

# Borough of Northumberland

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**Borough of Northumberland**  
**175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857**  
**Northumberland Borough Council Meeting**  
**January 5, 2021**

President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Council member Ellie Rees offered an Invocation.

## **Roll Call**

Council members present were Ann Boyer, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, and Orlando Toro. and. Council member Denise Guilbault was present via teleconference. Others present were Melissa Kelso, Borough Solicitor; Jeremy Deitrick, Sewer Department Superintendent; Vern Morgan, Street Supervisor; and Ann August, Borough Assistant. Janice Bowman, Borough Manager, was present via teleconference. Council Member Kaitlyn Simmons and Mayor Dan Berard were absent.

**Public Comment** - none

## **Northumberland Borough Sewer Department**

Jeremy Deitrick requested that council approve the low bids for the belt filter pump replacement project from the Derstine Company and Robert P. Lepley Electrical Contractors, Inc. The pump is purchased through Co-Stars. Mr. Ruane so moved; Mr. Toro seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

## **Street Supervisor's Report**

Mr. Morgan reported that the street department has been busy plowing and salting the streets during the storms. Mr. Ruane complimented the street department for their work plowing the streets.

## **Committee Reports**

Community Development – no report

### **Finance**

Mrs. Rees reported that the Borough's finances are in good shape for this time of year. The 2021 budget was passed last year.

### **Personnel**

Police Officers' Union Contract is being negotiated. Mr. Ruane noted that the negotiating committee is getting closer to a settlement.

### **Public Safety**

Mr. Ruane read the Mayor's report regarding the Police Department activity for the month of December.

## Rules

Dr. Guilbault reported on the committee's activity reviewing the Borough's Code Book. The committee is reviewing the Quality-of-Life ordinance.

An article explaining the TNR program is planned for the Pineknott News.

Streets – no report

## Old Business

### 1. Municibid

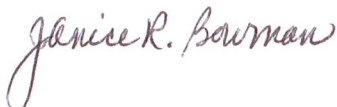
Several items had been placed on Municibid. Mr. Ruane moved to accept the bids for the 2006 Ford F550 (\$11,050) and the plow and spreader (\$1,850). Mrs. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously. The bid of \$1 for the Christmas wreaths was not acted upon.

## New Business

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Rees, seconded by Mr. Toro, council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$78,035.07; Liberty Splashland bills total \$29.74; and Sewer Department bills total \$98,731.38.
2. The Borough has received funding of \$8,804 from Northumberland County for costs associated with the pandemic. In the application to the county, money was requested to renovate a closet for a bathroom for the use of the police. Currently, the only bathroom on the police side of the building is also used by the public. The renovation would include a shower, sink, and toilet. Two estimates were obtained. The low estimate of \$5,084 was from Jeremy Feese. Mr. Toro made the motion to hire Mr. Feese to do the renovation. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
3. Upon motion by Mrs. Rees, seconded by Mrs. Boyer, council voted unanimously to approve the PMRS Uniform Plan Amendment, setting the police officers' contribution rate for their retirement for 2021 at 1.5%.

Mr. Ruane adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Bowman  
Borough Manager