

Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
November 1, 2011

President Gregory Carl 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 Gregory Carl, Judith Groninger, Robert Long, James Orner, Stephen Reed, and Frank Wetzel. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; Thomas Slodysko, Street Supervisor; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

The four visitors present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Orner, the minutes of the September 20, 2011 were unanimously approved.

Council member Jonathan Rees arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the October 4, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Orner seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0-3 to approve with Mr. Long, Mr. Carl, and Mrs. Groninger abstaining.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Len Zboray requested that council approve Jeff Gordy as an extern with the police department. Mayor Zboray noted that Mr. Gordy is a student at the McCann School of Business and is recommended by the police department. Mrs. Groninger asked if there would be any expense to the Borough for badges or shirts. Chief Fink responded that the department has shirts for him to wear and that the position is at no cost to the Borough. Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Long, the council voted unanimously to approve the externship for Mr. Gordy.

Mayor Zboray requested that council accept Jonathan Cromley as a member of the Northumberland Fire Police. He had a background check and is recommended by Jon Apple. Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mrs. Groninger, Mr. Cromley was appointed to the Northumberland Fire Police.

Mayor Zboray announced that Santa would arrive in the King Street Park on November 28th at 7:00 p.m. The Sunbury City Band would begin playing at 6:30 p.m. The Revitalization Committee will be overseeing the program with funding from the Anselmo Trust.

Volunteers are needed to decorate the park on November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

The American Legion Post 44 will be recognizing veterans on November 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery.

On Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m. volunteers will be decorating the Riverview Cemetery for Wreaths for Warriors.

Mayor Zboray will be meeting quarterly with other mayors in the area, Dave Persing of Sunbury, Sean Christine of Selinsgrove, and Joe McGranahan of Shamokin Dam. They plan to work together as a group to attract businesses and industries to the area.

A water leak at 7th and Prince Street has been located and fixed.

The Mayor and Police Chief rode around town yesterday and found vehicles that were parked in the no parking areas in the afternoon. Mayor Zboray stated that the police will be ticketing vehicles that are parked in the no parking areas until 4:00 p.m. The street department is having difficulty collecting leaves with cars parked along the streets.

Mayor Zboray thanked the Fire Department for pumping out the properties along WestWay. He added that Mr. Slodysko will be working on a solution for the owners of these properties.

The police force continues to work on the enforcement of speeding, moving violations and illegal parking.

Mayor Zboray encouraged residents to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election. He provided the locations of the polls: 1st Ward – 2nd Street Municipal and Community Center; 2nd Ward – St. Mark's Episcopal Church; and 3rd Ward – Kiwanis Building on Prince Street.

Street Supervisor's Report

The street crew is picking up the leaves. Mr. Slodysko noted that the additional enforcement is working in that today only two vehicles were parked on the no parking side of the street.

Mr. Slodysko is bidding on a truck to replace the GMC truck on Municibid. The truck is being offered by the Wellsboro Airport Authority. A high bid limit was approved; the Borough is currently the high bidder. The auction ends in 17 days.

The department was ready for the snow storm and everything went well.

There is a leak in the pipe running from the pit in the parking area at the Kiwanis Building to the Kiwanis Building. Mr. Slodysko will be working to locate and repair the leak tomorrow.

Mr. Slodysko has begun crack sealing. Two temporary employees have been hired to assist with leaf collecting and crack sealing. The crack sealing will begin on the better streets to increase their longevity and will continue as weather permits.

Mr. Slodysko asked about winterizing the former Borough Office building.

Through the next weeks, the Christmas decorations will be installed downtown and lit on Thanksgiving Eve.

G & R Charles repaired the storm drains at the Hanover and Second Street intersection. Mr. Reed noted that the Borough is to withhold \$4,880 toward paving the intersection next year.

There are dead trees at the Riverview Cemetery along Seventh Street. Mr. Slodysko asked if the crew should remove the trees. Discussion ensued. Mayor Zboray asked that Mr. Slodysko meet with him to point out the trees and he will obtain prices from contractors to remove the trees.

Mr. Slodysko explained that a storm water pipe will be installed along WestWay to alleviate the water problem in the lots.

No news has been received about the repairs for the storm water pipe above the pool or the Fire Police building.

The water is to be turned off at the Fire Police Building and the former Borough Building.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Paul Ruane reported on the Code Enforcement Office activity for the past month.

Central Susquehanna COG is in the process of establishing an Appeals Board which the Borough could utilize instead of appointing its own board. An ordinance was provided for the council to consider. The Borough's current appeals board is comprised of Adam Klock, Ty Sees, and James Troup. The three men are running unopposed for Borough Council. As councilmembers, they would not be eligible to serve on the Appeals Board. Mr. Long asked if there would be a cost to the Borough. Mr. Gene Brosius, solicitor for the Central Susquehanna COG, stated that the Borough would set its own fee for an appeal. The Borough currently does not have a fee schedule for appeals. Mr. Tira stated that the cost to hear an appeal is not as much as a zoning hearing because there is no cost for an advertisement and no stenographer. It was noted that the Borough has not had an appeal since at least 2000. Mr. Tira added that whether or not the Borough utilizes the COG's appeals board, a fee for appeals should be set and included in the Borough's fee schedule.

Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Carl, council voted unanimously to advertise the ordinance to use the Central Susquehanna COG's appeals board. The ordinance will be considered at the December 6, 2011 council meeting.

Northumberland Sewer Authority Report

Mr. Orner reported that the authority's meeting was held at the sewer plant on October 24th. The authority has contacted Josh Sheraton, Esq., a CPA from Harrisburg, to look into the penalties and interests on the IRS taxes. Mr. Sheraton has been in touch with Steve Slaton and he feels

that he may be able to help the sewer authority in having the fees reduced. They are investigating the costs.

A plan was set for Point Township for the money that was owed on the Queen Street pump station. Jack Fasold had presented the plan that provides for the township authority to pay the past due payments and a payment schedule set for the additional money that is owed. No response was received from the township supervisors.

Mr. Orner explained that a meeting was held with the Sunbury Municipal Authority to discuss the possibility of contracting with Sunbury for sewage treatment. He had not been able to attend the meeting.

Mr. Orner said that the sewer authority would conduct a budget meeting tomorrow at the sewer plant at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is set for November 28th at 4:30 p.m. at the sewer plant.

Mr. Wetzel stated that he and Mayor Zboray attended the meeting in Sunbury with Point Township and Sunbury representatives. They learned that Sunbury's plant is currently operating at 30% capacity. Northumberland's sewage could be treated at the Sunbury sewer plant if a pipe is installed between Northumberland and Sunbury in order to hook onto Sunbury's system. The group hopes to have the engineers exchange information and to provide a cost for a feasibility study for the next meeting which is set for November 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal office on South Fourth Street. DEP is in favor of merging authorities. It is felt that more grant money would be available to connect to Sunbury's system than to upgrade the current system. The plant in Northumberland may still be used. The current charges to residents were provided. Sunbury residents pay \$41 per month or \$123 per quarter. Borough residents currently pay \$87 per quarter. Mayor Zboray stated that Sunbury's rates could decrease if the Borough and Township were to become customers. He added that the Borough's authority must obtain cost projections for the upgrade of the sewer plant and to install the pipe to join with Sunbury's system. Borough residents will be facing an increase in sewer rates with either option. Mr. Carl asked if the Borough would be a customer or if Sunbury is interested in forming a joint authority. Mr. Wetzel responded that the Borough would be a customer. The Borough would be responsible for the pumping stations located in the Borough. Mrs. Groninger asked why, if Sunbury has this capacity, they turned off the sewer to Hamilton during the flood. Mr. Wetzel did not know. He did note that one section of Sunbury needs to be transferred yet. Mr. Wetzel explained that the meetings are fact-finding meetings; with representatives from the three municipalities attending. Mr. Wetzel said that the meeting on November 17th is not opened to the public; it is a fact-finding meeting with a few officials attending from each of the three municipalities. Mayor Zboray stated that he would not be able to attend the meeting on November 17th. Mr. Wetzel plans to attend.

Emergency Services Board Report

Fire Chief Jim Troup informed the council that the Hookie's ladder truck is now paid for. The No. 1's plans to purchase a new engine at a cost of approximately \$450,000.

The Emergency Services Board will meet on November 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the 2nd Street Municipal and Community Center.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Carl announced that the committee would meet on November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Borough Secretary requested permission to purchase cellular shades for the Savidge Room from an online company. It was explained that the prices can vary daily and it would be advantageous if council would approve the purchase so the shades may be purchased when they are on sale. The cost should not exceed \$2,000. The S. Luther Savidge Trust has provided funding for the shades.

Mrs. Groninger moved that the Borough Secretary have permission to purchase shades for the Savidge Room at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Mr. Carl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Borough Secretary spoke to Jim Romig, the carpentry instructor at the SUN Technical School. The students will be able to install the kitchen cabinets once the other work is complete.

The Pennsylvania Conservation Corp had begun the electric and plumbing work but was unable to finish due to the state's decision to end the PCC program.

Several contractors have been contacted for estimates to complete the electrical and plumbing work as well as the drywall. A grant from the Northumberland Development Fund will be used to pay for the work.

Mr. Long moved to accept bids for contractors to complete electrical, plumbing, and drywall installation for the kitchen renovation at a cost of up to \$3,000 per item. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wetzel stated that he was not in favor of spending \$9,000 for the renovations when appliances are still needed. Mr. Long amended his motion to stipulate that the combined total for the renovations is not to exceed \$6,000. Mrs. Groninger withdrew her second. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Council voted 6-1 to approve with Mr. Orner casting the negative vote.

Finance

Mr. Rees announced that the committee would meet on November 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to finalize the 2012 budget.

Upon motion by Mr. Rees, seconded by Mr. Carl, council unanimously approved the 2010 audit which was conducted by Patricia Young, CPA.

Mr. Rees noted that at the last meeting, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to council to transfer \$40,000 from the General Fund to Liberty Splashland for the bowl slide based on the CDBG grant based on the gentlemen's agreement with the County Commissioners. Mr. Long so moved. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rees noted that the committee also voted unanimously to recommend to council that the \$3,000 that was budgeted for additional insurance for the bowl slide be transferred to

Liberty Splashland because the bowl slide was not in operation this summer and the pool donation had been reduced by \$3,000 so that money would be available for the insurance. Mr. Long so moved. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

Mrs. Groninger stated that a personnel issue would be discussed in Executive Session.

Public Safety

Mr. Wetzel stated that the committee would meet on November 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Rules

Mr. Long reported that the committee is recommending that the Borough advertise an ordinance to approve parking permits in metered areas of the Borough. Mr. Tira advised that the ordinance may be advertised and he will have it in final format for the December 6th council meeting. The Borough Secretary presented a sample permit that would be hung on the rear view mirror. Mr. Carl suggested that some type of marking be included so the permits could not be copied. The Borough Seal will be included on the permit. Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, council voted unanimously to advertise the parking permits for the metered parking areas.

The committee also recommended that council advertise an ordinance that provides for parking signs for businesses in non-metered areas of the Borough during business hours. Mr. Tira advised that the ordinance may be difficult to enforce. Mr. Long moved to advertise the parking signs for businesses in non-metered areas of the Borough. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Long explained that a traffic study was completed on Elliott Drive. Because of the width of the street, the conclusion of the study is that an ordinance be adopted which prohibits parking on the inner side of Elliott Drive. A traffic study was also completed to extend the no parking area on Orange Street at Fifth Street to forty-five feet from the stop sign to allow for a longer distance for the ladder truck to negotiate the turn onto Orange Street. This no parking designation is included in the same ordinance. Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mrs. Groninger, council voted unanimously to advertise the ordinance.

Mr. Long noted that at the last Rules meeting, Mr. Bill Herrold attended to discuss the codes. Mr. Long stated that the committee appreciated him coming and that Mr. Herrold had sent a nice letter thanking the committee for hearing his concerns.

Streets

Mr. Reed stated that the committee would meet on November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

1. Mr. Long moved to adopt a resolution to form the North-Point Sewer Authority, a joint sewer authority with Point Township, authorizing the President and Secretary of Council to execute the Articles of Incorporation and to advertise notice of the resolution with the intent that the Borough Authority transfer its assets and obligations to the North-Point Sewer Authority. Mr. Carl seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Reed stated

that he thought the council was going to wait to see what happens with the meetings with Sunbury Sewer Authority. Mr. Long responded that all the arguments that had previously been brought up with “selling the farm” are what will happen with going with Sunbury. The \$50,000 will disappear. Every argument that has been made prior to this about the joint authority is right there with Sunbury, and more. The Borough would have zero control. Mr. Reed stated that he thinks the council needs more information. Mr. Carl stated that he would withdraw his second unless the \$50,000 payment to the Borough annually is continued under the joint sewer authority. Mr. Long amended his motion to include the annual \$50,000 payment. Mr. Reed stated that he feels that the council should wait until more information is obtained from Sunbury about the possibility of contracting with them to treat the Borough’s sewage. Mayor Zboray said that he feels that council should wait until costs are obtained for either upgrading the current plant or building a new plant. He feels that until we know those costs and the cost of contracting with Sunbury, council should wait to decide whether to form a joint authority.

Mr. Tira asked if the intent is to sign an agreement. Mr. Long stated that the resolution is to form the joint authority, the details of which will be worked out by that board. Mr. Rees said that he is not in favor of a joint authority because he does not think the Borough should give up its control. He is really uneasy about going to Sunbury because we would have no control. Mr. Rees stated that he feels it is premature and added that he is not in favor of a joint authority unless it is more well-defined. Mr. Wetzel stated that he was at the meeting with Point Township and that the Borough is not asking them to buy into it. Mr. Tira asked if the council is comfortable with the terms that they are signing up for because they are buying into joint assets and liabilities. He advised that the council should know what they are agreeing to. He added that he is not speaking one way or the way. He explained that there are costs for development, liabilities, etc. Mr. Gene Brosius, solicitor for the sewer authority explained that the township authority currently has districts. Each one is treated separately. The borough would be the same way. The costs would be determined by the basis of the collection system and their share of the cost of the treatment.

Mr. Reed stated that he feels that council should keep talking about it. Mrs. Groninger stated that Mr. Yoxheimer had given an explanation at the first meeting and had gone through the districts and Mr. Seigel from SEDA-COG said the same thing. Mrs. Groninger stated that no one has had specific questions. Mr. Carl stated that council has never had questions about the districts and that he trusts what is done with the districts and that the districts have already been sorted out. Mrs. Groninger added that if the system is expanded, the people in that area would pay for the new lines. Mr. Rees stated that if the Borough gives up control, they may set the district rates differently. Mr. Tira responded that the council could set the structure to stipulate that the operation costs are spread evenly among all users. The upgrades for the collection system would be unique to each district. Mr. Tira noted that he has not been asked to review the agreement.

Mr. Rees said that he has nothing against the joint authority. However, he has not seen a specific document that he feels comfortable with that he feels protects the residents of the Borough. Mr. Rees stated that he would like more information before approving a joint authority.

Mr. Reed asked why the topic wasn't on the agenda, adding that it was set up for the workshop, according to the website. The Borough Secretary explained that the Sewer Authority's meeting is posted on the Borough calendar on the website. She added that she was not aware that a motion was going to be made because of the talks with Sunbury so it was not added to the agenda.

Mrs. Groninger said that from the first meeting, it was explained that the same people who are on Point Township's authority and the same people on Northumberland's would be on the joint authority. The meeting minutes from that meeting include the schedule for the authority members. Mr. Rees asked about the half million dollars that the Township authority currently owes the Borough authority. Mrs. Groninger stated that there is more to it. Mr. Reed asked why the rush. Mr. Long stated that council would not be closing any doors; they would just be moving forward. Although, he said that he has two months to have his say in the process and he feels it is the best for the residents and the right thing to do for the Borough. Mrs. Groninger asked why our own sewer authority hasn't proceeded. First it was the tanks, and now they are okay. Mr. Troup stated that Mrs. Groninger had said that the property is not worth anything. Mrs. Groninger stated that she has never said that the property is not worth anything and has told Mr. Troup that before in a public meeting. Mr. Troup said that the property is insured for \$1.6 million. He feels an appraisal should be done on the property to see what value the citizens have in the property since the Borough citizens paid to have it built. To allow the township come in to a joint authority gives them the same rights as the Borough residents without adding any benefit for the Borough residents. If there is no benefit for the residents of Northumberland, he questions why the council would entertain this whole thing. The NSA can now set the fees to the township as their customer. Mrs. Groninger said this is what she's been talking about, going over the same thing. She said that council was told at one of the meetings that it cost the Borough \$500,000 to put in the sewer. Mr. Troup asked if the appraisal was done. He said that the two engineers were to obtain an appraisal to see what the value of the property is and then they were to see what the cost would be to build a new plant. None of that has been done yet. Mr. Troup feels that to form a joint authority, Point Township would have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Mrs. Groninger noted that it is great for Sunbury too; they have nothing to lose either.

Roll call vote was called: Mr. Carl, Mrs. Groninger, Mr. Long and Mr. Orner voted aye; Mr. Reed, Mr. Rees and Mr. Wetzel voted nay. Motion passed 4-3.

Mrs. Groninger left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

2. A proposed lease for the tennis courts at the C.W. Rice Middle School was received from the Shikellamy School District. Mr. Tira noted that there was an error in the lease. The termination agreement is missing. Mr. Tira will contact the district's solicitor, Jeff Apfelbaum, to have the lease corrected. The agreement was tabled.

Mrs. Groninger returned at 8:34 p.m.

New Business

1. The Borough Secretary noted a few corrections in the bills. The bill from Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc. The bill had referenced 115 Water Street and it was believed to be the Fire Police building. The inspector was contacted and the inspection was for the cell tower. The correction was made in QuickBooks, but the bill sheet has the wrong account. Tower Co. had paid for the inspection at the time the building permit had been paid. One of the NAPA bills was listed as the Sunbury NAPA. The bill should have been listed as the Big Boys NAPA in Northumberland. Mr. Long moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Groninger seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Council voted unanimously to pay the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$66,015.05; bills to be paid from the Parking Meter account total \$128.21; Liberty Splashland bills total \$603.96; Norry Playground bills total \$1,888.00; 2nd Street Community Center bills total \$1,010.33; and Liquid Fuels bills total \$548.90.
 2. Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Orner, council unanimously approved payment of the regular bills due before December 9, 2011.
 3. The Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative Board of Directors has asked that the municipalities approve an equitable policy that would govern the reclassification of members that may rise or fall above/below the threshold for the small group cluster. The policy is as follows:

For all new groups entering PMHIC on January 1, 2012, the total employee count will govern whether they will be included in the small group cluster. The small group cluster will include all new groups who have less than 15 employees at the time of pricing for the program.

On June 30th of every Plan Year, Benecon will review the total employee count for each member. If a member experiences an increase/decrease in the number of employees that impacts their current classification (with less than 15 being the threshold for the small group cluster), the member will be notified in writing that a potential reclassification will be monitored for the next twelve months. In the succeeding year on June 30th, the employee count will again be reviewed. If the member being monitored has an employee count that would warrant reclassification, the member will be notified in writing that it will be reclassified effective at the beginning of the next Plan Year on January 1st.

A report to the Board of Directors will be provided at the first meeting after June 30 of each year which will detail any groups that have been put on notice for reclassification or any groups that are required to change from either the large group or the small group cluster.”
- Upon motion by Mr. Carl, seconded by Mr. Long, council voted unanimously to approve the PMHIC Member Reclassification Policy.
4. PPL has requested a Right-of-Way Agreement to the cell tower located behind Pineknotter Park. Mr. Tira advised that the company should be informed that a Right-of-Way Agreement exists for Verizon in this same location. Mr. Long so moved. Mr. Carl seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

5. The Borough Secretary requested permission to purchase a new copier from CSP Office Equipment Co., Inc. for the Borough Office at a cost of \$2,578. The copier is on the state contract and the model is a Kyocera Solution Taskalfa255P2. There is money in the office budget to pay for the purchase. The new copier can be networked and can also scan. The service rate will be .012 cents per copy. The company has informed the office that they may no longer be able to obtain parts for the current copier. The service rate for the current copier is .028 cents per page. Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Long, council voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the copier.
6. Several committee vacancies exist, effective January 1. Letters are sent to the members, whose terms expire, thanking them for serving. Applications are included with the letter in case any of the members would like to apply to be reappointed. The council determined that the appointments would be made at the December 6th council meeting.
7. Mr. Carl read an invitation to council to a meeting to view the Lake Augusta Regional Plan on the November 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Degenstein Community Library Community Room in Sunbury.
8. On November 18th at the Geisinger Medical Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., council is invited to attend Transit Summit 2011, presented by the Northcentral Pennsylvania Public Transportation Task Force and sponsored by SEDA-COG, Geisinger, PennDOT and the United Way. Anyone wishing to attend should R.S.V.P. by November 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. for an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

- Mr. Carl made a motion to approve the Teamsters' contract. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the contract.
- Mr. Wetzel moved to sell the Jolly Hollow property on Orange Street at an auction with a reserved bid. Mr. Carl seconded the motion. The information is to be gathered for the December meeting with a target date to be set for January. Roll call vote: Mr. Carl, Mrs. Groninger, Mr. Orner, Mr. Rees, and Mr. Wetzel voted aye; Mr. Reed voted nay; and Mr. Long abstained.
- Mr. Carl moved and Mr. Long seconded the motion to transfer \$1,550 from the General Fund to the debit account for the truck auction. Council approved unanimously.
- Mr. Carl moved and Mr. Wetzel seconded a motion to authorize the Borough Secretary to contact Villager Realty to re-list the Borough Building for sale at \$130,000. Mr. Tira will contact the attorney for the fire company to determine if they have any interest. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve.
- The Borough Secretary had received a letter from the Cohen Law Firm, offering to review the Borough's TV Franchise Agreement with Service Electric at no cost to the Borough. Bloomsburg was also contacted and a copy of their agreement was obtained.

Another agreement was obtained through the Borough's Association. The Borough's agreement is very weak compared to the other agreements. The Borough currently receives 5% of the basic cable fee. Fees may also be assessed on many other items such as premium channels, home shopping, advertising, etc. Bloomsburg also receives free internet for their offices, and other public buildings in the town. The Cohen Law Firm is proposing to negotiate an agreement for the Borough and would like to negotiate agreements for several municipalities in the county in order to reduce costs. The rate to the Borough would be approximately \$7,500 with discounts if other municipalities also contract with the law firm. Council requested that the Borough Solicitor review the franchise agreements from Bloomsburg and Lansdale and contact Service Electric to negotiate a new agreement for the Borough.

- The Borough Secretary informed the council that Bill Roll, the Borough's representative on the Northumberland Tax Collection Committee, has decided that he is not interested in being reappointed to the committee for 2012. The committee had sent out an RFP and four companies presented their proposals to the committee. The committee had voted to contract with Capital. Since that meeting, several school districts and municipalities have begun legal action to change the voting method. Mr. Tira advised that the council should discuss this topic in Executive Session since it involves a legal issue.

The meeting was adjourned for an Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. The meeting was not reconvened.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary