

Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857
Northumberland Borough Work Session and Council Meeting
May 20, 2013

Due to the lack of a quorum, the council conducted a Work Session, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Zboray reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held at 10:30 on May 27th.
- Mayor Zboray received a letter thanking the Borough for hosting the Breast Cancer Awareness event last year and inviting Borough residents to attend the event this year in Danville on October 12, 2013.
- Mayor Zboray noted that this month the police department is cracking down and issuing more stop sign violations, speeding tickets, and “jake brake” violations. Eleven traffic citations were issued for speeding on Duke Street.
- The Northumberland National Bank will be celebrating their 110th year anniversary. They are donating a bench to the Borough which will be placed in the King Street Park.
- Mayor Zboray urged everyone to vote tomorrow. The 2nd ward polling place has been moved to the #1 Fire Department. Council discussed the possibility of holding the election for all wards at the 2nd Street Community Center. The Board of Elections will be contacted.

Northumberland Sewer Department Report

- Mr. Steve Siegfried explained that proposals were received for the Northumberland Wastewater Treatment Plant Geotechnical Investigation. A vote will be taken during the regular meeting.
- Resolution H-2013 will be discussed and voted on during the regular meeting.
- Mr. Klock stated that a personnel matter would be discussed in Executive Session.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

- Mr. McCollum stated that the Exchange Hotel has a buyer and the hotel is anticipated to be razed in June.
- There is an offer to the property owner for the burned out structure on Fifth Street.
- Mr. McCollum reported that 95% of the people are complying with repairing structures that have violations. Mr. Troup asked about high grass on a property on Queen Street between 7th and 8th Streets. Mr. McCollum will check on it.

- Mr. Klock asked if Mr. McCollum has heard anything regarding the BCO testing. Mr. McCollum stated that he has not received his test results from Labor and Industry.
- Mr. McCollum stated that he would be putting gas in the vehicle for being allowed to use the code car while his truck was being repaired.

Committee Reports

Community Development

Mr. Reed said that the committee discussed renting a dumpster and having the groups who have items stored in the gymnasium, go through their things and store them under the stage or in the basement. The committee would like to clean up gymnasium and start the repairs.

Mr. Reed reported that most of the poles have been installed at the Dog Park and they are starting to put the bars around the top. Another work party will be held this weekend or next. Mr. Klock asked if a price has been obtained for the additional fencing for the small dogs. Mr. Reed stated that it has not. The \$3,000 from the Savidge Trust will be used for the signage and the additional fencing.

Dick Simpson attended the Community Development meeting and said that he has made a request of the Anselmo Fund for playground equipment for Pineknott Park. The trustees have requested additional information and he is providing it. Mr. Simpson also told the committee that every team that plays at Pineknott Park is expected to have two people man the concession stand; not just the Little League teams. Mr. Simpson said that infield is in good shape thanks to the Borough crew.

The TAP grant funding will be announced tomorrow. Ann August gave a power-point presentation to the committee today at SEDA-COG. The grant request is for funding to install a biking/walking path on top of the erosion barrier.

The Borough Office staff is looking at other grant opportunities. One is a Greenways Trails and Recreation Grant which is due by July 31st and the PA Council on Arts Grant which is for 2014 and would provide funding for "Music in the Park".

Lemonade Day will be held in August.

Finance - No report

Personnel

Personnel issues will be discussed in Executive Session.

Public Safety - No report

Rules

Mr. Klock and the solicitor have been working on the flow chart for the Animal Ordinance. He noted that the flow chart has changed significantly and there are now four flow charts based on the various scenarios. Mr. Klock stated that a PETA group in California supports euthanizing feral cats.

Streets

- The summer employees are digging out around the trees downtown, installing weed barriers, and mulching.
- The street signs have arrived.
- Mr. Reed said that the crew did a great job at Pineknott Park with the infield and weeding the bank.

Mr. Klock asked why the office is not opened on Wednesday afternoons. The Borough Secretary stated that the office has always closed at noon on Wednesdays.

Mr. Klock stated that there had been a motion made in the past to remove a restriction in the zoning ordinance that requires a zoning hearing to rebuild a structure after a fire that is a non-conforming structure. The Borough Secretary stated that she does not recall a change in the zoning ordinance.

Council Meeting

With the arrival of Council member Harry Wynn, the council now has a quorum to conduct a regular council meeting.

Mr. Troup called the regular council meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation

Roll Call

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

Council Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Reed, council voted unanimously to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2013.

Northumberland Sewer Department Report

Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Reed, council voted unanimously to approve Resolution H-2013. This resolution authorizes participation in Pennsylvania's Nutrient Credit Trading Program and confers authority to trade in credits by naming Steven M. Siegfried, Hazen & Sawyer, P.C. as the Authorized Representative(s) Granted Discretionary Trading Authority.

Mr. Klock explained that two estimated bids were received for geotechnical services. One is from Rettew Associates, Inc. for \$12,400; the second is for \$12,100 from CMT Laboratories. Representatives from Rettew visited the site and the engineers feel that they may have a better understanding of the scope of the work. Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Troup, council unanimously approved the bid from Rettew Associates, Inc. for geotechnical services.

Old Business

1. Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Reed, council voted unanimously to advertise for stone bids for the Erosion Barrier. Mr. Klock suggested that the local quarries be contacted in addition to placing the advertisement.

New Business

1. Upon motion by Mr. Klock, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$12,007.98; bills to be paid from the General Contingency Fund total \$5,673.63; Liberty Splashland bills total \$969.24; and Park and Recreation Fund bills total \$1,011.67.

Mr. Troup stated that the council would conduct an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and would not reconvene the council meeting.

Mr. Klock moved to adjourn the meeting. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary