

Newport Borough Council  
December 23, 2015 – Special Meeting  
Newport, Pennsylvania

President Gerald Robinson called to order at 11:33 A.M. with Borough Council Members Penny Frownfelter, Tami Halstead, Douglas Beatty, Carl Roush and John McNaughton present. Council Member James Prescott was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Bowers

**GUESTS** - Frank Campbell

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - **Frank Campbell** commented the Christmas Home Tours and the Christmas Lighting Ceremony was a real success. Pretty good turnout for the events.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to accept the December 1, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF FINAL BILLS FOR 2015** – General Fund Account balance to date is \$99,473.09. Invoices presented for payment of \$5,267.37. November EIT Deposit 12/28/15. Estimated payroll 12/30/15 of \$5,500.00 will leave an estimated balance 12/31/15 of \$97,258.56. Sewer Revenue Account balance to date is \$133,025.45. Invoices presented for payment of \$6,861.35. OTMA O & M reimbursement of \$26,734.89 when received will leave an estimated balance of \$166,621.69. Liquid Fuels Account balance to date is \$35,773.50. There were no invoices presented for payment. Secretary Bowers reported the balance for Liquid Fuels is a corrected balance. She overlooked an invoice that was not deducted which will change the balance going forward into 2016. Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to pay the outstanding bills in the amount of \$5,267.37 from the General Fund Account and pay the outstanding invoices presented for payment in the amount of \$6,861.35 from the Sewer revenue Account. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF 2016 TAX ORDINANCE** – Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to adopt Ordinance # 365; an Ordinance of Newport Borough, Perry County, Pennsylvania, affixing the tax rate for the year 2016. The rate for real estate is 3.98 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation and .361 mills for fire protection totaling 4.341 mills. The rate for Occupation purposes of 153 mills and the rate for Per Capita purposes the sum of \$10.00 for each taxpayer. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2016 GENERAL FUND AND LIQUID FUELS BUDGETS** – Secretary Bowers reported both budgets were properly advertised. The Liquids Fuels Budget was revised to show the correct balance going forward into 2016 of \$35,773.50. Corrected Liquid Fuels Budget was distributed to Council along with a copy of the General Fund final budget figures. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to adopt the 2016 Proposed General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

**ONE WAY STREET AT POST OFFICE** – The Newport Post Office removed the mailbox on the one-way street next to the post office. This was the reason the one way street was imposed. Cl'm Beatty asked if that could be changed to a (2) way street. There is no enforcement of the one way street. Cl'm Beatty moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to remove the one way street sign and put up a stop sign to make the one way street a two way street by the post office which is Shrub Street. Note in the ordinance book.

**BOARD COMPENSATION FOR SEWER** – President Robinson reported he mentioned to the Sewer Authority at their meeting he would be bringing up the subject of board compensation for the Sewer Authority. The board should be compensated the same as the Water Authority. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm to adopt a Resolution to pay a monthly stipend to the Newport Borough Municipal Authority Board members up to \$100.00 a month. This stipend would be paid by the Newport Borough Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD STREET INLET GRATE REPAIR** – The inlet grate at Mulberry and Third Street is still not repaired. Larry Noss was supposed make a grate for \$120.00. President Robinson spoke with Monarch about getting a grate made; he would need to get them the dimensions for a price quote. Wright’s gave a quote of \$400.00 to make a grate. The board thought that was a little high. Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m Frownfelter to allow President Robinson to check on a price for a grate and to try to keep the price down to \$250.00 or less. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION** – Patricia Bowers gave her notice of resignation as a board member from the Planning Commission effective 12/23/15. She has moved out of the Borough. Cl’m Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl’m Halstead to accept the resignation from the Planning Commission from Patricia Bowers and to authorize the advertisement to fill the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** – President Robinson reported the board needs to get together with the Municipal Authority to iron out some things as far as their board being a working Authority. The Authority agreement runs out on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. We need to clarify things in writing. Also he talked to the Municipal Authority board on the Water’s behalf in regards to the billing. With regard to bankruptcies and sheriff’s sales they will need to have a separate action. They are going to propose withholding payment to the Authority until the bill is satisfied. That is something that NBWA will be discussing with them. President Robinson will be contacting the Solicitor Bill Dissinger for some questions in regards to the agreement. We will try to set up a meeting with the Authority on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

**WATER** - Cl’m Frownfelter commented she has a concern with people who live in a home without water; this is a public health situation. This is something to look at in the future. Secretary Bowers will check with the Borough’s Association to see if there is any information from other municipalities to address this problem.

**COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE** – **Secretary Bowers** commented the health insurance premiums have not been received yet. The employees are running into a few problems. They have been told the invoice for premiums are being mailed out December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Cl’m McNaughton** commented Supervisor Cody Harris would like to continue the sign program again. He wants to replace all the old signs that are left. The board was ok for him to go ahead and do. There is money in the budget for this project.

**Cl’m Halstead** commented it has been tradition that the Borough office closes at noon on Christmas Eve. Cl’m Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl’m Halstead to close the Borough Office at noon on Christmas Eve this year. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl’m Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl’m Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Patricia Bowers  
Secretary