

Newport Borough Council
May 17, 2016 – Mid Month Meeting
Newport, Pennsylvania

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

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

GUESTS – Frank Campbell and Luke Roman.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

APPROVAL OF BILLS – The following bills were presented for payment:

Comcast	\$ 88.84
PP&L Street lights	\$1,578.64
Commonwealth of PA	\$4,150.74
EMC Insurance Co	\$2,123.89
John Shiffer	\$ 30.00
PSAB	\$1,300.00
United Concordia	\$ 139.84
Univest	\$ 73.23

Total of bills.....\$9,485.18

Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to pay the outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$9,485.18 from the General Fund Account. Motion carried unanimously.

REIMBURSEMENT TO NRPS FOR 279 N FRONT STREET PROPERTY - The Borough received the grant money in the amount of \$14,600.00 from DCNR for the purchase of 279 N Front Street. NRPS paid for the property and was waiting to be reimbursed as soon as the grant money was received. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to reimburse NRPS from the DCNR Grant received by the Borough in the amount of \$14,600.00 for the purchase of 279 N Front Street. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – The Borough received (3) candidate applications this year from the Newport High School Senior Class for the participation in the Annual Community Service Award. (4) votes were received for Applicant #1, (1) for Applicant #2 and (0) for Applicant #3. #1 (Aaron Filip) will be presented the 2016 Community Service Award by Mayor Mary Hetrick at the May 31, 2016 Awards Ceremony held at the School.

WSL INC PAYMENT # 6 FOR NVMPP - Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to pay payment # 6 in the amount of \$74,540.90 to Wayne Leshner IV, Inc for construction work for the Newport Veterans Memorial Park Project. Motion carried unanimously.

PARK/PLAYGROUND AGREEMENT – The Borough Council received the updated Park/Playground Agreement for their review. Under FEES; there was a discussion about the wording for the fee.

Under # (1); they took the word weekly out and it will read "A fee of \$100 shall be assessed each Leasee, with the understanding that 50% of the fee will be returned if all conditions in the agreement are satisfied. The next topic discussed was the keys. They want to keep close control of the keys. They discussed who should have keys. Keys that are lost or damaged; there will be a \$15.00 fee per key. We need to make sure the keys are non-duplicate keys. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to give no more than (3) non-duplicate keys for each side of the concession

and (1) non-duplicate key each for the restroom to each organization. Motion carried. President Robinson will get quotes from locksmiths to do the locks and keys. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to approve the Newport Veterans Memorial Park Agreement with the changes made by Borough Council. Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH STREET PROJECT – The Borough Council received the agreement from Barton & Loquidice, D.P.C. for professional services for the Fifth Street Project. The amount for Phase One was \$11,800 for everything listed in Exhibit "A", #1. Phase Two did not give a price but did give a scope of what would be provided. In Phase One they would do the survey which would be checking basements which would include all (3) blocks. They will be checking the sewer level. Not sure where the sewer lines are on 5th street. Cl'm Halstead commented you could get into a wide range of costs for Phase Two. President Robinson gave a guesstimate of \$33,000 to \$35,000 dollars. She ask that the engineers be at the June meeting so the Borough Council could ask some questions. There should also be a meeting with the Sewer and the Borough. President Robinson commented we need to get this agreement signed and get moving on this project. Barton & Loquidice will be requested to be at the next meeting.

NEWPORT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT – Frank Campbell reported the doors on each side of concession stand are not big enough for the ball teams to put their equipment. Current girl's concession stand is not being torn down. It is in pretty good shape. The price of the project will be reduced because we do not have to tear that building down. They are going to repurpose that building for equipment and storage. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush approve the repurposing of the old girl's concession stand to be used for equipment & storage and then ask WSL Inc. for a schedule change to reduce the cost of the project for not tearing that building down. Motion carried unanimously.

- Frank reported the ball teams would like to install counters and shelving in the new concession stand. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to allow the ball teams to install shelving and counters after the submittal of plans and approval by Borough Council. Motion carried unanimously.
- Frank reported there are (3) trees in the handicap area; only (2) need to be cut down and the other one just cut the leaves off of it. Cl'm Halstead commented also there is a DCNR sign there that needs to be relocated. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to have WSL cut down the (2) trees (not 3) for the handicap parking and relocate the DCNR sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Frank Campbell reported they will be meeting with Eckerd Workforce Service in regards to the summer work program to get a plan together for that.
- Frank reported they planted the wild flower meadow area up in the nature area. They refreshed the entrance area to the park.
- Frank reported they have the parts for the play structure. They will repair them in the next couple of weeks.

PSAB INFO – President Robinson reported he received a letter notifying the Borough of a proposed constitution change for PSAB. The proposed Constitution involves consideration of a change to Article IV Officers, Section 3- Term and Election, paragraph (b), identifying the role of the Nominating Committee to certify eligibility of candidates for the office of Second Vice President, and the procedure to be followed if no candidates are certified by the committee at the first general session. The proposed changes will be voted on by our official borough delegate at the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday June 8, 2016 at the Hershey Lodge. President Robinson stated unless there are any objections he will have a favorable vote from us. Secretary Bowers will check to make sure our delegate info was sent in.

President Robinson reminded everyone on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. services will be held for former Borough Council Member Barbara Hart at the East Newport Church of God.

COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE – Cl'm Roush commented he drove out 5th Street; it is worse then what it was before. We need to stop dragging our feet and get that street done. Cl'm Roush also commented when the railroad gentleman was here he went to get in one of the Borough trucks and thought he would have to shovel the dirt out of the truck to get in. Trucks are dirty. Cl'm McNaughton commented they are work trucks; he will have the guys clean them.

President Robinson reported we had our meeting with the railroad. We have nothing to hang our hats on yet. We showed Alex Rocca; the real estate guy for the railroad, all the things that needed their attention. He will get the wall repair scheduled. He will get back to us on the railroad crossing at Fickes. Don't know what proposal they will come

back with. **Cl'm Beatty** commented we didn't get any blacktop yet for street repairs. Whatever the cost is to get it here we need get it here. Cl'm McNaughton stated Hempt Brothers is bringing it. Cl'm Beatty also recommended using the tamper instead of driving over it with the truck to tamp it down. We send the guys to school to learn these things, why do we send them to school. **Mayor Hetrick** reported she will be attending the Awards Ceremony at the school to present the Community Service Award on May 31, 2016.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bowers
Secretary