

Borough of Newburg Meeting Minutes June 4, 2018

The Newburg Borough Council met on June 4, 2018 at the Newburg Borough office with the following present: President Nathan Shoemaker, Vice President Melissa Negley, Richard Laughlin II, Dave Stump, Secretary - Sara Rhine. Visitors: Solicitor – Joel Rimby, Robert Moyer - CCIS, Tyler Gamble – NHVFC, Verne Wadel.

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 May 21, 2018 with two corrections. Moved by Richard Laughlin II seconded by, Dave Stump and approved by all.

Visitors: Tyler Gamble was present to provide an update for the month regarding the Newburg - Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company.

Verne Wadel was present to drop off his updated subdivision plans.

Robert Moyer introduced himself to Council and let Council know that they will be sending out inspection notices this week. The notices will come from the Chambersburg CCIS location and Holly will be our contact. Robert said they will inspect the properties that have already paid for their inspections and that they will bill the borough once done. Robert said to call him with any questions.

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

Unfinished Business: Joel Rimby suggested that the Borough advertise the vacant seat for Mayor in newspaper and on the borough website. Council will be asking for statements of financial interest and qualifications from candidates to be received no later than June 15th, 2018.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve advertisement for open Mayor seat. Moved by Melissa Negley, seconded by Richard Laughlin II, and approved by all.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to change the meetings dates for June 18th to June 25th to allow Council to review possible candidates for open seats. President Shoemaker asked for a motion approve advertisement for the change of meeting dates for June. Moved by Melissa Negley, seconded by Richard Laughlin II, and approved by all.

Newburg – Hopewell Joint Authority open seat. Joel Rimby is looking for the bi-laws for the authority. Sara Rhine to call Mike Hensel for possible information.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the updated subdivision plans as submitted for Verne Wadel. Moved by Dave Stump, seconded by Melissa Negley, and approved by all.

Joel Rimby suggested advertising legal ad section 108 under MPC regarding Ordinance 2018-002 vacating 8 alleys within the borough. President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve two advertisements for section 108 notice. Moved by Richard Laughlin II, seconded by Dave Stump, and approved by all.

President Shoemaker stated that the mortgage company of 205 West Main St. called regarding the notice of violation that we sent regarding the state of the property. President Shoemaker stated that the mortgage company asked for an extension on the notice of violation given that they don't have possession of the property but will have it by June 14 or 15. It was suggested that we send another notice of violation extending the date to rectify.

President Shoemaker contacted Hawkins construction to abate the nuisance at 205 West Main St. Hawkins can proceed if the mortgage company doesn't comply by June 22, 2018. President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve in hiring Hawkins Construction to abate nuisance at 205 West Main St providing the mortgage company doesn't complete it by June 22, 2018. Moved by Richard Laughlin II, seconded by Dave Stump, and approved by all. Nathan Shoemaker abstained due to financial interest.

Borough is still having issues with dogs at South High St. President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve action from solicitor on the notice of violation that were sent out regarding dogs at 3 South High St. Moved by Melissa Negley, seconded by Dave Stump, and approved by all.

New Business: Council had a discussion about the budget.

President Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-011 to add Richard Laughlin II as a third signer on the borough bank account. Moved by Dave Stump, seconded by Melissa Negley, and approved by all.

Correspondence: Joel Rimby stated that the letter was sent to The Trades on May 30, 2018 regarding non payment of rental license. Sara Rhine stated that they paid via check on June 4, 2018.

Joel Rimby read a letter from Jens Wagner regarding dust violation that was sent to Starlipers.

Newburg Borough received a letter regarding Cumberland Valley Hose Company.

Roundtable: Melissa Negley stated that the Knutelsky property is still having issues with an overflowing trash container. Council suggested to amend the rental unit code to require larger trash containers for multiple units. Melissa Negley stated the sinkholes on 105 and 5 East Main St. she reported to Sara Rhine on May 30, 2018 were fixed the next day. Sara Rhine said she asked Nick Spencer about the process that we would use for this and Nick contacted Terry Appleby at PennDot and they said they would fix them.

Sara Rhine stated that she sprayed the park, borough greens, North Mt St, East Main St, and South High St for weeds. She will finish West Main St. this week. Sara stated that the park needs mulch. Council suggested that we redesign the park for functionality. Nathan Shoemaker will ask for a bid and Sara Rhine to ask Zullinger Brenize to bid a redesign. Sara Rhine asked about the previous request for obtaining estimates for tree trimming within the Borough and if there were specific trees that need trimmed. Sara said there are a lot of low limbs at the park that need trimmed. Council suggested getting professional recommendations from tree trimmer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm, on a motion made by Dave Stump, seconded by Melissa Negley and approved by all.

Submitted by,
Sara Rhine
Borough of Newburg