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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
July 19, 2016

President Paul Ruane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilwoman Ellie Rees offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were James Troup, Harry Wynn, Paul Boyer, Ellie Rees, and Paul Ruane. Others present were MaryKay Clark, Code Enforcement Officer; Brian Probst, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Mayor Len Zboray and council members Ralph Cianflone and Ty Sees were absent.

Public Comment

Three visitors introduced themselves.

Ms. Pat Propst voiced concern about the standing water along Fifth Street at the new middle school. Mr. Ruane stated that he and the code enforcement officer were at the property and the water is a retention pond to hold the water run-off. Mr. Ruane stated that the property will be inspected. Ms. Propst questioned if the water is being treated. This was unknown but it was noted that the drainage area is not finished yet. Mrs. Rees asked if the council can request that the school district do something in the meantime. Mr. Probst stated that Doug Bennick is the person to contact.

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council voted 4-0-1 to approve the council meeting minutes of June 21, 2016. Mrs. Rees abstained because she was out of town on that date.

Northumberland Sewer Department

It was reported that since the last meeting, three job conferences were held. Council was presented with applications for payment for the waste water treatment plant project. There were also two Work Change Directives for Fulkroad. The first WCD Number 13 was to add a single set of access stairs for digesters 1 and 2 at an estimated cost of \$3,000. PVC to DIP for the non-potable water system as per manufacturer recommendation at an estimated cost of \$1,000 minus a credit for the returned SCH 80 fittings. No action was required.

Mr. Ruane moved to approve Application for Payment No. 12 to Fulkroad (contract 14-1G) in the amount of \$497,890.00. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Application for Payment No. 11 to Myco (contract 14-2H) in the amount of \$15,480.00. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Wynn moved to approve Application for Payment No. 11 to Lecce (contract 14-3E) in the amount of \$267,652.94. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mid State Paving expects to begin the manhole work on Wheatley Avenue by the end of this week or next week, at the latest.

There was little damage done to the materials stored at the sewer plant lot due to the truck accident on Route 11. Mr. Ruane reported that there were some pipes that were dented.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zboray provided the following report that was read by Mr. Ruane:

- I am pleased to announce that the Borough Police Department recently received a donation of \$2,000 from the Sunbury Social Club. It is to be used for training and ammunition for the pistol range.
- I am also very pleased to announce that the Borough has been approved to receive a donation of \$5,000 from the S. Luther Savidge Trust. The money is to be used for Liberty Splashland. Specifically to purchase another stand-by pump, repair of the drop slides, and also repair to the pool and sprayground pipes.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Ms. MaryKay Clark informed the council that one building permit was issued. There were four complaints, no citations. Permit fees were \$64.00. Four rental inspections were completed.

Street Supervisor's Report

Mr. Brian Probst reported that the street department has completed the waterfall in King Street Park. They hauled everything into the park for Pineknotters' Days and removed it at the end of the week. The playground equipment was installed at Pineknott Park. They changed the light bulbs downtown and in King Street Park. There was a hole in the storm drain below Priestley Avenue near the old slaughter house. They filled it in. The 2004 Ford truck is running well. Mr. Probst stated that the Kubota is fifteen years old and council should consider upgrading it.

PennDOT Reconstruction Project

Mr. Brian Book informed council that he and Jeremy Deitrick had another meeting with PennDOT concerning the Routes 147 and 11 reconstruction project. He provided council with a copy of the minutes from the meeting. He stated that PennDOT does not want the Borough to replace all the sewer line on Duke Street. They would like a section of pipe between Pond and Saw Mill Avenues replaced. They do not feel that the sewer line from Saw Mill to 8th Street must be replaced. Sewer lines at the intersection of King and Water Streets and along King Street must be replaced. The result of this meeting is that the estimate of all cost in between \$400,000 and \$500,000 with the Borough contributing 25% of the cost. He noted that approximately \$20,000 to \$40,000 would be cost shared to the Point Township Sewer Authority. Engineering costs are 100% reimbursable, including the costs for the study.

Mr. Book added that there may be sections of clay pipe that may be damaged during the construction. If this occurs, there would probably be change orders to replace them.

Mr. Book suggested that council adopt the resolution authorizing application for reimbursement for this project, noting that Rettew would submit the documentation. Mr. Boyer so moved. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously. The resolution is as follows:

*“Borough of Northumberland
Resolution G-2016*

In accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Design Manual – Part 5, Chapter 8.1.C, the Borough of Northumberland does hereby authorize the submission of the attached request for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to provide a 100.00 per centum reimbursement for all engineering costs and 75.00 per centum reimbursement for all other costs to the Borough of Northumberland, less any betterments, incurred in relocating our sanitary sewer facility affected by the S.R. 0147 (110) and S.R. 0011 (113) project necessitated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Highway Improvement in Northumberland County.

Also the Borough Council President of said Municipality be authorized and directed to sign a Utility Reimbursement Agreement on its behalf and that the Borough Secretary be authorized and directed to attest the Borough Council President’s signature on the Utility Reimbursement Agreement for this highway project.

Adopted as a Resolution this 19th day of July, 2016.

Attest: _____ By: _____
Janice R, Bowman, Borough Secretary Paul J. Ruane, Borough Council President
(Seal)

Certification:

I, Janice R. Bowman, Borough Secretary of the Borough of Northumberland attest that this Resolution was officially adopted by the Northumberland Borough Council at a duly-called meeting of the Council.

(Seal)

Janice R. Bowman, Borough Secretary”

Committee Reports

- Community Development
 1. Mrs. Rees stated that the merry-go-round is complete and children are playing on it. There will be an additional cost for the removal of the stone that was underground.
 2. The overdrive has to have the mat installed.
- Finance – no report
- Personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Public Safety – no report
- Rules – no report
- Streets

Mr. Boyer stated that he has had compliments on the waterfall in the King Street Park and also that the park looked nice for Pineknotters’ Days. He also heard negative comments about the BINGO tent being on the other side of King Street.

Old Business

1. C-2016 Police Retirement Contribution – tabled

New Business

1. An addition to the list of bills was one for mileage reimbursement to Angela Klinger for \$70.10 for two trips to SAM's Club. Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$106,757.12; bills to be paid from the 2nd Street Community Center total \$2,000; Liberty Splashland bills total \$115,513.51; bills to be paid from the Parks and Recreation Fund total \$3,428.00; and Sewer Department bills total \$31,755.01.
2. Upon motion by Mr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Boyer, council unanimously approved a handicap parking space request from Harold Billman at 459 Fourth Street.

Executive Session

Mr. Ruane adjourned the council meeting at 7:13 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The meeting will be reconvened. The meeting was reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

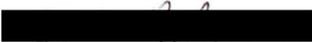
Mr. Wynn proposed that come budget meetings, council consider a tax increase for 2017. Mr. Ruane advised that the Finance Committee will be preparing the budget this fall and it should be discussed then. One mil produces \$26,839 in real estate tax that is included in the Borough's budget. Mr. Wynn stated that taxes have not been raised for four years and there are a lot of things in the Borough that should be done. He said that there is curbing that needs to be done in the Borough. Mr. Wynn said that the school district had agreed that they would pave Prince Street when the building is completed. He said that the truck traffic from the contractors has deteriorated the pavement. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Wynn questioned if council could change the stop sign at the corner of Prince and Strawbridge to stop in all directions, eliminating the exception for the continuous right turn from Prince Street onto Strawbridge Road. A traffic study was completed. Mr. Ruane requested that Barry Garverick (PennDOT) be contacted to come down and see what he recommends.

At the recommendation of the personnel committee, Mrs. Rees made a motion to place Angela Klinger in charge of the pool, now, as the head manager at her current wage rate of \$10.50. As part of the motion, Tylor Dzwonchyk is to become another assistant manager at his current wage rate. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Council voted 4-1 to approve. Mr. Troup vote no, adding that his vote did not have anything to do with Angela Klinger becoming manager.

Mr. Troup moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary