

Newport Borough Council
May 2, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes
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 and Carl Roush present. Council Member John McNaughton was absent.

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

GUESTS – Tara Snyder, Al and Rose Jones, Erika Juran (PCCA), Frank Campbell, Gwyn Smith, Kayla Nailor, Luke Roman and Jacob Zentichko.

VETERANS MURAL INSTALLATION - Erika Juran, Executive Director of the Perry County Council of the Arts, gave a brief background presentation regarding the installation of the Veterans Mural on the billboard at Kauffman's. Over 700 Community Members came out on Youth Day on April 8th and had the opportunity to meet the artist and partake in painting. Driving by this mural that so many people got to have a part in will not only make for an interesting landmark but it will also cause a sense of pride throughout our community. The Newport High School students designed and painted the mural. The mural is for the celebration of veterans. It represents the past, present and future. All branches are represented. No one knew who the veteran was that was pictured in the mural but Mayor Hetrick pointed out that the World War I veteran pictured in the mural was of William H Saylor who was killed in World War I and the Newport VFW Post 34 is named for him. The butterflies in the picture represent eternal life. They will hold the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 8, 2017 in conjunction with the Newport's Community day and then have desert at the gallery at 2:00 P.M. to celebrate their 35th anniversary of Perry County Council of the Arts.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Gwyn Smith gave an update on the July 8th Food Truck Festival. It is coming together. She also made flyers up for the spring cleanup day on May 20, 2017. She asked for volunteers. Frank Campbell commented they will have the Environmental Club helping and the Community Service people help as volunteers. Get in contact with Gwyn if you want to volunteer.

Frank Campbell reported along with the Community Day event on July 8th; they hope to have the David English marker installed. They are working on that dedication and will not interfere with all the other activities going on and on getting the other markers installed in the square as well. Frank reported they have the net for the park to install to protect the building and the people at the concession from high flying balls. They will put that up in the next couple of days. NRPS purchased the pole and the net. PP & L set the pole for free. Steve Peters brought it up from Harrisburg and Heller's is going to give them a lift to hang the net. While they are doing that; they are going to put the canal boat and mules on the front of the Borough Office. They will be moving the sign that says Newport Borough Office up and then put the canal boat and mules under it.

Tara Snyder commented she noticed at the last Mid Month Meeting that the people from the Millworks Project was here again and was wondering what the status is? Why wasn't it articulated to the public that the Millworks people would be visiting again and if anyone wanted to be concerned or have an opportunity to make any statements; they could be notified. President Robinson commented there is no way of notifying everyone. Ms. Snyder's issue is that this happened at a Mid Month Meeting that unless you were a faithful friend of your discover Newport or you happen to hear it through the grapevine you weren't aware that they were going to be here. Therefore no one would have had an opportunity to attend according to the Newport Borough website meetings are the first Tuesday of each month; that is what it states. She would assume that any new business would be on the first Tuesday of the month however you have a Mid Month Meeting regarding the Millworks Project which she remembers filling this room during the Zoning Board last year against this. So it is something that many people in the community have a concern about. She was wondering why they came to a Mid Month Meeting versus a regular scheduled monthly meeting. Cl'm Frownfelter commented they were here to; as far as she knows it was a pretty short notice that they gave us; just to give us an update on the status of their application. There was no decision made about anything; it was just informational. They are reapplying in September with the state and they won't know if they got the grant until March 2018. The next step in the process is for the project to go to the Planning Committee and then at that point there will be an opportunity to give their opinion

and then Planning will make a recommendation to Council and then there will be a vote. That was her understanding of the process. That's all still way in front of us. They weren't here to get a decision from us about anything. Tara Snyder commented there are a lot of people on 5th Street and Mulberry Street that live in that section who are very concerned whether it be with parking, traffic etc. The destruction of 5th Street, the destruction of Locust that is going down now; potholes everywhere; everyone is concerned about this project. Adding 31 Units to an area that is already struggling with traffic, sewage everything else. It is a community concern; it is a little upsetting that this was brought up at a Mid Month Meeting. It really makes her question whether or not it is going to be notified to the public. Cl'm Frownfelter commented she thinks there is enough concern around the community from what she is hearing about the project that she thinks we need to have some type of public meeting somewhere along the line. Not sure where that will be. The ball is kind of in their court to make the next step. Ms. Snyder stated she absolutely believes there needs to be notification of the public; this is a huge project. The people need to be notified of that. Rose and Al Jones live up near the project also and they are very concerned with the Millworks Project. Mrs. Jones asked if it was normal to have Mid Month Meetings. President Robinson commented typically we don't have Mid Month Meetings but the April Mid Month Meeting was to do the paperwork for Newport Borough Municipal Authority guarantee of their loan for the new plant and ser separation. It ended up that the paperwork was not ready. Cl'm Frownfelter commented sometimes we do depends on what business has to be taken care of. Notice of Mid Month Meeting will be posted on the Borough website from now on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to approve the April 18, 2017 Mid Month Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Newport General Fund account balance May1, 2017 was \$242,992.77. Payroll #9, 5-3-17 of \$8,722.33. Outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$5,040.04. Estimated income for the balance of May of \$20,700.00. Estimated expenses for the balance of May of \$25,026.52 will leave a balance May 31, 2017 of \$224,903.88. Liquid Fuels Account balance May 1, 2017 was \$100,969.39. Outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$2,018.73 will leave a balance of \$98,950.66. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Cl'm Delancey moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to pay the outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$5,040.04 from the General Fund Account and pay the outstanding bills in the amount of \$2,018.73 from the Liquid Fuels Account. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRING FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOR BATHROOM MAINTENANCE – Cl'm Halstead reported no luck with finding someone for the bathroom maintenance for the playground. She and Frank Campbell are doing the cleaning right now. Eckerd's Workforce and Community Service Workers might be able to help out; we need to find additional people. President Robinson commented he might have someone interested and possibly get another backup person. Cl'm Halstead asked that he get them to fill out an application and send them to her after we get it.

5TH STREET PROJECT – President Robinson reported he talked with Mark Bruening yesterday about the Fifth Street Project. We come up short \$110,000 to (2) blocks of (3) blocks; Market St to Walnut Street is the priority. The Sewer Authority is going through their financing and don't want to slow that down. He asked Borough Council to think about the Borough borrowing the money to get that project done. There are still items to work out. We have already borrowed almost \$500,000 can't see why we can't borrow the rest needed to get the project done. That street is pretty bad shape. We would be getting more inflow out of the sewer system. We would put new curbing on the lower side of the street. Cl'm Halstead asked for something in writing so we can see what we need to do financially. Cl'm Roush commented he will bring up at the next Sewer Meeting. Cl'm Frownfelter asked what was the price breakdown. President Robinson commented each block would be different because of what needs to be done in each block differs. President Robinson will try to get the info for the next meeting and possibly ask our engineer Mark Bruening to come.

NIMS CERTIFICATION – NIMS Certification is required by each municipality to be able to receive disaster money for reimbursement due to a declaration of a disaster (snow storm, flooding etc). Cl'm Halstead and Secretary Bowers have

the NIMS Certification. The Mayor should have it and the Emergency Management Coordinator should have; the more the better. Chance you may not get disaster reimbursement monies if someone is not NIMS certified.

TERI PROVOST EMAILS – Teri Provost (SEDA COG Flood Resiliency Program) sent the Borough (2) emails regarding (2) Committee Meeting to be held on May 11th and May 12th at the Newport Public Library. Meeting on May 11th will be at 11:00 A.M. A working group meeting will be facilitated by SEDA COG and Jason Finnerty representing the Tri County regional Planning Commission and Perry county Planning to discuss floodplain and planning. The second meeting will be held on May 12th at 1:00 P.M. A working group meeting will be facilitated by SEDA COG and Adam Purdy of Purdy Insurance Agency to discuss private flood insurance. The number of citizens for each working group is limited to (15) participants. Everyone received a copy of the emails to respond to Ms. Provost.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – There were (4) applicants submitted for the Community service Award of \$250.00. Vote taken by Council was (4) votes for applicant # 4 , (1) vote for applicant # 1 and 1 vote for applicant # 4. The Community service award will go to Sierra Brinser who will attend Robert Morris University for Nursing and Psychology. Mayor Hetrick will attend the Awards Ceremony on May 30, 2017 and present the award.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hetrick will participate in the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 28, 2017. She will attend the Awards Ceremony on May 30, 2017 and present the community service Award. She was asked to speak on June 21, 2017 for the God & Country Day. Mayor Hetrick will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Veterans mural on July 8, 2017.

Next meeting day will be June 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Cl'm Halstead reminded everyone that the meeting for July will be July 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Cl'm Delancey reported he will not be here for the June 6, 2017 meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Bowers
Secretary