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Borough of Northumberland 175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857 Northumberland Borough Council Meeting September 3, 2019

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 Ralph Cianflone, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Kaitlyn Simmons, and Orlando Toro. Others present were Mayor Berard; Daryl Yount, Acting Solicitor; C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; Jeremy Deitrick, Sewer Department Superintendent; and Janice Bowman, Borough Solicitor. Council members Ty Sees, and Frank Wetzal were absent.

PennDOT Update

Ms. Mindy Foresman informed council that people are not following the detour signs and PennDOT is trying to keep traffic flowing in the proper direction. They have moved signs closer to Orange Street on Front Street and have closed Sheetz Avenue, but don't know what to do about vehicles using Second Street instead of Third Street for the detour.

Mr. Ruane noted that the traffic light on Water Street is green for just 20 seconds. Ms. Foresman replied that they will look at the timing. The signal at Duke and Third Street needs more timing on Duke Street. Ms. Foresman stated that this is because people are using Second Street instead of Third Street which is the detour.

The question was asked by Mr. Dave Mull why parking is prohibited on both sides of Orange Street between Front and Water Streets. Ms. Foresman replied that they will look at the area but felt it was best to have parking on both sides prohibited because of the detour and the amount of traffic. It was requested that PennDOT consider permitting parking on one side of the street in the middle of the block for the older residents who live in this area.

The telephone pole at Orange and Front is in poor shape. Chief Kriner noted that PPL was at the pole today.

Ms. Margaret Weirick informed PennDOT that a larger "no outlet" sign is needed on Priestley Avenue because people are trying to go out Priestley Avenue to Water Street and the end of Priestley Avenue is private property.

Mayor Berard explained that there is a "no left turn" sign on Front Street at King Street. The library has posted a map on their front door that designates a left turn for traffic traveling north on Front Street to King for patrons to access the library. Ms. Foresman stated that the sign could be covered since traffic may not travel south on Front Street to King Street.

Mayor Berard noted that people are moving signs on Front Street so they can get through this area and they are not replacing the signs. He requested that PennDOT add signs in this area. Ms. Foresman stated that signs are not to be moved.

Noelle Long explained that the parade committee is suggesting that the Halloween Parade route be changed this year due to the detours. The route would start at the Shikellamy Middle School, travel west on Hanover Street, south on Seventh Street, east on Queen Street, and north on Third Street, back to the middle school. She has asked if PennDOT could move the detour from Third Street to Second Street during the time of the parade, about four to five hours. Ms. Foresman stated that the detour can be changed. Mrs. Long stated that she will reach out to the school district for permission to use the parking lot.

Ms. Randi Kunkle suggested that the message board that is on Route 11 south should be relocated because it is too close to Ridge Road. By the time truck drivers see the sign, they are almost to Ridge Road and do not have enough time to slow down and make the turn.

Mayor Berard asked how the bus travel went on the first day of school. Ms. Foresman said that it went very well. The buses accessed the bridge in two waves. It took about three minutes for the buses to cross the bridge each time.

Public Comment

- Mr. Walker asked where the Priestley Avenue culvert stands. Mr. Ruane stated that the other property owners have not agreed to the open culvert. The Borough cannot begin the work until the agreement is signed.
- Ms. Barbara Reader asked if the Borough would be picking up brush. Mr. Toro stated that a policy has been developed by the committee and if the residents abide by the guidelines, it will be picked up. Pickups will be the second Wednesday of each month, April through November and will begin in September.
- Jon Apple, captain of the fire police informed council that the fire police truck will be out of service on September 14th. They are taking it to Annville to pick up a message board sign for on top of the truck. Mr. Apple explained that funding to purchase the sign came from the S. Luther Savidge Fund (\$5,300) and donations in memory of Paul Boyer (\$3,700).

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Toro, seconded by Mrs. Rees, council voted unanimously to approve the council meeting minutes of July 10, 2019.

Northumberland Borough Sewer Department

Jeremy Deitrick informed council that the department has started working on the 2020 budget. Their next budget meeting is September 9, 2019.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Berard reported that for the month of August, the Police Department had 277 calls for service; 26 traffic citations; 44 court appearances; and several people were arrested for felony and misdemeanor crimes some of which included obstructing the administration of law, DUI, and resisting arrest. The department had 46 assist calls for the month; twelve to Point Township, 21 to Sunbury, and 13 to other agencies. The police logged 1,592.8 miles for the month.

Mayor Berard informed council that the police officers have read the ten chapters of the new police policies and procedures. The police union has approved signed off on all chapters. The Mayor requested that the council approve putting the new police operating procedures in place. Mrs. Rees so moved. Mr. Toro seconded the motion. Mr. Ruane explained that these are the procedures that the police officers follow in the course of their duties. The program is through Lexipol and the police have been working on them for about a year. Council approved unanimously.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report – no report

Street Supervisor's Report – no report

Committee Reports

Streets

Mr. Toro stated that there were some concerns about the lines for the crosswalks at the school. They have been painted and Mr. Toro is pleased that the crosswalk and curb painting is being completed.

Community Development

- Dr. Cianflone reported that the HVAC system is being installed in the gymnasium. Austin Wade is the contractor doing the work. He will also install the gas line to the generator once he meets with the inspector to see where the line must go.
- An agreement is being discussed with Bill and Ann Roll for a right of way on their property for a portion of the Liberty Hollow Trail.
- The work to remove the pipe below Priestley Avenue is stalled because one of the property owners wants a closed pipe instead of the open culvert.
- The Fall festival is slated for October 26th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 30th at 7:00 p.m.
- The concert scheduled for Sunday, September 1st, was canceled due to rain.

Finance

Mr. Ruane stated that the committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month to work on the 2020 budget.

Personnel

Mr. Toro made a motion to advertise for a sewer foreman position. Dr. Cianflone seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mrs. Rees stated that at the last meeting, Ralph made a motion to interview different attorneys for the Borough solicitor. The Request for Proposals has been completed for council's approval to advertise the position. Dr. Cianflone made the motion to advertise for a Borough solicitor. Mrs. Simmons seconded the motion. Mrs. Rees requested that the motion include using the Request for Proposal. Dr. Cianflone amended the motion to include the Request for Proposal with the applications due by October 1, 2019. Mrs. Simmons seconded the amended motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mrs. Rees stated that, as a follow-up, the council would require a solicitor for the October and November meetings. She moved to have Daryl Yount serve as the solicitor for these meetings. Mrs. Simmons seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Public Safety – no report

Rules – no report

Old Business

1. Priestley Avenue stormwater project was discussed earlier.

New Business

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Rees, seconded by Mr. Toro, council unanimously approved payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$76,613.68; Liberty Splashland bills total \$39.82; Park and Recreation Fund bills total \$378.85; and Sewer Department bills total \$99,616.173.
2. Mr. Toro made a motion to approve Resolution D-2019. This resolution is to accept NNB financing for police vehicle. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously. The resolution is as follows:

*“Resolution No. D-2019
BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA*

WHEREAS, the Borough Council (“Borough Council”) of the Borough of Northumberland (the “Borough”) has determined that it is necessary to replace a current police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has approved the purchase of a new police vehicle through a state approved contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough needs financing for the purchase of the new vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Northumberland National Bank (the “Bank”) has offered to loan up to Twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) at a fixed interest rate of 3.35% per annum over a three (3) year term with repayment due through annual principal and interest payments; and

Now Be it RESOLVED, Borough Council has approved the acceptance of the Bank’s offer for financing for the police vehicle; and

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough Council has authorized the President of Council and the Borough Manager to execute any and all necessary documents to carry out the financing.

ADOPTED as a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, this 3rd day of September 2019.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND

By: _____
Janice Bowman, Borough Manager

By: _____
Paul Ruane, President

[BOROUGH SEAL]

APPROVED this 3rd day of September 2019.

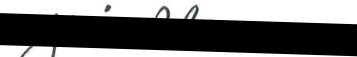

By: _____
Dan Berard, Mayor

Executive Session

Mr. Ruane adjourned the council meeting for an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters regarding Point Township Sewer Authority. Mr. Ruane noted that the meeting would not be reconvened.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Bowman
Borough Manager