

Newport Borough Council
231 Market Street
Newport, Pa 17074

August 4, 2020 Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: President of Council 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, Carl Roush, Mary Bucher, and Jacob Zentichko present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dwayne Welker

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dwayne Welker of 56 S 4th Street complained about the Code Enforcement Officer coming onto property to site him; feels like he is being harassed. Also, the neighbors built an ugly playhouse, its breeding mosquitoes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of July 7, 2020 approval was tabled until next meeting. Need to look up info regarding the letter from Penn DOT.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Newport General Fund Account balance August 1, 2020 was \$255,120.96. Outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$12,263.55. Estimated income for the balance of August is \$17,060.00. Estimated expenses for the balance of August is \$27,260.14 will leave an estimated balance of \$232,257.47. The Liquid Fuels balance August 1, 2020 was \$90,786.15. Outstanding bills presented for payment of \$86.76 will leave a balance of \$90,699.89. Cl'm Roush moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve the August 4, 2020 Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to pay the outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$12,263.55 from the General Fund Account and pay the outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$86.76 from the Liquid Fuels Account. Motion carried unanimously. Cl'm Roush moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to approve the purchase of a roll of stamps at a cost of \$55.00, approve the cell phone expense for employees in the amount of \$90.00, approve the invoice totaling \$7,125.00 from Kirby Kitner for Dock Street repairs to include the extra \$325.00 for Sewer repairs which will be reimbursed by Newport Borough Municipal Authority and approve the payment of \$500.00 to Stydinger Brothers for the sewer line work at Veterans Memorial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A (4) DRAWER FILING CABINET FOR CODE

ENFORCEMENT RECORDS: There was no action required, Mayor Hetrick has an extra file cabinet she will give him.

APPROVAL FOR KLINE'S TO JET VAC THE STORM LINE IN DOCK STREET FROM PEACH STREET TO 3RD STREET:

There is no estimate yet from Klines to jet vac the storm line. Council will consider making a project to look for grant funding. Cl'm Frownfelter mentions the next Covid money may have funds for infrastructure; suggested to start rolling smaller projects together (sewer/boro/water), get engineer on board sooner rather than later. Cl'm Leach moved to have Klines jet vac the storm lines from Peach Street to 3rd Street on Dock Street. There was no seconded to the motion, vote was tabled until there is a quote from Klines and Mr. Rehab.

APPROVAL OF MOVIE NIGHT WITH COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS BEING DONE,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to approve Movie Night at VMP with Covid-19 requirements being done on Friday, August 14, 2020. Motion carried with Cl'm Zentichko voting no.

DISCUSSION ON FIRECRACKER 5K EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2020:

Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to approve the Firecracker 5K event to be held on September 5, 2020. Cl'm Leach was concerned with people coming in from outside. The Firecracker 5K event is canceled on a roll call vote of (2) yeas and (5) nays. Cl'm Frownfelter and Cl'm Bucher voted yes and Cl'm Halstead, Cl'm Roush, Cl'm Leach, Cl'm Zentichko and Cl'm Shope voted no.

RESULTS OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRAFFIC STUDY AT 4TH STREET NEAR WALNUT STREET FROM JULY 23, 2019:

Borough Council received a copy of the July 23, 2019 Traffic Study at TMS Site 14348-20190723 hourly traffic .2 miles west of Fickes Street.

DISCUSSION ON REMOVING A PARKING SPACES(S) AT 4TH AND WALNUT STREET:

President Halstead suggested removing (1) parking space to see if it helps on the lower side of 4th Street at Walnut Street. Cl'm Bucher moved, seconded by Cl'm Shope to remove (1) parking space on the lower side of 4th Street at the corner of Walnut Street. Motion carried unanimously. President Halstead will send a letter to the business owner at the corner of 4th and Walnut Streets.

APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF STREETS FOR MILLING AND PAVING PROJECTS OUT OF THE LIQUID FUELS AND THE GENERAL FUND AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to approve the following streets for the milling and paving project to be paid out of the Liquid Fuels Account and the General Fund Account:

- (1) Caroline Street between 6th and Ridge Street
- (2) North Shrub Street between Market and Dock Street (behind Goodwill)
- (3) Catherine Street between 5th and 4th Street
- (4) Mulberry Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE PSAB FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 16TH THROUGH THE 18TH AT THE WYNDHAM IN GETTYSBURG, PA AND REIMBURSE THE HOTEL COST & FEES:

Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve Council Members to attend the PSAB Leadership Conference on October 16th through the 18th at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg and reimburse the Hotel cost and Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

An Executive Session to discuss personnel and security matters was called at (?) P.M. to include Mayor Hetrick and Guest Tina Burkholder.

President Halstead called the meeting back to order at 8:58 P.M. with the following actions.

Cl'm Shope moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to ratify the termination of Kristen Johns effective July 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Cl'm Shope moved, seconded by Cl'm leach to ratify the advertisement for a full-time Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Cl'm Shope moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to hire Tina Burkholder as the full-time Borough Secretary/Treasurer at an hourly rate of \$17.00 with benefits. Motion carried unanimously.
Cl'm Shope moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to approve the purchase of additional security protection for the Borough's computers through Selectech. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON CHANGES TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 106 CURFEWS: Tabled for later discussion.

DISTRIBUTED THE PROPOSED FIREWORKS ORDINANCE: Tabled for later discussion.

DISTRIBUTED THE CHANGES TO THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: Tabled for later discussion.

MAYOR HETRICK MENTIONED CENSUS TAKER WANTED TO PUT SIGNS UP AROUND TOWN FOR HIRING CENSUS WORKERS: Borough Council would not allow the Census Taker to put signs up to hire census workers. There is no place to put them.

PROPERTY AT 640 OLIVER STREET: Borough Council will allow more time for the property 640 Oliver Street to be cleaned up.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND THE WATER AUTHORITY FOR WATER USAGE: Nothing to report at this time.

STORM WATER PROJECT AT SHRUB AND MARSH STREET: Nothing to report at this time.

THE HATS NEW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT: President Halstead reported the RTP Implementation Grant was submitted on July 31, 2020.

CRS REPORT: The CRS Report was submitted on July 23, 2020. Additional information is being submitted by August 24, 2020. President Halstead commented this is more work than what it is worth.

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) Letter from Representative Mark Keller in response to Robert Campbell's newspaper article from July 8, 2020.
- (5) Letter from Barton & Loguidice that the Newport Borough Water Authority is applying to DEP for a public water supply permit modification.

WATER: Cl'm Frownfelter reported information regarding the refinancing of their Bond through USDA for Water and adding new debt to their bond.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Shop to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Patricia Bowers
Asst Borough Secretary

