

Borough of Newburg Meeting Minutes May 21, 2018

The Newburg Borough Council met on May 21, 2018 at the Newburg Borough office with the following present: Mayor Nick Spencer, President Nathan Shoemaker, Vice President Melissa Negley, Richard Laughlin II, Dave Sump, Jessica LeGore, Secretary - Sara Rhine. Visitors: Solicitor – Joel Rimby, Treasurer – Bonnie Aleshire, Stevie Tsambiras, Robert Linn.

The meeting was called to order by President Shoemaker 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute Approval: President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 7, 2018 without corrections. Moved by Melissa Negley seconded by Richard Laughlin II, and approved by all.

Visitors: Resident was present to provide update to Council on the loose dog situation. Dogs were seen out on 5/16/2018 in the street and video was captured.

Bob Linn was present for the alley vacation.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Spencer reported that he spoke to Snoke's regarding Walnut alley and they are scheduling for early Fall.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to enact resolution 2018-010 honoring Mayor Nicholas Spencer for his 4 years of service. Melissa Negley motioned and Richard Laughlin II seconded, approved by all.

Unfinished Business: Verne Wadel subdivision is being revised by Mike Wadel and will be sent back once revised and signed.

Alley Vacation - At 6:46 pm Joel Rimby opened the hearing regarding the vacation of 8 alleys located within the Newburg Borough, that was publicly advertised on May 4th and 11th 2018.

Bob Linn stated that he did a quit claim on the alley and that the alley he owns is located in Hopewell Township not within the Newburg Borough. Bob Linn stated that Hopewell Township gave him a map showing his ownership.

Joel Rimby read a letter received from Bonnie Gardner that could not be here tonight. "Dear Board Members, Your proposal to grant ownership of the alley back to the owners would be of serious consequence to my investment property at 204 North High St in Newburg. The apartment at 204 rear needs access by that alleyway. The obstacle that would be faced is that I am in the process of selling 202 North High St. to my son Eric Gardner, so I would not own the portion going through 202 any longer. Also this change I view will be a huge obstacle in selling 204 as either a investment property or just a home with added income from 204 rear. If and when I wish to sell 204. Also I must protest that the notice was not sent directly to my address, rather than my son's at 202 North High St. So my knowledge of said changes was not known until just recently when I asked my son to open the letter. Also because of the short notice of said proposal and action; I will be away for the meeting on the 21st, so I am not able to express my views in person. Please call me for discussion on this matter at 717-XXX-XXXX and confirm that this letter WAS RECEIVED AND SHARED WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS. Thanks so much. Bonita Gardner."

Joel Rimby's stated that the back part of 204 North High St. property can have access reserved from 202 North High St. or Hopewell Township could be contacted for an easement. There is no liability that concerns the Borough for access. The Borough has complied with codes regarding the notices sent to residents affected by the change.

One more opportunity for public comment.

President Shoemaker asked if there were any questions. No questions at this time.

Mayor Spencer stated that he received a call from Bonnie Gardner stating the same concerns as her email. Recommended vacating the alley as it provides no benefit to taxpayers to hold onto the alley because of one concern about access 204 North High St. from the alley but there are other ways of access available. No other comments at this time hearing closed at 7:03 pm.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to enact Ordinance 2018-002 for the vacation of 8 alleys. Dave Stump motioned and Melissa Negley seconded, approved by all.

President Shoemaker stated that we have a signed proposal from CCIS. He stated that any landlord that is renting and needs inspection will have 60 days from the date of introduction letters went out to pay the inspection fee or get inspected or there will be a notice of violation sent out.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to enact Resolution 2018-007 setting the fee schedule for CCIS. Jessica LeGore motioned and Richard Laughlin II seconded, approved by all.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to enact Resolution 2018-008 appointing CCIS as Code Official for rental dwellings. Jessica LeGore motioned and Dave Stump seconded, approved by all.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to enact Resolution 2018-009 appointing CCIS as Zoning Officer. Jessica LeGore motioned and Melissa Negley seconded, approved by all.

Joel Rimby stated that the Notice Of Violation will go out tomorrow for The Trades and there will be 7 days to comply.

President Shoemaker asked about Joel about the role of Code Enforcement Officer and about Nick Spencer's open seat on the Newburg - Hopewell Joint Authority. Joel Rimby stated that the Mayor is the Code Enforcement Officer. Joel Rimby also said we would need to dig a little deeper into the bi-laws of NHJA before a decision would be made regarding the open seat on the authority.

New Business: Bulky drop off procedure needs addressed. After further discussion it was decided to see if the containers could be dropped off Friday and picked up Saturday. Containers will have an attendant during drop off hours. President Shoemaker suggested having an electronic recycling day but residents will have to provide proof of residency. Council discussed having it in the Fall with bulk drop off. Nick Spencer said that he would be present during the next bulky drop off and bring his trailer for electronic recycling drop off.

President Shoemaker attended the Municipal Advisory meeting. President said that they talked about first responder life insurance, text to 911, and the radio project. Act 152 Resolution adding a \$15 recording fee to each deed and that money will going to the demo of blighted properties. The advisory board talked about the opioid crisis and there are medication drop boxes for unused or old medications. Next meeting will be on Tuesday June 26, 2018.

Roundtable: Dave Stump said that he trimmed some tree limbs at the and suggested that we have the trees trimmed. Council stated that Trim Rite was used in the past.

President Shoemaker stated that one of the residents was pulling metal out of the trash containers when they were at the office. The resident would then take the metal to his house and store on a large pile at the front of the property. President Shoemaker said dumpster diving creates a liability issue and he would like to talk to the resident first.

Sara Rhine had a few questions: Fall yard sale – Council stated not enough interest; Hanging of Banners – previously used Newville, Penelope, Kuhn Communications; Nick stated that the banners need new brackets. Transportation Study - was completed on 641 only; Line Painting – done every two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm, on a motion made by Dave Stump, seconded by Melissa Negley and approved by all.

Submitted by,
Sara Rhine
Borough of Newburg

