

Borough of Newburg Meeting Minutes July 2, 2018

The Newburg Borough Council met on July 2, 2018 at the Newburg Borough office with the following present: President Nathan Shoemaker, Mayor Melissa Negley, Jessica LeGore (via telephone), Dave Stump, Secretary – Sara Rhine, Visitors: Solicitor – Joel Rimby, Dan Lehman, Amber Metcalfe, Jaila Negley, Landon Negley,

The meeting was called to order by President Shoemaker 7:02pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to appoint Amber Metcalfe to council with Resolution 2018-013. Jessica LeGore motioned, Dave Stump seconded, approved by all.

Visitors: Dan Lehman said that he thought the Memorial Day parade had a nice turnout this year and he was happy to be a part of it. No comment from other visitors.

NHVFD dropped off the reports for the month.

Minute Approval: President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes for June 25, 2018 without corrections. Moved by Dave Stump seconded by, Jessica LeGore, and approved by all.

Jessica LeGore left the meeting via phone call at 7:07pm.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Negley reported that the hole at Exchange St/Main St is getting bigger. Sara Rhine stated that she called PennDot last week and left a message but haven't heard anything back, she will call them again tomorrow.

Unfinished Business: President Shoemaker stated that the Wrightstone property is still in violation with the accumulation of junk/debris and he will meet Hawkins Construction at the property on July 4 to discuss what they need to clean up. President Shoemaker asked if we can still fine the property owner and Joel Rimby stated that he will need to check the ordinance first. President Shoemaker to continue talking with the County regarding blighting the property.

Dog Update – President Shoemaker and Mayor Negley attended the court hearing regarding the dogs on June 28, 2018. The resident was found in violation and was fined the maximum amount of \$500 plus the court costs. The resident contacted Joel Rimby asking for reduction in the borough fine of \$300 from the notice of violation. President Shoemaker asked for the resident to be present at meeting but resident said that she was not able to come. In trying to accommodate the resident, President Shoemaker asked the resident to provide documentation to Council that states her reasoning for a reduction in fine. Joel Rimby stated that the fine was not intended for one person, that it was sent to four people. Joel Rimby also stated that he talked to the resident via telephone and she claimed that the dog was removed from the home on Friday June 29, 2018. Sara Rhine read the email aloud.

*I am asking for leniency in the fine. Each of the five times that the cops were called on us about the dogs the dogs were secured in the backyard. Also one time my dog was in the house. We have replaced the fence twice even though the neighbors dog continues to dig under the fence it has been our hard-earned money. This dog was given to my daughter who is 5 years old and has had 3 open heart surgeries because of the ruling that Judge Adams made on Thursday and then being told by the neighbor lady as I was leaving my house on Friday that if my dog gets out I can go to jail I mean without a shadow of a doubt that someone would let my dog out that day. "So I made a choice that day to give my dog away regardless of the tears that my children were crying. If I would have been home with my dogs. Out I would have understand but every time we were gone. I am tired of living like this in the town of Newburgh we never had these issues we have lived here for four and a half years and never had issues like that until the neighbors moved in beside us. Their youngest daughter continues to pull on our fence throw rocks through the fence put sticks through the fence and poking at the dogs and try to get them riled up the mother just sits there and watches and says nothing and if we do you say something she says f*** off! So we made a choice to break the family to keep everyone else happy this is left very devastating consequences and heartbreak.*

Our oldest now has asked to see a counselor because of the mental abuse that this has caused on here by the neighbor lady. I don't even know what to say if the dogs got out when we were there I would have understood it every time they were let out on a weekend or sometimes during the day and we were never there. All I'm trying to do is live in peace very obvious that it's not going to happen. We are doing our best but it's going to take a long time to recover from what happened to us. We lost a family member. We will own the house in two and a half more years and after that we plan to just sell it and move there is too many painful memories We never had these issues before and we have had the dogs for almost 2 years these issues just started once the neighbors moved in beside us. I am literally afraid to do anything at this point and our children don't even feel comfortable anymore because they don't know what happened to them.

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President Shoemaker asked for motion to reduce the citation issued in the Notice of Violation from \$300 to \$150 if received by noon on July 9, 2018. Amber Metcalfe motioned, Dave Stump seconded, and approved by all.

Joel Rimby said that he would call Lori Ketcham tomorrow and let her know Council's decision regarding the citation.

New Business: Council reviewed snow bid documents. Recommendations were to change insurance coverage and effective date to October. President Shoemaker asked for a motion to advertise the snow bidding documents. Dave Stump motioned, Amber Metcalfe seconded, approved by all.

Road project updates – Joel Rimby suggested that we get with Erik Vranich regarding any upcoming projects. Sara Rhine to get in touch with Erik and ask him to come to the 1st meeting in August.

Sara Rhine got a number for the credit card services and will call to get status of credit card application. President Shoemaker reached out to F&M Trust regarding diversifying the borough funds and they will try and come to the next meeting. President Shoemaker is looking at several local banking options for proposals at this point.

Jeremiah Greenland submitted a land use permit to extend the deck attached to his home. President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the land use permit. Amber Metcalfe motioned, Dave Stump seconded, and approved by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm, on a motion made by Dave Stump, seconded by Amber Metcalfe and approved by all.

Submitted by,
Sara Rhine
Borough of Newburg