

Newport Borough Council
October 18, 2016 – Mid Month 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, Carl Roush and John McNaughton. Douglas Beatty was absent.

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

GUESTS – Amy Beaver, Frank Campbell and Luke Roman.

NRPS REQUEST FOR BILLBOARD AT KAUFFMAN’S – Frank Campbell introduced Amy Beaver from Perry County Council of the Arts. She asked approval for the enhancement of the billboard sign at Kauffman’s. They would like to change the Canal theme of the sign to a mural with a Veteran’s theme. They talked to Max Kauffman and he is ok with the change. They have a world class muralist named Jonathan Laidacher who would be doing the mural. She explained the process that he uses. Amy distributed info of some of the work he has done. The mural will be 10 X 24 in size. It will last for 15 to 30 years with the process they use. They have funding for the majority of the project. It can be completed this school year. With the Veterans theme they could go to the VFW and the American Legion for some funding. This is one of the reasons for doing the Veteran’s theme. Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m McNaughton to allow the billboard at Kauffman’s to be changed from the Canal theme to a Veteran’s theme and for Perry County Council of the Arts to spearhead the mural project. Motion carried unanimously.

NEWPORT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK - Frank Campbell reported the ball teams are done. Will want the concession building winterized. Let Cl’m McNaughton or President Robinson know if it is done. Cl’m McNaughton commented he had someone interested in cleaning the restrooms.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – The following bills were presented for payment: Commonwealth of PA (PIB Loan Payment) \$4,150.74, United Concordia (dental premiums) \$139.84 and Univest Capital (Lighting Upgrade Payment) \$73.23 for a total amount of \$4,363.81. Cl’m McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl’m Frownfelter to pay the outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$4,363.81 from the General Fund Account. Motion carried unanimously.

TURKEY TROT BANNER RESOLUTION – Cl’m Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl’m Roush to adopt Resolution # 06-16 for the Turkey Trot Banner Display. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET COATS (\$44.99 EACH AT TRACTOR SUPPLY) – Cl’m Roush moved, seconded by Cl’m Halstead to authorize the purchase of street coats in the amount of \$44.99 each for the street department. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION – Robert Sharar submitted a resignation letter from the Newport Borough Planning Commission effective immediately. Cl’m Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl’m McNaughton to accept the resignation of Robert Sharar from the Newport Borough Planning Commission and authorize the advertisement for letters of interest for the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

BALLAST FOR STREET LIGHTS – Cl’m Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl’m McNaughton to purchase (2) ballasts for the repairs to the street lights with a cost not to exceed \$300.00 for the pair. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD & MARKET STREET LIGHT (NO POWER) – Frank Campbell reported Hetrick Electric was contacted to look at. Cl’m Halstead moved, seconded by Cl’m Roush to have Hetrick Electric look at the street light at 3rd and Market Streets and fix at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SEDA COG PRESENTATION –(NOVEMBER 1, 2016)- President Robinson reported he talked with Bill Segal from SEDA COG and he will be coming to give a presentation to the Borough about the Flood Plain Survey that they would like to do in our municipality. He will talk about a prototypical evaluation of a flood prone municipality and the affect it will have

with the new flood insurance. It won't cost the Borough anything. Have your questions ready. He would like to give Mr. Segal plenty of time to explain everything and answer questions.

BOROUGH ELECTRIC CONTRACT – President Robinson reported the Borough's Electric Contract runs out November of 2017. We are starting to look for pricing. We have APPI looking for quotes and he dealt with ECI in the past. He commented we will do better with all (3) entities working together, we'll get a better rate. Cl'm Frownfelter spoke to Carey Swidell for the Water Authority. President Robinson commented if we get a substantial reduction with the cost per KWH we should go ahead and lock in the price. We should take the contract for 24 months so we can renew in November again. Better time of the year for pricing. After a brief discussion of rates Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to authorize President Robinson to sign the contract for the Borough if we receive a rate quote of 5.5 cents or less per KWH and take the contract for (24) months. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 BUDGET WORKSHEET - At this time the Borough Council worked on the 2017 Budget to see what could be cut down. Some of the expense numbers were not all received yet i.e.; Borough insurances, medical premiums etc. With the current expenses the Borough needed to cut \$93,000 dollars. The Borough discussed moving the expense of street lighting over to the Liquid Fuels Budget. The Borough is projecting approximately a \$65,000 dollar carry over for next year. We will know better closer to the December meeting what we will have. Secretary Bowers will put the new numbers in and see where the Borough is at for the next Budget Meeting.

Winter Storm Jonas Disaster money has not been received. Have not heard anything from FEMA. If we don't receive soon we will contact Senator Teplitz office for help.

Comment from the Newport Public Library, Jeannie Heicher. Would like to see us have a regional police; very much in favor of having.

Cl'm Frownfelter asked who was handling things to make sure we don't have another incident like we had at the last Halloween Parade event. It has been discussed.

Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bowers
Secretary