,600 was collected in inspection and license fees.

Committee Reports

Community Development - No June meeting

Finance

Mr. Botts reported current Income for 2023 is \$1,243,158, and expenses are \$660,814.00.

Mr. Timothy Botts made a motion to accept the Northumberland County ARP grant contract for renovations/improvements to the 2nd Street Community Center. Mr. Stroup seconded, all approved; motion carried.

Personnel

Mr. Botts made a motion to hire Logan Deivert as a part-time streets laborer, and Nathan Barnett as a part-time summer laborer. Ms. Simmons seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Mr. Stroup made a motion to approve the one day suspension as discussed in the executive session. Mr. Wetzel seconded. All approved, motion carried. The executive session was held immediately prior to this council meeting.

Public Safety

Oakes Oil has volunteered to fill the new barriers with water for Pineknotters Days. Remcom Plastics donated twenty barriers through the efforts of Nathan Boyer.

Rules – no report

Streets – no report

New Business

Ms. Zartman requested the Queen Street Bridge be inspected by Larson Design Group at a cost of \$1,900. Mr. Stroup made a motion to accept the Queen Street bridge inspection proposal. Mr. Wetzel seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Ms. Noelle Long spoke about the upcoming summer/fall events, which include a Block Party and Lemonade Days. Ms. Long requested the suspension of the open container ordinance for the Block Party on September 3rd. Ms. Simmons made a motion to suspend the open container ordinance for the September 3rd Block Party. Mr. Botts seconded the motion, all approved. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Ms. Simmons made a motion for the payment of bills; Mr. Stroup seconded. All approved, motion passed. Bills to be paid from the General Fund totaled \$52,553.51; and Sewer Department bills totaled \$158,018.84.

Public Comment - none

Adjournment

Mr. Wetzel moved to adjourn, Ms. Simmons seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Zartman
Borough Secretary