

**NEWPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President Tami Halstead called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Mary Hetrick and Borough Council Members Penny Frownfelter, Barbara Leach, Gregory Shope, and Mary Bucher present. Jacob Zentichko was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

GUESTS: Phillip Brath, Gwyn Smith, Luke Roman, and Ryan Fortenbaugh

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – Cl'm Frownfelter moved seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve the December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

December 15, 2020 Mid Month Meeting Minutes – Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve the December 15, 2020 Mid Month Meeting Minutes as drafted with attachment. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY: Newport Borough General Fund Account balance January 1, 2021 was \$161,259.14. Outstanding invoices presented for payment of \$14,250.13. Estimated income for the balance of January 2021 for \$14,113.96. Estimated expenses for the balance of January in the amount of \$30,151.78 will leave an estimated balance of \$130,971.19. Liquid Fuels Account balance January 1, 2021 was \$83,545.50. Outstanding invoices presented for payment of \$311.86 will leave a balance of \$83,233.64. Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY BILLS TO DATE: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Shope to pay the outstanding invoices presented for payment totaling \$14,250.13. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Board Appointments:

Solicitor: William Dissinger: Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to keep William Dissinger as the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer: Phillip Brath, Gibson-Thomas: Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to appoint Phillip Brath with Gibson-Thomas as the Borough Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Newport Borough Municipal Authority: No appointment was made.

Newport Borough Water Authority: Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to keep John McNaughton on the Borough Water Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to appoint Tami Halstead to the Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to keep Patricia Shara on the Zoning Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Council Member: No appointment was made.

Approval to pay \$900.97 out of the General Fund and \$299.03 from Selective Insurance Company to the Newport Youth Baseball Association for a total of \$1,200 for damages to their fence. Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to pay the Newport Youth Baseball Association \$900.97 from the General Fund and \$299.03 from Selective Insurance Company for damages done to their fence. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to pay the Fulkroad invoice difference of \$2,573.09 above the bid price, for the 2020 paving project.

President Halstead is going to contact Jay Fulkroad and Sons again to negotiate the price, since there was no approval from Borough Council to go over the initial bid price.

Approval to accept the bid to sell the 640 Oliver Street Property from the Perry County Tax Claim Bureau to Homes Four Life for a reduced borough tax obligation from \$1,225.47 to \$224.71.

Cl'm Shope moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to accept the bid to sell the 640 Oliver Street property from the Perry County Tax Claim Bureau to Homes Four Life for a reduced borough tax obligation from \$1,225.47 to \$224.71. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution #1-21 to remove Carl Roush from Orrstown Bank accounts. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to approve Resolution # 1-21 to remove Carl Roush from Orrstown Bank accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2019 Liquid Fuels Audit. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Shope to approve the Liquid Fuels Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Request the expungement of Municipal Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for the years 2005 through 2010, per the Municipal Records Retention Schedule. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve the request to expunge the Municipal Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for the years 2005 through 2010 according to the Municipal Records Retention Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Sign Ordinance. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Shope to eliminate 250-106 (D) in the current sign ordinance and to advertise the ordinance, which would then allow hanging signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Continued discussion on the Water Authority USDA Loan/Bond. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to approve backing the bond of the Water Authority with USDA so they can move forward with it. But to allow the Borough Council to approve the verbiage in the USDA Loan/Bond. Motion carried 4 to 1 with President Halstead dissenting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Streets Report from Cody Harris.
2. Code Enforcement Report from Harry Nazzaro.
3. Perry County Tax Claim Bureau concerning 640 Oliver Street.
4. Selective Insurance Company for damages at Veterans Memorial Park fence.
5. Liquid Fuels Audit.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There are three renewals awaiting approval for Handicap Parking Permits Suzanne Beamer, Jane Beatty and Michael Leach. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Shope to approve the renewals for Handicap Parking. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to come before Council, Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.