

New Eagle Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the regular meeting place.

The meeting was called to order by President Fine, with the following members of Council being present and answering to the call of the roll by the Secretary: Messrs. J. Ferguson, J. Fine, O. Pucel and W. Sherry. Absent was Mr. A. Caseber. There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in order. Also present were Mr. C. Fine, Mayor and Mr. T. Berggren, Solicitor.

Mrs. Cathy Curdie from 906 Marion Street addressed Council regarding access to Clifton Street from her property. Mr. Berggren advised that the Secretary could write a letter confirming that Mr. & Mrs. Curdie had no access to their property from Clifton Street ending at Ivy Drive since Clifton Street has never been opened by the Borough.

Mr. Seth Hoosac from 425 Fourth Avenue addressed Council to request the formation of a Citizens Review Board. He feels that this would benefit the citizens and make the relationship between the Police Force and the citizens better.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cichy from 910 Marion Street addressed Council regarding the conditions on her neighbor's property. She advised that there are large construction vehicles and construction materials as well as propane tanks on the property. Also, there are trucks parked on the road that hinder her vision when she tries to pull out of her driveway. Mr. Berggren advised her that this was a possible Code matter. HMT & Associates handle code matters for the Borough. Mr. Kerry Krider of HMT & Associates was present at the meeting. He told Mrs. Cichy that he would look into the matter and see if there were any code violations that he could address with the property owner.

Mr. Chuck Deffobis from the New Eagle Community Action Group appeared before Council to thank the Borough and the Fire Department for their donations to the annual Easter Egg Hunt that was held for the children of the Borough.

The Secretary read a letter to Council from the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority requesting the adoption of Resolution No. 1-2016 which states the Borough will remit the \$1,158.00 in matching state funds to the Authority as previously agreed to at the October 6, 2015 meeting. It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Ferguson to adopt the Resolution. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The Secretary read a request from the Tri County Borough Association requesting a donation for advertising for the 69th Annual Banquet to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016. It was moved by Pucel and seconded by Sherry to donate \$50.00 for a half page ad to be placed in their program. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The Secretary advised Council that they needed to appoint two new delegates to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee to replace Charles Wyandt and Diane Anthony who were the previous delegates. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Sherry both volunteered to be delegates. It was moved

by Pucel and seconded by Sherry to appoint Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Sherry as the delegates. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were sent to members of Council for approval. There being no additions or corrections, it was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Pucel to approve the minutes as sent. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Bills in the amount of \$147,566.66 were presented to Council for payment. It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Pucel to pay all bills. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Ferguson advised that he spoke to the members of the Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration's fireworks display. The Chamber is requesting donations to offset the cost of the fireworks. It was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Pucel to donate \$500.00 towards the event. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Ferguson advised Council that the \$150.00 rent for the ball field will be paid by the RYAA. To date, the Public Works Department has cut the grass on the field once.

Mr. Sherry advised Council of the work that had been completed by the Public Works Department since the last meeting. The list of roads to be paved was completed and the Monongahela Road Department will once again be paving with the help of the New Eagle Public Works Department. As per Chief Tempest, The City would like to start paving in New Eagle earlier this year so more can be done before the cold weather sets in again. Mr. Ferguson questioned the cracks that he noticed in some of the Borough roads. He wondered if these could be sealed. Chief Tempest advised that the City of Monongahela had a Tar Buddy that the New Eagle Public Works Department could borrow to seal the cracks.

Mr. Sherry presented a quote through the PA Costars Contract from Walsh Equipment to purchase a dump body, a snowplow, hydraulics and a spreader that would be installed on a new Ford F550 truck in the amount of \$34,551.00. It was moved by Pucel and seconded by Ferguson to purchase the package as quoted using Capital Projects Funds. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Sherry presented a quote from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. to purchase a 2016 F-550 truck in the amount of \$45,985.00. It was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Pucel to purchase the truck as quoted using Capital Projects Funds contingent upon the quote being through the PA Costars Contract or other State Bid List. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mayor Fine voiced some concern about the funds to be spent by the Borough for the truck and accessories in comparison to the years of service received by the Borough from the truck. By comparing the 2008 truck the Borough is using now to the new purchase, the cost to the Borough would be approximately \$10,000.00 per year per truck. Mr. Sherry advised that the Borough was able to obtain

the 2008 truck through a grant and did not have to pay anything for the truck. He also advised once the new truck was purchased, the Borough will sell the 2008 truck and would potentially receive \$30,000.00 for the sale. Therefore the total cost to the Borough for the new truck, including the package from Walsh Equipment would be \$50,536.00.

Mr. Pucel requested that Council consider purchasing and installing an American Flag as well as a Pennsylvania State Flag at the ball field. President Fine advised he would ask Joanne from Representative Daley's office to obtain the flags for the Borough. He also advised that light would need to be installed at the ball field when the flags were hung. Mr. Pucel and Mr. Ferguson said that the Public Works Department would install the light and the flags.

Chief Tempest informed everyone that the reason people are taking pictures of houses in the area is due to the recent property reassessments. Property owners were asked to bring pictures of comparable houses with them when they attended their appeals.

Solicitor Berggren advised that the ordinance books were completed and ready for Council to make a final review. A meeting will be scheduled in Finleyville on April 29th providing Solicitor Berggren's schedule is open.

The Secretary requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. It was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Sherry to go into Executive Session at 7:53PM. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Pucel to return to Regular Session at 8:16PM. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

It was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Sherry to adjourn at 8:17PM. Motion was carried.

Diane L. Anthony, Borough Secretary