

Newport Borough Council  
June 7, 2016 – Regular Meeting  
Newport, Pennsylvania

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

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

**GUESTS** – Luke Roman, Donald Robinson, Frank Campbell and Paddi Sharar.

**ZONING BOARD REQUEST** – Zoning Board Chairman Paddi Sharar submitted a letter from the Zoning Board. The zoning Board is concerned with the description of the word “building” in the Zoning Code. They feel the description has led to the current situation in which the Newport Millwork Project has been given authorization to enlarge the old snap on tool building into a (31) unit apartment building. The word building should be described as the unit to which the deed has stated. Under the current description the Millworks Project was able to cite that the building can be changed into 2 or 3 buildings by placing a fire wall outlining a number of apartments that each fire wall has less than 12 apartments housed within its walls. The example of the Hotel was used to show that this type of construction has been used before. The Hotel has 13 apartments. That fact was never questioned. The Planning Commission did not question it and the Zoning Board did not question the fact that there was one more apartment than allowed by the Zoning Code. The fire wall in the Hotel needed to be there because it is required by the current building code. The Millwork Building will also need fire walls for the same reason. Taking the above facts into consideration the Zoning Board recommends that the Solicitor’s recommendation be re-evaluated and the case be sent back to the Zoning Board. The letter was signed by Paddi Sharar and Lorri McNaughton. Paddi Sharar commented they would like the description of “building” changed so that it shows what the building is in the deed. Cl’m Halstead commented buildings change all the time. Cl’m Frownfelter commented the Zoning Ordinance failed to define what a building was. President Robinson commented doesn’t think we can change it now. Paddi Sharar commented but going forward look for a way of describing a “building”. Borough Council will review.

**NEWPORT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT** - Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m Frownfelter to approve Payment #7 in the amount of \$42,845.88 for Newport Veterans Memorial Park construction work payable to Wayne Leshar IV Inc. Motion carried unanimously. President Robinson commented basically what is left from the project to pay is the retainage money. Retainage is not paid until everything on the bucket list is satisfied. There is a walk through scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> with DCNR. Frank Campbell is to get together the final figures to submit to DCNR for final payment from them. Frank reported the Occupancy Permit was issued. Frank has the existing keys to the concession stand. President Robinson had the Locksmith up. We are just waiting for the transition to do the locks. Waiting for everything to get finished. There should be no keys to any outside individuals. Frank Campbell asked for approval to purchase more cameras. He was looking at a (2) camera package (4 channel wireless) for \$280.00 plus \$70.00 for (2) more cameras from Harbor Freight. You can pick up things from 450 feet from the base with wireless. They have hardwired ones at Lowes for \$420.00 and then the cost to install or the time to install. He talked with Select Security and it would run thousands of dollars. Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m Frownfelter to purchase the cameras from Harbor Freight at a cost of \$350.00. Motion carried unanimously. Frank reported the building has dusk to dawn lights on it so the building doesn’t need any lighting.

**ECKERD WORKFORCE PROGRAM** – Frank Campbell asked for Borough Council approval in getting (6) youths from the Eckerd Workforce Program. They would like to give us (2) 14 year olds, (1) 15, (1) 16, (1) 17 and (1) 18 year old. Committee will meet next week to make up the schedule.

**HISTORICAL MARKERS** - Frank Campbell brought samples of what some of the historical markers will look like. (1) Billy Cox, Newport’s Greatest Major League Baseball Player (2) Newport 1895 drawing and (3) The Canal Era. All three of the markers will be on the Perry County Heritage Trail.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to approve the May 3, 2016 Regular and May 17, 2016 Mid Month Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Newport General Fund Account balance June 1, 2016 was \$197,642.67. Deposits of \$1,154.70. Outstanding bills presented for payment of \$7,017.41. Estimated income for the balance of June of \$15,540.00. Estimated expenses for the balance of June of \$25,585.74 will leave a balance June 30, 2016 of \$181,763.55. Liquid Fuels Account balance June 1, 2016 was \$79,598.01. Truck Payment to Juniata Valley bank of \$1,235.78 will leave a balance of \$78,362.23. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS** – Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to pay the outstanding bills in the amount of \$7,017.41 from the General Fund Account. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIFTH STREET PROJECT** – President Robinson reported there is DCED grant money available for infrastructure. The Fifth Street Project does not include the sanitary sewer and water. Stover Clark put together a scenario for the submittal of a CDBG Grant. Also Mark Bruening (Barton & Loguidice) gave his opinion of probable construction costs for Fifth Street. Everyone received a copy. For Paving estimated cost of \$72,025.00. Concrete curbing to include the removal of the existing curb \$25,000.00. Drainage improvements a cost of \$24,500.00 and miscellaneous costs of \$7,000.00. With contingency costs and engineering fees the total estimated cost would be \$160,000.00. President Robinson commented the curbing on the lower side of street would be done and some of the upper side of the street where it is bad and then we need to remove some trees. This estimated construction cost is for all (3) blocks on Fifth Street from Oliver Street to Mulberry street. It would be cheaper to do the project in the winter months. We should have a mild winter this year. President Robinson also reminded everyone that the engineering agreement for the Fifth Street Project needed signed to move forward. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to approve the submittal of an application by Stover Clark for the Borough for the CDBG Grant for infrastructure and paving of Fifth Street. Motion carried unanimously. Cl'm Roush commented he read in the Borough News that there is grants out there for pavements.

**PARKING LOT QUOTE** – Don't have anything yet.

**BOROUGH BUILDING ROOF AND WALL LEAK** – Cl'm Beatty reported Scott Maxwell was here today and looked at the roof and the outside wall. There was water leaking in the maintenance closet and the vestibule area. The spouting was totally clogged on the side of the building next to Broth's Pizza. He cleaned that out. Scott thinks that is the reason why we have leaks. Scott will come back in a few days and check to make sure there is no more clogs and see if that addresses the problem. He also recommended to clean and seal the brick on that side of the building. He will check back.

**QUOTE FOR LOCKS FOR THE NEW CONCESSION STAND** – President Robinson reported the quote for locks for the new concession stand was \$260.00 from Charlie's Locks out of Dauphin. Keys have been ordered. He will be up to change the locks as soon as we are ready to transition over. He would like to change them all out at one time.

**HABITUAL OFFENDERS OF ORDINANCES** – The Borough would like to come up with an ordinance that addresses habitual offenders. This would be for constant reminders of mowing grass, trash etc. Cl'm Halstead will look to see if we can come up with one already made up on line and if we can't then talk with Dissinger.

**UPDATE ON STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT MARKET STREET** – Cl'm Roush reported it is still being worked on.

**QUOTE FOR STREET LIGHT COVERAGE** – In light of one of our street lights being knocked down, the Borough was informed that there was no coverage on our street lights. Cupp's gave the Borough a quote of \$500.00 to have coverage on our street lights. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to accept the quote from Cupp's of \$500.00 for street light coverage. Motion carried unanimously.

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN CONTACT** – President Robinson reported Secretary Bowers got an email from Alex Rocca requesting copies of letters that were sent previously to the railroad in regards to Front Street. She emailed the info to him and the emails came back unable to deliver. He tried calling him and his mailbox is full, he also tried email and it came back. We will continue to pursue. Frank Campbell will try to contact.

**STREET SWEEPER** – President Robinson reported the current street sweeper is at Smith’s waiting for repair. So far it will cost \$3,700 to fix. Jerry reported Golden Equipment has a rental unit available in another week at a cost of \$2,600 dollars. It is a regenerative air sweeper. We would be able to see how one works. Cl’m Halstead commented we should put the \$2,600 towards getting our current one fixed. Cl’m McNaughton commented we should try the rental; we should be able to do half of the town. Cl’m Roush had no comment other than you need a good operator for it. Cl’m Beatty commented he was up at Smith’s and saw the sweeper; it is a mess. We need get the tractor back. The sweeper is tore apart and they are waiting to see what we want to do. Cl’m Roush commented contractors use that type we have. Cl’m Beatty commented we need to set up something to get the maintenance done on our equipment. President Robinson brought up about renting the sweeper for (2) weeks. Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m Frownfelter to rent a street sweeper from Golden Equipment for one week at a cost of \$2,600 dollars to try it out. Motion carried unanimously. Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m McNaughton to fix the existing sweeper at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 dollars. Motion carried unanimously. President Robinson commented we need to start to gear up now as far as storm water management; this will eventually fall on the Borough to take care of. They talked about that at the PSAB Conference.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** - Mayor Hetrick reported she attended the Awards Ceremony at the School on May 31<sup>st</sup> and presented the Community Service Award to Aaron Filips. He received numerous awards. Mayor Hetrick reported the new banners are up which were made by Artistic Image. Newport Celebrates 175<sup>th</sup> paid for the banners. She asked that the banners be left up until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE** – Cl’m Frownfelter commented the Water Authority will be going to monthly billing starting July 1, 2016. They will be sending out letters notifying the residents. Rates will be changing and that will all be in the letter they are sending out. It will still be one bill sewer and water. Cl’m Frownfelter commented that on the Memorial Day Parade the streets were lined with orange garbage bags. The Borough needs to look into investigating garbage pickup. Possibly we could have people put their garbage bags in the alley way for pickup. Cl’m Halstead commented while at the Conference she heard about the program Walk Works. This has to do with metered walking. It is a September Event and is free. **President Robinson** commented we need to look into the Zoning in regards to historical districts; we need to look into that.

No Mid Month Meeting this month so far.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m Beatty to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Bowers  
Secretary