

**Borough of Northumberland**  
**175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857**  
**Northumberland Borough Council Meeting**  
**October 2, 2012**

President James Troup called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Troup stated that an Executive Session was held from 7:00 to 7:35 to discuss personnel issues.

Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation.

**Roll Call**

Council members present were Greg Carl, Adam Klock, James Troup, and Frank Wetzel. Others present were Mayor Zboray; Ryan Tira, Borough Solicitor; Paul Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary. Council members Stephen Reed, Jonathan Rees, and Ty Sees were absent.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Klock, the council meeting minutes of August 21, 2012, were approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Klock, the council meeting minutes of September 4, 2012, were approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Troup, the council meeting minutes of September 18, 2012, were approved by a vote of 3-0-1 with Mr. Wetzel abstaining.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Zboray stated that Officer Lauver has requested permission for Samuel Kuhns to ride with him on a shift. Mr. Kuhns is working on getting his Act 120 police training at the Harrisburg Area Community College. Mr. Kuhns would like to ride along with Officer Lauver on a weekend night to be determined. Discussion ensued. Mayor Zboray stated that a waiver would be signed. Upon motion by Mr. Wetzel, seconded by Mr. Klock, council voted unanimously to approve Mr. Kuhn riding along with Officer Lauver.

John Auchenbach, a Criminal Justice major at Bloomsburg University is requesting permission to intern with the police department. His internship would begin in January 2013 and would be for 120 hours. This would be an unpaid internship. Chief Fink had conducted a criminal history and driving record check and reported that they were fine. Mr. Wetzel moved to allow John Auchenbach to complete an unpaid internship with the Police Department in January 2013. Mr.

Klock seconded the motion. Chief Fink noted that he would receive credit through the university for the internship. Council voted unanimously to approve.

Mayor Zboray thanked the PennDOT office of Northumberland County for grading and trimming along Front Street in the Borough.

The distribution of funds for the dog park was received from the S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust. The amount received was \$6,000.

The office is applying to the Savidge Trust for \$1000 for the flag pole and light that are being installed in the front of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Community and Municipal Building.

The Savidge Trust is also donating \$5000 for new Christmas decorations for the King Street Park and the downtown.

October 27<sup>th</sup> is the date for the cancer walk, beginning at C.W. Rice tennis courts.

#### **Northumberland Sewer Authority Report**

Mr. Klock reported that NSA met last week and passed two resolutions. One authorized Adam Klock and Dean Paul to transfer the assets to the borough. The other was to appoint Dean Paul to transfer the sewage permit with DEP to the Borough.

Mr. Klock stated that the council must determine the name of the sewer department in the Borough in order to obtain a bank account. Mr. Klock moved to call the department The Borough of Northumberland Sewer Department. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Klock stated that it is his understanding that Point Township Sewer Authority members have met with state representatives. Mr. Klock moved to send letters of fact to Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver and Senator John Gordner, signed by the Mayor, Council President, and Mr. Klock that explain what has happened with the law suit, and the council's progress with the study of alternatives and the council's intention to be in compliance with DEP. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Klock moved to establish two bank accounts, an operating account and a money market account. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Klock moved, and Mr. Wetzel seconded a motion to add Michele Cope as a signatory on the new Borough Sewer Department accounts, along with the other Borough signers (James Troup, Gregory Carl, Jane Sanders-Ressler, and Janice Bowman), and that Ms. Cope be bonded. Two signatures are required on the accounts. Council approved the motion unanimously.

#### **Engineering Services for Engineer's Certificate – Hazen & Sawyer, P.C.**

Mr. Tira explained that in order for the Borough to assume the responsibility for NSA's debt, the Borough must have approval from DCED. DCED requires a report from an engineer that states that the debt will be self-liquidating, meaning that the sewer rentals that are paid by users will pay off the debt and it won't require additional payment by the Borough to do so. An engineer

with Hazen & Sawyer, P.C. will prepare the report which will be submitted to DCED. Mr. Tira noted that some advertising will be required. Mr. Brian Book stated that he would be the engineer who would certify the report. He stated that the work would take approximately two weeks. Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, council approved the letter proposal from Hazen & Sawyer, P.C., for engineering services to prepare documentation for the Engineer's Certificate at a lump sum cost of \$2,000. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion. Council approved the motion unanimously.

### **New Business**

1. Payment of the bills. Mr. Carl added a bill of \$250 to be paid to Tom Mowrey for parging the new pool at Liberty Splashland. Mr. Klock moved and Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion to pay the bills, including the bill from Mr. Mowrey. Council approved unanimously. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$67,226.60; Liberty Splashland bills total \$1,294.84; Parking Meter Account bills total \$684.19; Park and Recreation Fund bills total \$7.40; and Shade Tree Account bills total \$88.80.
2. Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, council unanimously approved Resolution O-2012 to open a PennVest account and a debit card account at the Northumberland National Bank. These accounts are currently at the First National Bank which is moving its branch office out of the Borough.
3. Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, council voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$3,766 for the 1991 GMC Truck which was on Municibid.
4. Civil Service Commission Appointment  
Bill Roll's term on the Civil Service Commission ends on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Roll is chairman of the commission and he has agreed to serve for another six year term, if appointed. Mr. Klock moved and Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Roll to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission. Council approved the motion unanimously.
5. Mr. Zach Stotter told the council that another Susquehanna River Clean-up Project is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> to remove tires from the Susquehanna River. He requested council's permission to store the tires near the Sea Scout Dock until they could be removed. Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Wetzel, council unanimously approved his request.

Mr. Troup noted that council would conduct a work session following the meeting. He adjourned the official council meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman  
Borough Secretary