

Newport Borough Council
November 20, 2018 – Mid Month Meeting Minutes
Newport, Pennsylvania

President Gerald Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with Borough Council Members Richard Delancey, Tami Halstead, Carl Roush, Richard Delancey, John McNaughton, and Barbara Leach present. Councilman Doug Beatty was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Mary Hetrick. Secretary/Treasurer Heather Ilgenfritz was absent.

GUESTS - Luke Roman and Jacob Zentichko.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

BUSINESS ITEM:

APPROVAL OF 2019 TAX ORDINANCE NO. 372 & AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING – President Robinson called for a motion to approve the 2019 Tax Ordinance. Cl'm Delancey moved, seconded by Cl'm McNaughton to approve Ordinance No. 372 establishing the tax rate for 2019 for Newport Borough, with a millage rate of 4.341, and authorize advertising. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE:

SECOND STREET PAVING – Council President Robinson briefly discussed the sanitary sewer project on Second Street. He said that he and Cl'm Beatty were going to mark the curbing that needs repaired and/or replaced on Second Street with paint. It's approx. 400 linear feet of curbing. However, Cl'm Beatty is unable to do this since he has had back surgery. Larson Design (engineer) and M.F. Ronca (contractor) are asking how long the curbs will be to replace. \$46,000 has been approved for the paving from Dock Street to Oliver Street, with the curbing and overlay in the Spring, the total is estimated at \$62,000-\$65,000.

QUOTES FOR NEW EQUIPMENT – President Robinson stated he contacted Messick's for another quote on purchasing a skid loader. He has already obtained quotes on New Holland, John Deere, and Case. They are equipped equally. CAT and Bob CAT pricing has also been obtained so there will be pricing from at least five different manufacturers. Cl'm McNaughton stated that warranties also needed to be compared. President Robinson noted COSTARS requires a 2-yr warranty. In the next month there should be a recommendation before Council. Robinson noted almost all of them have unlimited engine hours. He believes with the numbers that he has seen so far, a 6 ft. bucket on the front, a set of forks, and a street sweeper attachment could also be purchased for a total cost of approximately \$50,000. The only concern is with the timeframe to purchase in Spring of 2019, and the Borough may run into the next model year and the quotes would not apply. Cl'm Halstead stated she hopes to have the application ready for the next Council Meeting.

STORM INLETS – Robinson discussed two inlets on Spotts Street that go to the new sewer on North Second Street. He believes the storm line to Oliver Street behind the auto parts should receive flow from these two storm inlets. Another area of concern is the surface water piping from Memorial Park that should go to the storm sewer on Oliver Street.

BRUSH HAULING – There will be at least one more brush pick-up before the end of the year.

The next meeting is December 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Delancey moved, seconded by Cl'm Roush to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Ilgenfritz
Secretary