

## **Borough of Newburg Meeting Minutes March 19, 2018**

The Newburg Borough Council met on March 19, 2018 at the Newburg Borough office with the following present: Mayor Nick Spencer, President Nathan Shoemaker, Vice President Melissa Negley, David Stump, Richard Laughlin II, Secretary - Sara Rhine. Visitors: Treasurer – Bonnie Aleshire, Jenifer Johnson from Fair Districts PA.

The meeting was called to order by President Shoemaker 6:31pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Minute Approval:** President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 5th, 2018 with out corrections. Moved by Richard Laughlin II, seconded by Dave Stump and approved by all.

**Visitors:** Jenifer Johnson from Fair Districts PA was present. Jenifer is looking for support for fair redistricting. Fair Districts Pa is looking for support by the way of resolution from Newburg Borough asking legislation to re-draw the boundaries using an 11 member party made up of 4 Republicans, 4 Democrats and 3 independent. So far Fair Districts Pa has gained support from 18 counties and they have passed over 200 resolutions of support.

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

Sara Rhine to mail 4 checks.

Mayor Spencer asked Bonnie Aleshire about our yearly donations and if they have been issued. Bonnie stated they have not been issued and she can issue them this week. Mayor Spencer stated that he would like to have the checks for donations (Ship EMS, Ship Library, Smooth Sailing, NHVFD and Fire Police) issued as soon as possible.

**Mayor's Report:** Residents have contacted Mayor Spencer asking what the status is on the alley vacation. President Shoemaker stated that solicitor Joel Rimby said that the one alley was quiet titled and another alley was being used by residents for access to their garage and vacating the alley would require possible easements from Hopewell Township. Council agreed to pursue correcting these issues knowing they will require more time and money but believe that it will be a benefit to residents. Sara Rhine will notify Joel Rimby and tell him to proceed.

Council still looking for efficient snow removal process. President Shoemaker found a plow truck for sale that is a 7.3 V8 diesel pickup with 100,000 miles. After further discussion the Borough does not have the man power to be efficient with snow removal at this time.

**Unfinished Business:** Landscaping and snow removal to use a target list of potential subcontractors. Process to start late summer for 2018-2019 snow and landscape season.

Verne Wadel submitted a subdivision plan to Hopewell Township that was approved and has been submitted to the County.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-02 to use the 2018 Emergency Operating Plan, Melissa Negley motioned and Dave Stump seconded and was approved by all.

Sara Rhine asked Council about appointing an auditor and if it was something that we needed to ask someone to do each year. Council said that the appointment would be for a specific term and if the term should run out President Shoemaker has qualified candidates if needed.

Christmas in the Country provided Council with meeting minutes and they will be on file in the office if needed.

Sara Rhine asked some questions at last meeting about tax collection and the process. Council confirmed that as long as Sara Rhine is comfortable with completing the mailings for tax collector Jessica Wolfe and collecting tax bills from residents we will keep everything as is.

Mayor Spencer left the meeting at 8:59pm.

**New Business:** Council reviewed a building permit submitted by Jerry Garland. President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the building permit submitted by Jerry Garland Richard Laughlin II motioned and seconded by Dave Stump.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to adopt resolution 2018-03 appoint Tina Johns to the Zone Hearing Board for a 3 year term, Dave Stump motioned, seconded by Melissa Negley.

**Roundtable:** The dogs at the Apple Wood apartments are still an issue. Melissa Negley asked if we know who is in the apartments because their dogs are running loose and have almost gotten hit. Sara Rhine stated that the landlord who owns the apartments has not yet paid his rental license or provided us with an updated occupancy report. Melissa Negley stated that these tenants moved in this month. Council suggested that we contact our Code Enforcement Officer.

**Roundtable:** Sara Rhine stated that newsletters are ready and she will be sending them out to Council for approval this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm, on a motion made by Dave Stump, seconded by Richard Laughlin II and was approved by all.

Submitted by,

Sara Rhine  
Borough of Newburg