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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
December 19, 2017

President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Paul Boyer, Ralph Cianflone, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, and James Troup. Others present were Mayor Zboray, Police Chief, and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Ty Sees and Harry Wynn were absent.

Public Comment

Mr. Drew Starook, treasurer of the Number 1's Fire Department, requested the \$30,000 that is budgeted for the truck payment. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the payment. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Jon Apple, captain of the Northumberland Fire Police, informed the council that for 2017 they trained 102 students and 132 manhours. Mr. Ruane noted that they are doing a good job.

Old Business

1. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council voted 4-1 to approve the proposed 2018 budget. Mr. Troup voted no. This is the second reading of the budget for 2018.

New Business

1. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer seconded by Mrs. Rees, council voted 4-1 to advertise Ordinance 2018-1. Mr. Troup voted no. This is the Tax Levy Ordinance for 2018.
2. Upon motion by Mrs. Rees, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council voted unanimously to advertise Ordinance 2018-2. This motion amends the Local Services Tax, increasing the amount from \$40 to \$52 for anyone working in the Borough who earns over \$12,000.
3. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Troup, council voted unanimously to approve the amendments to the bylaws of the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, as requested.
4. Upon motion by Mrs. Rees, seconded by Mr. Boyer, council voted to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$22,926.93; bills to be paid from the

Park and Recreation Fund total \$672.00; and bills to be paid by the Sewer Department total \$2,471.34.

5. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Dr. Cianflone, council voted unanimously to transfer \$60,000 from General Contingency Fund to General Fund as a tax anticipation loan.

Mr. Ruane informed the public that prior to the council meeting on December 5th, the council held an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zboray reported that the Annual Wreaths for Warriors Service was held at the Riverview Cemetery on December 10th at 2:00 p.m. The American Legion Post 44 conducted the service, as usual. Mayor Zboray thanked them for their dedication to the veterans. Many wreaths were placed on the veterans' graves. Mayor Zboray thanked the volunteers and those who attended.

Mayor Zboray announced that at the last Roy H. Moyer and Carol J. Moyer Trust meeting, \$1,000 was awarded to the Borough for Christmas decorations for King Street Park and the downtown area.

Mr. Troup asked if council would get a report from Melissa Kelso, the attorney who conducted an investigation for the council. He said that he would like to see a written report. Mrs. Rees stated that she would ask her about a copy.

Presentations

Representative Lynda Schlegel-Culver presented the following citation from the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania to Mayor Zboray:

"Whereas, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is always proud to acknowledge those individuals who, through professional excellence, contribute in a meaningful way to the betterment of their communities and ultimately to all the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The Honorable Leonard Zboray, Mayor of the Borough of Northumberland, is being honored upon his retirement after twenty-seven years of dedicated and distinguished service to the Borough; and

Whereas, A veteran of the United States Army and the Pennsylvania National Guard, Mayor Zboray served this country with honor and distinction for eight years and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served as a member of the Northumberland Borough Council from January 1986 to December 1989, a member of the Shikellamy School Board from 1990 to 1997, and as Mayor of the Borough of Northumberland since July 2011. Mayor Zboray has served on the Riverview Cemetery Board since 1997, and he is past Secretary of the Sunbury Social Club and the Northumberland Hook and Ladder Company. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Zboray strove to adhere to the highest standards of public service, earning deep respect and gratitude for his tireless devotion to duty. He will be deeply missed by all those who benefited from his commitment and dedication, and his efforts will long be remembered and appreciated.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Honorable Leonard Zboray upon the momentous occasion of his richly deserved retirement; heartily recognizes his exemplary record of service, in keeping with the highest ideals and traditions of this Commonwealth; offers best wishes for a happy and fulfilling future;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Lynda Schlegel Culver on December 12, 2017, be transmitted to the Honorable Leonard Zboray, 305 Susquehanna Road, Northumberland, Pennsylvania 17857.

*Lynda Schlegel Culver, Sponsor
Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House
Attest: David Reddecliff, Chief Clerk of the House"*

Mr. Ruane presented the following Proclamation from the Borough to Mayor Zboray:

"Whereas, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working;

Whereas, Leonard Zboray, as Mayor of the Borough of Northumberland, has fulfilled his office for the last 6 years with Enthusiasm, Dedication, and Grace;

Whereas, Len defines civic responsibility, having served 4 years on the Northumberland Borough Council, 8 years on the Shikellamy School Board, 20 years of the Riverview Cemetery Board, 7 years as Secretary of the Sunbury Social Club, was a Secretary of the Northumberland Hook & Ladder Company, was active in the Northumberland Acorn Little League as League President and coach, and is currently President of the Shikellamy class of 1966. Leonard served in the U.S. Army for 2 years and in the National Guards as a Staff Sergeant for 6 years.

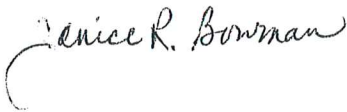
Whereas, he has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

Now, Therefore, I, Paul J. Ruane, Council President of the Borough of Northumberland, along with the Borough Council, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to issue this Proclamation to Leonard Zboray, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

*Paul J. Ruane, Council President
December 19, 2017"*

Dr. Cianflone moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary

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Reorganization Meeting
January 2, 2018

Mayor Daniel Berard administered the Elected Officials Oaths of Office to Council members Paul Boyer, Paul Ruane, Orlando Toro and Ellie Rees; and Joanna Rees, Tax Collector.

Mayor Berard called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Berard offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Paul Boyer, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Orlando Toro, and James Troup. Others present were Mayor Berard; Michael Collins, Acting Solicitor; C.L. Kriner, Police Chief; MaryKay Clark, Code Enforcement Officer; Brian Probst, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Ralph Cianflone and Ty Sees were absent.

Nomination and Election of Council President

Mrs. Rees nominated Paul Ruane for the position of Council President. No other nominations were offered. Council voted 4-0-1 to name Paul Ruane as Council President. Mr. Ruane abstained.

Nomination and Election of Council Vice President

Mr. Ruane nominated Paul Boyer for the position of Council Vice-President. No other nominations were offered. Council voted 4-0-1 to name Paul Boyer as Council Vice-President. Mr. Boyer abstained.

Nomination and Election of President ProTem

Mr. Ruane nominated Orlando Toro for the position of President ProTem. No other nominations were offered. Council voted 4-0-1 to name Orlando Toro as President ProTem. Mr. Toro abstained.

Penn DOT Update

Ms. Mindy Foresman reported that the utilities are still working. However, with the cold weather, they will not be working for the rest of this week. She stated that the utilities are