

**NEWPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MID MONTH MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2020**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE MEETING IS BEING RECORDED**

**GUESTS:** Luke Roman

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public comment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion on whether to or not to change the Sign Ordinance:** Matter tabled for later meeting.

**Approval to adopt the 2021 Liquid Fuels Budget:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved to adopt the 2021 Liquid Fuels Budget seconded by Cl'm Shope. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of payment to Fulkroad in the amount of \$54,556.61 from the Liquid Fuels Account and the remaining balance of \$2,573.09 from the General Fund Account for a total of \$57,129.70 for street milling and paving projects in 2020:** Cl'm Frownfelter moves to pay the original bid from the Liquid Fuels Account and discuss with Fulkroad the overage, Cl'm Leach seconded. The vote was 5 to 1 with Cl'm Zentichko dissenting. Motion is carried.

**Approval to pay the PP&L street lighting bill for \$1,390.04 from the Liquid Fuels Account:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved seconded by Cl'm Shope to pay the PP&L street lighting bill from the Liquid Fuels Account. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to hire Ron McNaughton for \$15 per hour for snow plowing this winter when needed:** Cl'm Leach moved to hire Ron McNaughton for \$15 per hour for snow plowing as needed this winter, seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to contract a snow hauling removal company if needed to haul snow out of our borough if we get a large amount of snow from Winter Storm Gail. (A snow emergency will be declared by Mayor Hetrick, if the storm materializes so the Borough can apply for a 75% reimbursement costs). As well as approval to pay Heller's for renting a skid loader for Friday, Dec 18, 2020 to remove snow from the borough:** Cl'm Frownfelter motioned to allow Cl'm Shope to do what he needs to do as far as rental equipment and snow removal seconded by Cl'm Leach. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to pay Heller's skid loader rental on Friday, December 18, to remove snow from the Borough:** Cl'm Frownfelter moved seconded by Cl'm Leach. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion on canceling the Borough Christmas Party due to Covid-19 restrictions:** Cl'm Leach motioned to cancel the Borough Christmas Party due to Covid-19 seconded by Cl'm Frownfelter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion on the Water Authority USDA Loan/Bond:** Cl'm Zentichko is in favor of the Water Authority project. Cl'm Shope moved to have attorney Dissinger look over the Water Authority Bond and let council know his recommendations Cl'm Leach seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See attachment.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**The Borough received the reimbursement from the PCEDA grant for the Code Enforcement laptop.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to comb before Borough Council, Cl'm Leach moved seconded by Cl'm Shope to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tina Burkholder  
Secretary