

Newport Borough Council
April 4, 2017 – Regular Meeting
Newport, Pennsylvania

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with Borough Council Members Penny Frownfelter, Tami Halstead, Douglas Beatty, Carl Roush and John McNaughton present. Council Member Richard Delancey was absent.

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

GUESTS – Gwyn Smith, Kayla Nailor, Frank Campbell, Luke Roman, Jacob Zentichko and Bill Wurster.

PUBLIC COMMENT – **Gwyn Smith** reported she has been working with Frank Campbell to plan some activity events for the Borough. They would like to hold a community yard sale and a food truck festival in July. Possibly have music also. They would like to hold it in the square or the playground. Have to see how much participation there would be. Cl'm McNaughton commented he would not like to see the square closed down. That hurts his business. He is all for the event. If the event is held in the park they do not have to rent porta johns. It will help make the park more visible again. They have to check with the baseball to see what their schedule is. Gwyn also reported they would like to have a spring & fall cleanup. Possibly May 20th; the county will be holding a recycling day somewhere in the county. This event would cost some money. Cl'm McNaughton commented you should have someone monitoring the event to make sure it is Newport's residents participating. New Bloomfield requires an identification to participate. The fall cleanup would probably be in October. Will keep working on. **Frank Campbell** reported they are still working with the kids at the park that have to do community service. The Environmental Club will be sprucing up the trees on the Market Street Project area. The mule and the canal boat on Kauffman's billboard will be moved to the borough building. In May they will start working on the sign. They will have a sample of what the billboard will look like. The dedication up at the park for the markers on April 22nd will probably be changed because they have a conflict with that date. Possibly have the dedication of the billboard the same time as the markers dedication. Further information will be forthcoming.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Beatty to approve the March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Newport General Fund Account balance April 1, 2017 was \$92,219.08. Payroll #7, April 5, 2017 in the amount of \$9,105.83. Deposits of \$160,240.18. Outstanding bills presented for payment of \$13,631.94. Estimated income for the balance of April of \$18,200.00. Estimated expenses for the balance of April of \$20,875.78 will leave an estimated balance of \$227,045.71. Liquid Fuels Account balance April 2, 2017 was \$107,706.11. Outstanding bills presented for payment in the amount of \$2,921.02 will leave a balance of \$104,785.09. Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to accept the Financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to pay the outstanding bills in the amount of \$13,631.94 from the General Fund Account and pay the outstanding bills in the amount of \$2,921.02 from the Liquid Fuels Account. Motion carried unanimously.

SEDA COG FLOOD RESILIENCY MEETING – SEDA COG will hold the second Flood Resiliency Meeting on April 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Firehouse. President Robinson commented it will be pretty much the same presentation; more speculative than anything. Secretary Bowers will make copies for distribution by volunteers.

HIRING FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOR BATHROOM MAINTENANCE – Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to place an ad one time in the News Sun for part-time help for NVMP bathroom maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2016 AUDIT – The 2016 audit was distributed at the last meeting for review by Council. Secretary Bowers reviewed some of the comments that the auditors had given. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to accept the 2016 audit and authorize the advertisement of the audit in the News Sun. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKING UCC CHURCH - The Civic Club requested approval to park on the "No Parking" side of 4th Street by the UCC Church from 12:30 to 3:30 P.M. for the Civic Club Tea on April 22, 2017. Cl'm McNaughton moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to approve the request for parking on Fourth Street for the Civic Club Tea being held at the UCC Church. Motion carried unanimously.

COPIER QUOTES - Bill Wurster (Part owner in Quality) gave a brief presentation to explain the pricing of (2) copiers. Konica-Minolta Bizhub C308 purchase price was \$5,898.00 and the Kyocere TASKalfa 3252ci purchase price was \$6,176.00. He gave the lease price up to (5) years. Included in the lease pricing you would get 2500 Black/White copies and 300 color copies at no charge. Any overage would be .0062 cents for black/white copies and .03 cents for color copies. They would maintain the copier for service and there would be no charge for toner. All pricing is Costars prices. They would bring the copier in and set everything up for us. Turnaround time would be one week. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to approve the leasing of a Konica-Minolta BizHub C308 copier for a 5 year term at \$143.18 per month. At the end of the lease the Borough can decide whether to purchase the machine and lease another copier.

5TH STREET PROJECT UPDATE – President Robinson reported Newport Borough Municipal Authority and the Newport Water Authority did not receive the CFA Grant that was submitted for. There was only 22 million dollars available and 160 million was requested. Very little money came to central Pennsylvania. We may have to cut back to get the project done. The Sewer has their meeting on the 12th so maybe will have an update for the April 18th Mid Month Meeting.

CANAL DAYS – Cl'm McNaughton asked the approval to close the street down from Mulberry St to Walnut Street on Second Street for the Canal Days Event being held on October 7, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to approve the closure of the 2nd Street from Mulberry Street to Walnut Street for the Canal Days Event on October 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD LUNCHEON MAY 9, 2017 AT HERSHEY LODGE– Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to allow the Borough Secretary to attend the Award Luncheon to receive her service award at the Hershey Lodge on May 9, 2017 and pay the fee of \$30.00 for the luncheon. Motion carried unanimously.

INVITATION FROM FIRE COMPANY TO ATTEND BANQUET - The Borough Council received an invitation from the Newport Fire Company to attend their annual banquet on April 20, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. Cl'm Roush was going to try to attend.

MID MONTH MEETING FOR GUARANTEE ORDINANCE FOR NBMA LOAN – President Robinson reported we will have to have a Mid Month Meeting to approve the Guarantee Ordinance for the Newport Borough Municipal Authority loan. Eckert Seaman will attend the meeting just as they did for the Water Authority.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hetrick reported she declared a snow-emergency for the big snow we had March 1, 2017. She wanted to thank everyone for helping out hauling the snow out. The guys did a good job.

STREETS - Cl'm Halstead asked if Barton and Loguidice could come to the next meeting which would be May 2, 2017 to talk about the 5th Street Project so we can get rolling on that. Council will decide at the April 18th meeting; maybe will know something more after Sewer has their meeting.

INLETS ON WALNUT STREET BY NEWPORT POST OFFICE – Cl'm McNaughton received a quote from TBS Backhoe (Tim Schlegel of \$4,200.00 each for the replacement of the (2) inlets on Walnut Street by the Post Office. If we use Liquid Fuels money it might be more. Hold off till he talks with Tim Schlegel to see if the price would change if we use Liquid Fuels money because of the requirements of Penn Dot.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bowers
Secretary