

Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
May 7, 2013

The council did not have a quorum to begin the meeting. Therefore, the council members present convened an Executive Session beginning at 7:05 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

President James Troup called the council meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Gregory Carl, Adam Klock, Stephen Reed, and James Troup. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; Ted McCollum, Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Ty Sees, Frank Wetzel, and Harry Wynn were absent.

The visitors present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Dick Simpson, the chairman of the Pineknott Park ballfield stated that he would like to thank Tom Slodysko and crew for a job well done in preparing the field.

Council meeting Minutes of March 19, 2013 and April 2, 2013

Upon motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Troup, council voted unanimously to approve the council meeting minutes of March 19, 2013.

Upon motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Klock, council voted 3-0-1 to approve the council meeting minutes of April 2, 2013. Mr. Carl abstained.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zboray informed the council that the Memorial Day Parade will form at the King Street Park at 10:00 a.m. and move at 10:30 on Monday, May 27th. The service will be held at the Riverview Cemetery. A band from the Saint Louis de Montfort Academy in Herndon will be taking part in the ceremony along with the Shikellamy High School band.

Touch a Truck, sponsored by the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library, will be held at the King Street Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15th.

A "GoodFoot" concert will be held in the King Street Park at 6:30 on June 15th.

The Sunbury City Band will perform at the King Street Park on July 22nd.

The Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization is planning a neighborhood yard sale, possibly the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Ann Roll is co-ordinating the event.

Mayor Zboray attended the Shikellamy Marina Update with Lynda Schlegel-Culver and Frank Nanna. He noted that it was a well-received meeting. He learned that one bag in the fabridam weighs sixteen tons.

“See You in September” will be held on Sunday, September 1st. Memory Lane will play from 3:00 to 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor received a letter from the Sunbury-Northumberland Community Trust concerning the annual meeting on June 6th. Mayor Zboray stated that he was unable to attend the meeting last year and the Borough Secretary attended. He added that she would be attending the meeting again this year. It was noted that the Borough received funding from the trust last year for tables, lounge chairs, and a bike rack for Liberty Splashland and funding toward elementary students’ “free day” passes.

Mayor Zboray attended the meeting of the S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust. The Borough was awarded \$2,500 for landscaping at the Borough Building. He said that Andy York will design a plan for the landscaping and Bobby Orr has been contacted to make a sign for the Borough Office, similar to the sign that is in front of the Police Department.

The S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust also awarded an additional \$3,000 for the dog park. Mayor Zboray said that Mr. Klock had requested that funding be requested to enclose an area with a fence for smaller dogs. The total awarded from the Trust for the dog park is \$9,000. The trustees have requested that a sign be erected at the dog park noting the contributions. Mr. Tira added that South Williamsport has a park with sections for smaller dogs and that they could answer any questions that the committee may have.

Mayor Zboray also stated that the S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust has also provided funding for a sign to be placed in the park whenever events are held that have been sponsored by the Trust.

Northumberland Sewer Department Report

“Michele Cope presented the Clerk’s report as follows:

- Work with Better Business Solutions to get software completed.
- Located a discrepancy in billing – 2 Business customers not billed since 2010 letters and invoices sent
- Set up Super 1 and Super 2 email addresses
- Organized all information for the 2012 audit
- Sent out quarterly water usage invoices / flow based invoices
- Bank Accounts reconciled thru March 31, 2013
- Worked with KMR to eliminate customer balances in QB – journal entries
- 2012 treatment vs. flow reconciliation for UA & PTSA
- Refund request \$487.00 for 614 Priestley – Water service has been off
- Posted 1 water shut off notice @ 640 Wheatley Ave

- Deposits for April = \$122,515.88
- To date there has been \$2,151.88 paid by Cynthia Lark for Restitution

Adam Klock made a motion to reimburse \$487.00 to the owner of 614 Priestley for his sewer payments during the time his water has been shut off. Steve Reid second. All members present approved.

The sewer committee had their meeting at 5 pm this evening. At that meeting there was discussion on the reconciliation of the bulk customers, Point Township Sewer Authority and Upper Augusta Sewer. This is calculated by flow and cost of treatment. It seems that Point Township will be getting a refund of \$4,539.80. And Upper Augusta owes and additional \$1,922.01. The documentation was sent to each and they may request additional information or have other questions, therefore we will wait to issue a refund or invoice for payment.

The sewer committee discussed several purchases as follows:

The sewer committee recommends the purchase of security camera and the installation. We received two (2) bids. The first is from Akita Security for \$3,911.92. The second bid is \$4992.00 from K & N Electric. Greg Carl made a motion to approve the bid from Akita Security for \$3,911.92. Adam Klock second. All members approved.

There is also a need to purchase a sampler. This will be used to sample the bulk and industrial customers waste streams. This will monitor the compliance with the treatment agreement and investigate process issues that are being dealt with which directly affect the design phase of the project. The current sampler is not working. The bids we have are from HACH for \$3,083.63 and USA Blue Book \$ 3,423.00. Adam Klock made a motion to purchase a sampler from HACH for \$3,083.63. Greg Carl second. All members approved.

There are two (2) trash pumps which have failed and need to be replaced. The bids to purchase new trash pumps are: West Branch Rental \$1,150.00, Best Line \$1,215.00 and Allenwood Rental Supply \$1,500.00. Adam Klock made a motion to purchase a trash pump from West Branch Rental for \$1,150.00. Greg Carl second. All members approved.

Adam Klock made a motion to purchase a new break table and chairs from Quill for \$435.95, plus, to pay \$42.95 for the repairs to Budd Readers laptop which he has used for work. Greg Carl second. All members approved.

There is a Resolution which is "H" which is to authorize the Borough and representative to move forward with submitting to be part of the PennVest Auction for the Nutrient Credits coming up in June. Adam Klock made a motion to approve Resolution H to authorize the Northumberland Borough to participate in the Pa. Nutrient Trading Program the authority to trade credits. Greg Carl second. All members approve.

Adam Klock made a motion to advertise the request for bids for Nutrient Credit procurement. The bids need to be received by Friday June 7 at 3:00PM. Greg Carl second. All members approved.

Submitted by S. Michele Cope"

Street Supervisor's Report

- Mr. Slodysko thanked the United Way Volunteers who helped with the brush clean-up at Pineknott Park. The volunteers were from the First National Bank.
- Mr. Slodysko also thanked the volunteers at the Dog Park. Most of the posts have been installed. Discussion ensued. Mr. Troup stated that he would try to obtain poles for the bridge at the park.
- The street sweeper has been repaired and is running.
- The brush drop-off is going very well. There is a huge stock-pile of mulch which is available to Borough residents. Compost is also available to Borough residents.
- The paving bids have been received. Mr. Slodysko noted that one alleyway was missed on the bid specification. However, it can be added to the contract. He said that the bid is lower than the estimates that PennDOT had provided.
- Mr. Slodysko said that he would like to have a controlled burn to burn the vines. Mr. Troup told him to speak with the Fire Chief. Mr. Tira advised that the burn should be done according to the ordinance.
- Street signs have been received. The crew will be installing them this summer.
- People have been walking their dogs in the King Street Park. It was noted that the signs are in the middle of the park and additional signs should be erected at the ends of the park.
- Mr. Slodysko asked where the council is with the time clocks. He explained that he may need to order more time cards for the current time clock. Mr. Klock stated that Akita Security has offered to install the time clock at the sewer plant for free and it would be test run at the sewer plant before the others are installed. Mr. Slodysko stated that he has enough time cards for about a month. Mr. Klock advised Mr. Slodysko to purchase more time cards since rules must still be established for the time clocks.
- Mr. Troup asked what the rule is about sweeping debris into the storm drain. Mr. Slodysko stated that putting any type of debris in the storm drain is not permitted. Mr. Troup said that someone at the R & B Garage was sweeping the street into the storm drain. He requested that the owner be informed that this is not permitted.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

- Mr. McCollum provided the council with a written report of the activity of the Code Enforcement Office for the past month.
- Mr. McCollum told council that he is currently taking the Building Code Official course in Enola which concludes on Friday with a two hour test. He said that he will receive the results from L & I in about two to three weeks following the test.
- Fourteen code violations have been issued; ten have complied.
- Mr. McCollum provided pictures of a chimney that is falling down. He has spoken to the property owner who plans to obtain a dumpster and tear it down.
- Mr. McCollum said that the owner of the Exchange Hotel plans to demolish the building. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. McCollum said that there is a potential buyer for the property on Fifth Street owned by Linda Schleg.

Emergency Services Board Report

No report

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Carl stated that the committee would meet next Monday at 7:00 p.m.

- Liberty Splashland
 - The check for \$6,000 from Coca-Cola is on its way. This is the second payment of a 10 year agreement.
 - A parking area at the pool is being created for the employees.
 - The bowl slide will be inspected and cleaned.
 - Libertysplashland.com has been updated.
 - Swimming lessons will be held this year as well as a lifeguard certification course.
 - New lifeguard stands have been purchased with funding from the S. Luther Savidge Community Trust.
- 2nd Street Community Center
 - The company is to come next week to measure for the templates for the countertops in the kitchen.
- Fire Police Building
 - The block work has been completed and the fire police are painting the block.
 - The bathroom fixtures will be installed this week.
 - The sewer line needs to be reconnected.
- Community Day with Lynda Schlegel-Culver is set for June 6th from 4:00 to 9:00 at Liberty Splashland.
- Mr. Carl requested permission to purchase a pool vacuum, the AquaBot Jet Ultra, at a cost of \$4,055. The vacuum will clean the entire pool in an hour. The cost to have an employee clean the pool daily is approximately \$2,000 per season. Mr. Carl would like to use the money that is coming from Coca-Cola. Mr. Troup moved and Mr. Reed seconded the motion to purchase the pool vacuum at the cost of \$4,055 once the check is received from Coca-Cola. Council unanimously approved the motion.
- Mr. McCollum commented that the outlets on the wall in the kitchen should be changed to GFIC outlets within three feet of a sink to be in compliance with building codes. Mr. Carl noted that if the receptacles in the kitchen are on a ground fault breaker, they are all protected. He checked and said that the receptacles are all on a ground fault breaker.
- Mr. Troup raised a question about the garage on the property at the corner of Front and Second Streets. He said that he's noticed that work is being done on cars and questioned if it is a business. It was stated that the owner of the property says he is not running a business. Mr. McCollum will check on the property.
- Mr. Klock said that he was approached by someone from Little League who asked if they could be given tokens for the lights at Pineknott Park since their volunteers man the concession stand whereas the teams that play later in the season do not have to man the concession stand because the Borough's summer employees are there. It was noted that the summer employees would begin working on May 13th. The Borough is reimbursed 90% of their pay because they are employed through the PHEAA work study program. The Borough crew has been working at the field to get it ready for the Little League baseball season. Mr. Troup stated that he thinks that the teams should be responsible to take care of the field. He questioned why the Borough is spending money for that field when the Acorn Field is run by the Little League and they pay all the bills. Mr. Klock agreed, saying that he feels that they should run the field so the Borough is not burdened to take care of it and fund it. Mr. Carl questioned who would be responsible since there

are several leagues that play there. Mr. Klock stated that they could form a managing body to run it. Mr. Troup stated that the Borough has spent a lot for supplies and man hours and he feels the teams should work on the field. Mayor Zboray agreed, stating that when he was a coach, his players worked on the field and mowed the grass. Mr. Troup suggested that the teams take up collections to help pay for the lights. Mr. Carl suggested that Dick Simpson be invited to a committee meeting to discuss the council's concerns.

Finance

Mr. Troup announced that the committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 16th.

Personnel

Personnel issues were discussed in the Executive Session.

Public Safety – no report.

Rules

Mr. Klock stated that he has been working with the solicitor on the animal ordinance. He said that the flow chart became more complicated in order to address the various scenarios.

Streets

- Mr. Reed stated that the Borough does not have the funding to replace the pipe at the pool. A company had looked at the pipe and provided a cost to rehab the pipe in place. The cost was approximately \$190,000. The Borough has submitted an appeal to FEMA for funding to replace the pipe but no decision has been received. PEMA agrees that the funding should come from FEMA.
- The Central Susquehanna COG provided the results of the paving bid. Mr. Reed moved to accept the low bid of \$90,797 from Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc.; Mr. Klock seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously. The other bids were \$94,257 from Eastern Industries and \$128,477.90 from HRI, Inc.

Old Business

1. Mr. Klock stated that he is looking into signs for the dog park that would be aluminum, diamond plated, with raised metal letters. The signs would be powder coated. The signs to be erected are for the name of the park and the rules for the park. A suggestion for the name of the park was the Howling Hollow. Mr. Klock moved to name the dog park Howling Hollow. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the name.

New Business

1. Upon motion by Mr. Carl, seconded by Mr. Reed, council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$37,242.32; Liberty Splashland bills total \$1,681.03; bills to be paid from the Park and Recreation fund total \$47.58; Parking Meter bills total \$684.19; Northumberland Sewer Department bills total \$9,513.97.
2. Ms. Sally Diehl has requested a handicapped parking space in front of her double house at 341-343 Front Street. The request is for the handicapped space to be located in front of

343 Front Street which would be the first parking space after Sheetz Avenue. Her neighbor is agreeable to the sign being located in front of his home. Mr. Reed so moved. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

3. The Sunbury Elks requested permission to conduct a Flag Day Ceremony in King Street Park on June 14th at 7:00 p.m. and that the council waives the fee. Mr. Troup moved to approve the request and to waive the fee. Mr. Klock seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Klock moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary