

Newport Borough Council  
231 Market Street  
Newport, PA 17074

October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Phillip Brath(Borough Engineer), William Dissinger (Borough Solicitor), Gwen Smith, Kayla Smith, Tony Oliveri, Jill Hoover, Jeremy Still, Steph Smith, Lisa Albright, Sandi Amsler, and Luke Roman.

**The meeting was not recorded; the meeting was moved outside due to not meeting social distancing requirements with having eleven guests present.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve the September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER:** The Newport Borough General Fund Account balance October 1, 2020 was \$247,255.76. Outstanding bills presented for payment to include the payment of the 2020 Fire Protection to Citizen's Fire Co #1 in the amount of \$19,183.72, the payment of the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$6,665.13, the payment of the 2020 PMRS Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$20,338.00 and the payment of invoice #PA027056 to Kirby Kitner for storm line work done on Caroline and Ridge Streets in the amount of \$8,300.00 totaling \$59,109.66. Estimated income for the balance of October is \$25,480.68. Estimated expenses for the balance of October is \$26,210.14 will leave an estimated balance of \$187,416.64. Liquid Fuels Account balance October 1, 2020 was \$89,272.56. Outstanding bills presented for payment of \$2,784.49 will leave a balance of \$86,488.07. Cl'm Shope moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to approve the Financial Report for October 2020 with a corrected estimated ending balance of \$187,416.64. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL PAYMENT OF THE OCTOBER BILLS TO DATE:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to approve the General Fund Bills presented for payment totaling \$59,109.66 and approve the Liquid Fuels bills presented for payment totaling \$2,784.49. Motion carried unanimously.

**GUESTS:** Phillip Brath, Borough Engineer, talked about the storm weather mapping in the Borough. He commented that President Halstead is working on storm by gathering maps done at no cost with PCPC and Glace Associates.

- Jill Hoover, Oliver Township Supervisor talked about events and coordinated efforts with our Borough. She said Covid would be devastating to their Township.

**Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to go into an Executive Session at 7:18 P.M. with the Borough Solicitor William Dissinger present to discuss a personnel matter. President Halstead called the meeting back to order at 7:55 P.M. with no action taken.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Guests gave comments on having the Turkey Trot. There are (3) start times of 9:00, 9:10 and 9:20. Money raised from the Turkey Trot is split between the Ambulance, the Senior Center, the Fire Company and the Public Library. Comments letters will be attached to these minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE TURKEY TROT:** Cl'm Bucher moved, seconded by Carl Roush to approve the Turkey Trot event to be held on Thanksgiving Day. Motion carried with Roll Call Vote #1 of 6 to 1 in favor. Cl'm Leach, Cl'm Roush, Cl'm Zentichko, Cl'm Bucher, Cl'm Shope and Cl'm Frownfelter voting yes and President Halstead voting no.

- Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to adopt Resolution # 10-20 for the display of the Turkey Trot Banner. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT:** Cl'm Bucher moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to hold Trick or Treat Night on October 31, 2020 from 6 to 8 P.M. Motion carried with Roll Call Vote #2, 4 to 3 in favor of. Cl'm Leach, Cl'm Roush, Cl' Bucher and Cl'm Frownfelter voting yes and President Halstead, Cl'm Zentichko and Cl'm Shope voting no.

**APPROVAL OF PADOT WINTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WHICH THE BOROUGH RECEIVES \$3,617.16:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to approve the PADOT Winter Maintenance Contract for the year 2020 in the amount of \$3,617.16. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2020 TO OCTOBER 31,2021 INSURANCE POLICIES RENEWALS EXCLUDING HEALTH POLICIES WHICH RENEW LATER WITH DON JACOBS INSURANCE:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to approve the Insurance Policies renewals for November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021 with Don Jacobs Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO REPLACE THE BECHTEL TANNERY HISTORICAL MARKER AT VMP AT A COST OF \$379.00:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to replace the Bechtel Tannery Historical Marker at VMP at a cost of \$379.00. Motion carried unanimously. The Perry County Bicentennial Committee will order the replacement marker. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The budget worksheets will need the final figures for insurance added. The budget currently stands at \$911.05 over budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Streets Report from Cody Harris.
2. Code Enforcement Report for July 2020 and Annual Report from Harry Nazzaro.
3. Playground report from Harry Nazzaro.
4. President Halstead informed the Borough Council that the Borough received both the CDBG Grant for \$60,000 and the HATS RTP Grant for \$300,000 which will fully fund the curb and sidewalk project 100%. This will be for in the areas of Market Street; Sixth Street from Market to Walnut and on Fourth Street from Market to the rock bridge going out of the Borough. Phil Brath mentioned it would have been thousands of dollars if the engineer would have submitted the grants for the

Borough.  
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Next meeting will be November 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Roush moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Bowers  
Asst Secretary