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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
June 1, 2021

Borough Council President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Mayor Dan Berard offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Ann Boyer, Denise Guilbault, Ellie Rees, and Paul Ruane. Others present were Mayor Berard; Melissa Kelso, Borough Solicitor; C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; Jeremy Deitrick, Sewer Department Superintendent; Vern Morgan, Street Supervisor; MaryKay Clark, Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Manager. Council members Kaitlyn Simmons, Orlando Toro, and Frank Wetzel were absent.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None offered.

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Dr. Guilbault, council voted unanimously to approve the council meeting minutes of May 4, 2021.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Berard reported on the activity of the Police Department for the month of May. The police issued 43 traffic citations, two non-traffic citations, and 111 parking tickets. They answered 257 calls for service and made 38 court appearances. Training hours totaled 66.5 hours. Several people were arrested for the misdemeanor crime of DUI. The police had 46 assist calls for the month. Sixteen were to Point Township, nineteen to Sunbury, and 11 to other agencies. 1,754 miles were traveled for the month.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Ms. MaryKay Clark reported on the Code Office activity for the month. During May, she issued eight building permits and one zoning permits with permit fees totaling \$1,862.29. She received eleven complaints, issued five code violations, and filed one citation. There was one street cut permit with fees totaling \$350. Ms. Clark conducted 15 rental inspections for \$750 and one re-inspection. She issued nine Quality of life notices and three tickets and had two court appearances. Fifty miles were driven during the month. As Health Officer, Ms. Clark conducted one inspection for \$75.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Vern Morgan reported that the street department had filled potholes, trimmed trees, and worked around the Point and Pineknottter Park to remove stumps and move wood chips. Grass seed will be planted in the fall.

Committee Reports

- Community Development – no report
- Finance

Mrs. Rees reported that the Borough finances are okay, and we are paying the bills. She noted that the 2021 budget includes contributions to Priestley Forsyth Memorial Library (\$3,000) and Penn Valley Airport Authority (\$1,500) and transfers of \$2,500 to the Shade Tree Account and \$30,000 to the General Contingency Account for future Fire Apparatus. A price to replace the damaged slide for the playground is \$1,021. Mrs. Rees made a motion to approve the above-mentioned items. Mrs. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

- Personnel – no report
- Public Safety – no report
- Rules

Dr. Guilbault reported that the committee continues to review the Code Book.

- Streets – no report

New Business

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Rees, seconded by Dr. Guilbault, council unanimously approved payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$49,842.67, Liberty Splashland bills total \$30.24, Shade Tree bills total \$23.30, and Sewer Department bills total \$117,013.86.

Public Comment

Mr. Ruane asked if anyone had public comment on anything in the Borough. No comments were offered.

Executive Session - Northumberland Borough Sewer Department

Mr. Ruane adjourned the council meeting at 7:15 for an Executive Session. Council discussed litigation issues relating to the sewer plant. The meeting was reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

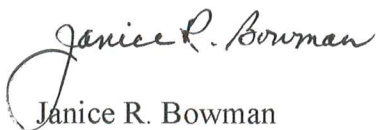
Mrs. Boyer made a motion to authorize Allen Page, Esq. to negotiate a resolution of the disputed claim with Fulkroad & Sons, up to an amount discussed in the Executive Session. Dr. Guilbault seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve.

July Council Meeting

Mrs. Boyer moved to reschedule the July Council Meeting to July 14th at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. The original meeting date was July 6th which is during Pineknotters' Days. Council approved unanimously.

Mrs. Boyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice R. Bowman
Borough Manager