

Borough of Newburg Meeting Minutes January 2, 2018

The Newburg Borough Council met on January 2, 2018 at the Newburg Borough office with the following present: Mayor Nick Spencer, Nathan Shoemaker, Jessica LeGore, Melissa Negley, Richard Laughlin II, Secretary - Sara Rhine. Visitors present: Ed Chamberlain, Eric Gardner.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Spencer 6:31pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Spencer asked for nominations for Council President. Richard Laughlin II nominated Nathan Shoemaker. Jessica LeGore seconded the nomination of Nathan Shoemaker for Council President. Approved by all. Nathan Shoemaker accepted the nomination for President.

Mayor Spencer passed the gavel to President Shoemaker at 6:33 pm.

President Shoemaker asked for nominations for Vice President of Council. Jessica LeGore nominated Melissa Negley. Melissa Negley accepted the nomination for Vice President. Approved by all.

President Shoemaker asked if anyone wanted to serve as President Pro Tem. Council nominated Richard Laughlin II. Richard Laughlin II accepted the role of President Pro Tem. Approved by all.

President Shoemaker asked to adopt Robert's Rule of Order for governing. Approved by all.

President Shoemaker asked if anyone wanted to serve on the Chair Vacancy Board. Richard Laughlin II nominated Eric Gardner. Eric Gardner accepted the role of Chair Vacancy Board. Approved by all.

Minute Approval: President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes for December 18th, 2017 with one correction. Moved by Richard Laughlin II, seconded by Jessica LeGore and approved by all.

Visitors: Ed Chamberlain reminded Council of the NIMS Training that needs completed for new members of Council. Once the training is complete Ed would like copies of their certificates. If the training is not complete it may result in a delay or with holding of federal grant money.

Ed Chamberlain gave an update for the firehouse calls. Ed stated that Randall Pryor has stepped down as Chief because of training he is receiving, Tyler Gamble is serving as Chief. Ed Chamberlain did not have a financial report from the firehouse at this time but said that he can send us one. Ed did report that financially they are better off then they were last year at this time. Mayor Spencer stated that part of the agreement that the Newburg Borough and the firehouse had, requires them to provide us with their financial reports. Mayor Spencer stated that they can email the reports if it is easier.

Eric Gardner asked if there was anything that Council could do about the bell ringing of the Newburg United Methodist Church. Eric stated that the bells ring every hour about 16 times a day up to 10 minutes at a time. Eric stated that due to the location of his home, it is extremely loud (approximately 75 decibels) within his home. Eric did reach out to the church via email but has gotten no response. Eric also stated that other residents are complaining as well but will not come forward with complaints. Jessica LeGore stated that there were issues from residents when the church first started to use the bells. Mayor Spencer stated that he would see what could be done to turn it down or make a change that is pleasing to all parties.

Treasurer's Report: President Shoemaker asked for a motion to pay bills. Moved by Richard Laughlin II, seconded by Melissa Negley and approved by all.

Unfinished Business: Tax collector is still in up in the air. President Shoemaker talked to solicitor Joel Rimby regarding this. It appears that if they find a resident of the Borough they can collect income, real estate, and school taxes. If it comes down to Council appointing someone the Borough can only collect real estate taxes. President Shoemaker has a resident interested but will need to talk to Richard Hockenberry to see what is involved before they will accept the position. Sara Rhine has stated that if they cannot find anyone she is willing to collect taxes for the Newburg Borough.

Mayor Spencer stated that he has not checked on the credit card for the Borough yet but should be able to make it out there by the end of the week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm on a motion made by Richard Laughlin II, seconded by Melissa Negley and was approved by all.

Submitted by,

Sara Rhine
Borough of Newburg