

**NEWPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President Tami Halstead called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Mary Hetrick leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Mary Bucher, Billie Dudley, Penny Frownfelter, Barbara Leach, Gregory Shope and Jacob Zentichko present.

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

HEARING FOR SIGN ORDINANCE (Postponed) – Approve the Ads for Sign Ordinance Hearing May 4, 2021

GUESTS: Luke Romans, Gwyn Smith, Kayla Smith and Christian Fickes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gwyn Smith voiced concerns about street cleaning, brush pick up and parking on the railroad side of Front Street.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Dudley to approve the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL: Cl'm Shope moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve the Financial Report for April 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL BILLS TO DATE: Cl'm Bucher moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to approve the April 2021 bills to date. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation to Newport Public Library \$1,000: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Shope to approve the \$1,000.00 donation to the Newport Public Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation to Perry County Animal Rescue \$250: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Dudley to approve the \$250.00 donation to the Perry County Animal Rescue. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the Tax Collector's percentage fee for wages: Tabled.

Discussion on water leak at Caroline Street near 6th Street: President Halstead will contact Kirby Kitner Excavating for recommendations.

Approve Resolution #5 - 21 for Canal Day Banner: Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Zentichko to approve Resolution #5 - 21 for the Canal Day Banner. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolution #6 - 21 for Discover Newport Banner: Cl'm Frownfelter moved, seconded by Cl'm Dudley to approve Resolution #6-21 for Discover Newport Banner.

Approval of 2020 Audit: Cl'm Bucher moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to approve the 2020 SEK Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to advertise 2020 Audit: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Bucher to advertise the 2020 SEK Audit.

Approval for the Terror Farm to use Veterans Memorial Park parking lots on Front Street for Terror Farm visitor pick up in October and for their fund raiser on April 10, 2021: Cl'm Bucher moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to approve the use of Veterans Memorial Park parking lots on Front Street for the Terror Farm visitor pick up for their fund raiser on April 10, 2021 and again in October. Motion carried unanimously.

The recommendation from the Planning Commission on the Newport High School USDA application: The Planning Commission reviewed the application and found it compliant with Newport Borough's ordinances and zoning.

Executive session for a personnel matter: No action taken. Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion on purchasing a new tractor.** Cl'm Shope is checking into repair work for the current tractor.
2. **Update on Newport School District paving project.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter of Interest for Municipal Authority: Cl'm Leach moved, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter to approve Kayla Smith to be added as a board member for Newport Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Adam Britcher on behalf of NBMA regarding stormwater/sanitary sewer connection at the Streets Garage.

Letter J.D. Eckman construction notice Raccoon Valley Road over Juniata River.

Cumberland County Planning hosting requirements for mailboxes in all new residential subdivisions

Streets Report from Cody Harris.

Code Enforcement Report from Harry Nazzaro.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 4, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no other business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Zentichko moved, seconded by Cl'm Leach to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.