

NEWPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

President Gerald Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with Borough Council Members John McNaughton, Carl Roush, James Prescott and Tami Halstead present. Council Members Barbara Hart and Penny Frownfelter were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT – Mayor Mary Hetrick and Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Bowers.

GUESTS – Douglas Beatty, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Don Hetrick, Roseann Kinter, Luke Roman, Timothy Seiber, Frank Campbell, Jill Hoover and Kristie Smith.

President Robinson reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded.

UPDATES OF PROJECTS – Frank Campbell reported they are still working on the Heritage Park Project. Looks like we can possibly do a maintenance easement.

- We received a bill from Larson Design for engineering fees for the Newport Veterans Memorial Park Project in the amount of \$3,420.63. The Park Committee recommends approval of payment from the Newport Veterans Memorial Park Project Account. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to pay the outstanding invoice for engineering fees from Larson Design in the amount of \$3,420.63 from the Newport Veterans Memorial Park Project Account. Motion carried unanimously.
- Frank reported they are still reviewing the bids received for the Park Project. Trying to get the numbers right to continue the project. Looking at the electric for reduction in expense.
- Frank reported the POW Flag at the park is tattered. Need a new one.
- Frank reported we received the Letter of Retroactivity from DCNR in regards to the White Property. We can go forth with the grant process. The letter allows us to do something before we have the grant money but we won't do anything without having the money.
- Frank reported on the sign at Kauffman's. The thought was to refurbish the billboard. They would like the sign to say "Thank You for Visiting Newport" with Max Kauffman's name at the bottom. This sign can only be used to advertise his business. This would be a permanent sign with no advertising. They will keep working on.
- Frank reported Senator Teplitz is leading the effort to name the river bridge the Paul Reider Bridge for the founder of Newport. The naming of the bridge would take place at the 175th Celebration. There was no opposition from Council.
- NRPS is requesting the extension of Canal Days to go up to Walnut Street. Canals Days would then go from Mulberry to Walnut Streets. Cl'm Prescott moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to grant the request to NRPS for Canals Days to extend to Walnut Street and for closure of the street. Motion carried unanimously.
- Frank reported in efforts to gain more money for the park project if we could offer naming the rights to the building for a significant contribution for the park. President Robinson asked Frank to recap the shortfall on funding so everyone has an understanding of that. Frank reported we were down to about \$40,000 and today we knocked off about another \$10,000 or \$15,000. Depends on how it goes; you move one thing and it changes another thing. We are in the area of the \$30,000 range. If he can dig up someone with \$30,000 or \$40,000; offer them the opportunity to put their name on the building. President Robinson asked if there was a time limit on how long their name would be up on display; is it a permanent sign or not. Frank stated he is thinking it is permanent; wouldn't be a problem putting a time limit on it. Cl'm Halstead commented this is a community project and didn't feel that any one contributor was more important than another. This is a community effort and did not like the idea.
- Frank commented we are down to (3) members on the Planning Commission and they have a hard time getting a quorum to have a meeting. We need a couple of members for the board.
- Frank reported he talked to the Weis Store about being the premier sponsor for the 175th Celebration Parade. He did not see any issues or anything, however, they did say about putting trash cans around with Weis's name on them; but they would be the premier sponsor of the event. The trash cans would be around all week long. Council did not see a problem with that.

- Frank commented he thinks the Borough guys have been doing a great job keeping up with the snow removal and he appreciates their efforts.
- Cl'm McNaughton asked if there had been any discussion regarding the parade route for the 175th Celebration. Frank didn't think so. The parade starts at the Elementary School and goes down Fourth Street to Walnut and then down to 2nd Street and then Mulberry Street. Cl'm McNaughton commented he didn't know why it didn't go the whole way down Fourth Street; that is just his opinion. Frank commented they will be serving refreshments at the Firehouse and that is one of the reasons it is ending at Mulberry Street and also because of traffic. Frank is going to check with the Committee; but that is the route they came up with.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Tom Fitzpatrick commented it was brought to his attention that the State Flag in the square is in bad shape. Maybe you can contact Representative Keller and he can get us one. Cl'm Roush will get a hold of Representative Keller. **Dennis Wilson** had a question for Mr. (Cl'm) Prescott. He asked; is it fair to say that you didn't know anything about the clog that we had that we got fined over. Cl'm Prescott stated he knew about the clog up on Dock Street. The fine we got was because it wasn't reported to DEP. Dennis asked when did you (Cl'm Prescott) know about it. Cl'm Prescott stated he knew about it the Friday or Thursday that we started digging on Walnut where we had the (3) or (4) car wreck on the bridge. He either knew it that morning or the night before. Dennis stated that was the 5th of December, that is when he started to try to get the clog cleaned. That is when he got the ok. It was on the 5th of December when he got approval to clean the line; that is when he started. But yet you (Cl'm Prescott) stated in the 22nd of December Minutes of the Sewer that I quote: Chairman Prescott stated Dennis made him aware of it as soon as it happened, November 12th. Dennis talked to the engineers also on the same day. Cl'm Prescott stated ok, that wasn't what the fine was about. Dennis stated, yes it was; it was leaving the line go; leaving the line clogged, yes sir. Cl'm Prescott stated the fine was because we did not report it to the DEP. Dennis stated the fine would have been a lot more minimal than what leaving the line clog was. It outweighed what not calling in was. He wanted it on the record that he turned it in on the day he found it. Cl'm Prescott asked to DEP? Dennis stated no not to DEP but to the engineers. But then not getting the ok to clean the line didn't help either; we got fined for that; big time; combined. Cl'm Prescott stated we had the ok to clean the line on Market Street; what was said to him was about the block up on Dock Street where Mr. Rehab; that we paid \$12,000 to come and unclog that. When we found out about the clog on Market Street we gave the ok immediately to get that repaired. He thinks that was started on a Friday and then there was a wreck on the bridge; the State Police stopped us and then it continued on a Monday to get fixed. Dennis stated but when he reported to you (Cl'm Prescott) on the 12th of November; like he said to Cl'm Prescott, if he would have given me permission we could have eliminated all this; yes we could have. Cl'm Prescott stated I'm not the DEP. Dennis stated if you (Cl'm Prescott) would have given me the ok sir; he would have got the truck in the same day, the 12th, like he (Cl'm Prescott) did on the 5th when you gave him permission. Cl'm Prescott stated I gave you permission to do anything that he knew of. Dennis stated I'm sorry sir; you didn't give me permission on the 12th; you gave me permission on the 5th, he was on vacation, he came in, in his street clothes in the rain to try to get that unclogged on the 5th of December and if you would have told me on the 12th; did you think that I wouldn't have done it on the 12th. Cl'm Prescott stated well it wasn't done on the 12th, the 13th all the way up to the 29th, that is when it was reported to DEP. You don't need permission to report it to the DEP. Dennis stated no, but he can't bring in a \$4,000 truck in. Cl'm McNaughton asked why didn't you (Cl'm Prescott) report it to DEP? Cl'm Prescott stated it is the operator's job to report it to DEP. Dennis stated he was in touch with the engineers and they wrote up the (9) Minimum Control Plan; they knew we were in violation; why in the heck didn't they tell me to call DEP. I was in touch with them all along. All they had to do was say Dennis; have you called DEP you know it's a violation. No one ever went over the (9) Minimum Control Plan with him. He calls Bowen about everything else. He would have that and he even said right to his face had he known that he would have called him. Mr. Bowen said he knows Dennis would have. And he would have got permission on the 12th of November he would have done the darn line; cause he got permission on the 5th and was standing in the rain, there was a wreck and the cops ran us off. So it ain't like he neglected to do his job. President Robinson commented he appreciated Dennis coming, because they wanted to clear the air on this. Dennis stated this is truth; he is telling Council right up. President Robinson commented he can't verify the dates; we don't know. Appreciated Dennis telling the board candidly his recounting of the events. Dennis stated to the best of his knowledge he reported to the engineer the day it was going over; he said get in touch with Mr. Prescott; he did; he needed permission to get that truck in there. Yes he did not call DEP but had he known he would have. Now, his boss makes darn sure I go over the (9) Minimum

Control Plan, it tells you right in there you can't discharge; you must call DEP within 24 hours. He knows now. He had another one on the 29th of December and he called that one in asap. You can ask DEP. He learned his lesson. President Robinson commented he appreciated Dennis bringing the board that information because they had a lot of questions. Dennis commented there is a lot going on; who didn't do what etc. Cl'm Roush stated you (Dennis) can call him anytime. Dennis stated ok, he just needed permission because he can't get a \$4,000 truck in there just because. Cl'm Roush stated he would have given him permission. Dennis stated that is what he needed and if he would have had that on the 12th we could have avoided all of this stuff and that's the truth. President Robinson commented it would have been far less expensive. Dennis stated, oh my god, we might have got one day for having a block line. President Robinson commented and they would have at least would have been notified. **Don Hetrick** commented there is something wrong with this entire Council, entire Water Board and the Sewer Board. You had that Water Authority Meeting but you never told the Council there was a meeting but you don't mind coming to the council for money when you can't pay your bills etc. That is one of the most offensive things you can do to the town of Newport. The people on Council should have known about that meeting to discuss the fine. President Robinson wasn't sure what Don was talking about. Mr. Hetrick asked if President Robinson was at the meeting when they discussed the fine that the Water Authority Board got. President Robinson stated yes. Mr. Hetrick stated Jerry was also Council President; so you knew about the meeting so why didn't he tell the Council. President Robinson commented the Water Authority is a separate entity. We were negotiating the penalty and the penalty on the operator throughout the whole time. It was just resolved (2) weeks ago. **Roseann Kinter** commented she came to meeting to voice her concern over a tax issue she had. There were delinquent taxes sent out to people and the people already paid their taxes. She wanted to know if that issue was resolved or what is going on. President Robinson received a letter from the tax collector that he read in regards to the situation. Carole Wilson, Tax Collector for Newport Borough conveyed to Council that she is working with a very old system because of the program that is used by the Tax Collector's. In talking with Harry Hamilton the owner of the tax program, he informed her that he updated the program this year. In reviewing with the County and the School all bills in question have been taken care of between J P Harris, the County and the School. President Robinson commented this matter was brought to his attention. He had several complaints. We need to figure out how to fix this problem. People that pay their taxes don't like to get delinquent tax notices. Roseann commented she got (2) bills last year and tried to clear it up last year when she paid her taxes. The new bills are the same. Cl'm Prescott commented Carole had 180 bills that went up to County that were deletions. Carole just collects she doesn't send out the bills. Not sure where the problem lies. He believes that it possibly might have something to do with the census. Roseann stated that her bills were being taken care of at the court house; she talked to Harva. She doesn't want to go through the same thing next year. President Robinson commented it should be a lot better than what it is. Jill Hoover says the County does prepare the bills. The tax collectors get the bad end of the stick. The tax collectors get the paperwork and they mail the bills. Not quite sure who is responsible up at the county for getting this information correct.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Cl'm Roush moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to approve the February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF DEP FINE – President Robinson commented everyone heard Denny's rendition of the time frame the way things went. There were several things better left unsaid at this point until we have some resolution to it. The penalty is severe. There may be some wiggle room for negotiation. The Water Authority went through this; we retained an attorney and got a substantial reduction in negotiations. He talked with this attorney (Kurt Williams) and asked him to take a look at the situation with the COA for the Municipal Authority. They offered to do that and they offered to come over and discuss it. They reviewed the COA without the fee. He thinks it would be extremely limited at this point; any expense and if they negotiate it you can expect to have an agreement with it. You can expect to spend \$10,000. The Water Authority found it advantageous in their situation. They had a few more disputable things that we wanted to bring to DEP's attention. He told the attorney Kurt Williams that he would call him first thing in the morning; they could meet with us tomorrow. They do a very professional job and he thinks it would be worthwhile to talk with the attorney. Cl'm McNaughton commented they gave us reasonable expectations on what we could expect. Cl'm Prescott commented he talked to Shawn at DEP in the last couple of days and he thinks they are willing to do something and he will talk more tomorrow with Jerry. President Robinson asked are we going to do this tomorrow; do you want to meet with Salzman & Hughes. Cl'm Halstead commented she read the minutes from DEP from the negotiation between the

Water Authority and DEP. DEP basically felt that Kurt Williams was giving a different story that contradicted earlier statements from Greg Haney. It appeared in the minutes from DEP basically there was lies. She does not really feel comfortable being defended by somebody that is going to lie for you to get you out of something. That is just her opinion on reviewing the documents. Also the Water Authority didn't come to the Borough so she doesn't know why the Borough needs to be getting involved with this; the Borough operates the plant. This is a Sewer Authority matter. She thinks that the Borough should get out of the Water and Sewer business. It should be sold to companies that know what they are doing. She doesn't think Newport knows how to run the Sewer and the Water Systems; thinks that the management is incompetent and she believes that if you want to negotiate with DEP you should tell them you are going to sell out. There has been too many fines; too many problems. She doesn't think Newport is fit to be in the Water and Sewer business. President Robinson thanked Cl'm Halstead for her comments and stated he could pretty much say the same thing; he doesn't think Newport should be in the business of running a Borough Council the way it's been run in the past either. We are still moving forward on that. You look at the track record of the Water Authority; he'll stack that up against anybody else's. We have been very successful with what were given years ago to improve is redundant. He thinks everybody in this room knows there is a fair amount of bad blood at this table. He won't sit here and pursue that much further. You're getting opinions here as everyone has one. President Robinson asked again do you (NBMA) want to meet with these attorney's tomorrow. Tim Seiber commented it doesn't cost anything to meet with the attorney. He also commented to remember he asked the Authority and Borough Council to sit down and have a joint meeting and he thinks it best to hold any comments until that meeting to see what we might do going forward. Cl'm Prescott moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to call Salzman & Hughes in regards to the DEP fine and meet with them tomorrow at 2:00 P.M. Motion carried with Cl'm Halstead opposed. Frank Campbell commented as a water and sewer customer that he was at the NBWA meeting and it looks like they are getting squared away. He asked who is getting the fine. Whether it is the Borough or NBMA the customer will pay. President Robinson explained the difference in operations between the Water and Sewer. The Water Authority is a working authority. The sewer is not. It is a leaseback and there is an agreement between the Borough and the Sewer Authority. The last agreement took (4) years to get done. If it takes (4) years to work out a agreement between the Borough and the Sewer Authority, Tim is expecting a lot on the 12th if this is any indication. Four years to make an agreement is crap.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Newport General Fund Account balance March 1, 2015 was \$24,439.11. February interest of \$2.43. Deposits of \$2,717.06. Outstanding bills presented for payment of \$4,275.75. Estimated income for the balance of March of \$48,208.05. Estimated expenses for the balance of March of \$17,723.00 will leave an estimated balance March 31, 2015 of \$53,367.91. Liquid Fuels Account balance March 1, 2015 was \$24,916.81. February interest of \$2.01. Receipt of Liquid Fuels for 2015 of \$38,567.68. Truck payment to Juniata Valley Bank of \$1,235.78 will leave a balance of \$62,250.72. Sewer Revenue Account balance March 1, 2015 was \$5,041.40. February interest of \$.13. 4th Quarter O & M for Oliver Township of \$20,547.86. Outstanding bills presented for payment of \$21,504.45 will leave a balance of \$4,084.94. Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO DATE – President Robinson reported we have an invoice from John Kennedy, the grant writer, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for investigating and meetings with RUS and for looking for monies for the 5th Street Project. Cl'm Halstead asked why did Mr. Kennedy go to RUS, that was the Sewer's responsibility. The Borough doesn't have any part in going to interfere with the Sewer Authority's funding of the Sewer Treatment Plant. She believes Mr. Kennedy was told so. President Robinson stated he was told so by a letter he received last week. He thinks if we have a grant writer they should be beating the brush for anything they can find out there one way or the other. Cl'm McNaughton commented we can use all the help we can get and what if he found some money. President Robinson commented according to what he was told there hasn't been a whole lot of contact made earlier on. When you talk about grant money and you talk about the engineers, the engineers are only going to seek grant money for jobs where they make money on it. So if we have grant chasers out there who are looking for everything for aspects of our community and they cross something like that; this is their professional job too, maybe they know more about it than the engineer does at the point of finding a grant. There is a lot of ill will and there is going to be a lot of reluctance on anything we do here from some; I find that not surprising. Certainly hope the voters don't find a great dilemma of figuring this out. Point is

taken and he will direct Mr. Kennedy to not impede the progress of the Sewer Authority. Cl'm Prescott commented he doesn't have a problem with him doing this and working together but we need to all be informed. He is on the Sewer, he wasn't aware of it. If you would of came to me and said let's do this, he wouldn't have a problem; he isn't working against you; he is trying to work together with you. Nobody mentioned anything about Kennedy to him. He isn't trying to work against you (Jerry); he is trying to work with you. He hasn't done anything to try to work against you. You aren't working for me; you are working for this community, that's what we are here for. Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to pay the outstanding invoice from John Kennedy in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried with Cl'm Halstead opposed. Don Hetrick asked if the annual donation of \$1,000.00 was paid to the Newport Public Library yet. The Borough doesn't usually pay that until we get our tax money in. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to pay the Newport Public Library for their annual donation of \$1,000.00. Motion carried with President Robinson opposed. Cl'm Prescott moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to pay the outstanding bills in the amount of \$4,275.75 from the General Fund Account, pay the outstanding bills in the of \$21,504.45 from the Sewer Revenue Account. Cl'm Halstead commented we paid the circuit rider for the sewer \$7,305.00 for (3) three weeks of service. If we are going to stay in the business of sewer we need to consider hiring a regular full-time certified operator and a part-time. That's even higher than what we paid George Krichten and Denny. This is just for (3) weeks. We haven't signed a contract yet. We need a full-time person down there all the time but you have to be willing to pay more than what you paid our last operator. That should be considered. Since we haven't seen a contract she will be interested to review the contract before we sign that. This should be considered because we can't afford contracted services 12 months out of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER OPERATOR CONTRACT – President Robinson commented like he said we are just getting started and we don't have a contract yet. Thinks it is way too early to make that judgment. Last month it was slightly over \$1,000 and this month it is \$7,300. Cl'm Prescott commented we talked about this at the Sewer Meeting and we were hoping a contract was not approved tonight in hopes of getting together to look at the contract and come to an agreement together. President Robinson the contract should be coming very shortly.

FOG ORDINANCE – President Robinson commented this draft of the FOG Ordinance appears to be fairly standard verbiage. Nothing earth shattering one way or the other. It is an obligation of the (9) Minimum Control Plan. One of his concerns is here we are into retrofitting an old municipality. He could see some real issues with trying to put a grease trap inline; recognizing the existing facilities that may be there; the infrastructure that might be there. Without a doubt we will have a lot of complaining about it. He thinks there will also be an issue even though it is in the ordinance with churches and so forth. Grease is grease. If we make the restaurants comply everyone else must comply; anyone that produces grease. We will enforce the ordinance without playing favorites etc. There was no fee in the draft, but it is set by resolution if we do have a fee. Cl'm Prescott moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to tentatively adopt the proposed FOG Ordinance as drafted and authorize the advertising of the ordinance for final consideration of adoption at the April 7, 2015 Regular Borough Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY (5) YR TERM – Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to appoint Pat Bowers as a member of the Planning Commission Board for a (5) year term. Motion carried unanimously.

2015-2016 SALT AGREEMENT – Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to accept the 2015-2016 Salt Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO ORDER A LOAD OF SALT & ANTI-SKID – Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to authorize the purchase of a load of salt and a load of anti-skid for winter maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

PERRY COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR ASSOCIATION REQUEST – According to Act #164 starting in 2015. all tax collectors are required now to be "qualified". They also have to have a background check. They are required to have (6) hours of continuing education. The Perry County Tax Collector Association is requesting that the Borough share in the cost of the required continuing education expense. The Borough would pay \$80.00 of the \$240.00 cost. Cl'm McNaughton moved,

seconded by Cl'm Halstead to pay \$80.00 for 2015 towards the cost of the required continuing education for the Borough's Tax Collector. Motion carried with Cl'm Prescott abstaining.

PERRY COUNTY TAX CLAIM BUREAU LETTER – The Borough received a letter from the Perry County Tax Claim Bureau which states the County has received a repository bid from Respite Properties, LLC for Parcel # 190,046.04-349.000, 432 Mulberry Street. The offers were presented to and approved by the Perry County Commissioners and their acceptance is subject to the approval of Newport Borough and the Newport School District. The Borough must send a letter with our acceptance or refusal within 45 days. This would get the property back on the tax roll. Cl'm Roush moved, seconded by Cl'm Prescott to accept the repository bid of \$1,000.00 for Parcel # 190,046.04-349.000, 432 Mulberry Street and to send a letter to the County advising them of our acceptance. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER ANNUAL EDDM MAILING AND POLLUTANT AD – Each year it is required by DEP to do an annual Pollutant Letter mailing to all residents of Newport Borough. Also an ad of the Pollutant Letter must be placed in the local newspaper. The cost should not be much more than last year; around \$300.00 which is split with the Borough. The Borough puts their information on the reverse side of the Pollutant Letter. Cl'm Prescott moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to authorize the EDDM mailing and the ad for the Pollutant Letter. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION – The Borough Council received a letter of resignation from Barb Hart as a member of the Newport Borough Planning Commission effective immediately. Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to accept the resignation of Barb Hart from the Newport Borough Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to appoint Thomas Fitzpatrick to fill the vacancy left by Barb Hart on the Newport Borough Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Thomas Fitzpatrick's term will end on January 1, 2017.

WATER AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION – President Robinson reported Barb Hart resigned from the Water Authority Board. Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to accept the resignation of Barb Hart as a board member of the Newport Borough Water Authority. Motion carried unanimously. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to authorize the ad for (2) weeks for letters of interest to serve as a board member of the Newport Borough Water Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

STREETS – Brush pick up will start Monday, April 6, 2015.

PERSONNEL - President Robinson commented we need to discuss our comp time policy. We need some discussion on how it is used and the accumulation of it. Cl'm McNaughton commented we should eliminate comp time. Cl'm Halstead commented it will be a lot more costly. President Robinson commented we need set up perimeters that are mutually ok between the employee and employer. It needs to be more clearly defined. We should have a personnel meeting to discuss.

COMMUNICATIONS – Received a letter from the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation in regards to our request for a "Waiver for Retroactivity" which was approved. This is in regards to the White Property.

- Letter from the Newport Youth Baseball Association asking for support for the 2015 Season through a donation.
- Received an email from Jeff Ferguson informing the Borough of his rates for service. They do general excavating of sewer mains, water mains, concrete, tree removal, demo, hauling, paving and snow removal. Will keep on file for future reference.
- Michele Parson Breast Cancer Fund was doing their annual drive for donations. Letter of request received.

COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE – Cl'm Roush reported Pat contacted Herr Lighting in regards to the streetlight in the square. Waiting to hear back from them. Cl'm Prescott commented he read an article in the News Sun in regards to the drug problem in Newport being the highest in 31 years. Some Landlords are just letting anybody move in. Maybe we

could get with Oliver Township and work on the drug problem in town. Kristie Smith wrote the article about the drug problem and corrected Cl'm Prescott to say it is all of Perry County not just Newport. President Robinson commented maybe we should take some of the blame for the problem because if you don't keep on top of things enforcing the ordinances etc. If you don't keep the town looking spiffy, real estate values go down and you attract these kind of people. There is plenty of responsibility to go around. Keeping up with the properties is a big part of it. **Cl'm Halstead** commented on May 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Shelley Houck will be coming to the Pennsylvania Borough's Association Meeting and talking about the Right to Know Law with a brief question and answer period at the end. Also a digital mapping company will give a brief presentation for preserving maps.

NEWPORT BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REQUEST – Cl'm Prescott, Chairman of the Newport Borough Municipal Authority, requested approval from Borough Council to move forward with obtaining a Line of Credit for (3) million dollars with Juniata Valley Bank for engineering fees and construction expense with the Borough guaranteeing the loan. Bond Counsel or the Sewer Solicitor, Adam Britcher will prepare the ordinance and DCED documents to be submitted. Cl'm Prescott moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush for the Newport Borough Municipal Authority to move forward with obtaining a Line of Credit for (3) million dollars from Juniata Valley Bank for engineering fees and construction expense with the Borough guaranteeing the loan. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bowers
Secretary