

THE BOROUGH OF NEW EAGLE
157 MAIN STREET
NEW EAGLE, PA 15067
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2020

Prior to the Borough of New Eagle council meeting Council met in executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation.

New Eagle Borough Council met on Tuesday, July 15, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building 157 Main Street, New Eagle, Pennsylvania 15067.

The meeting was called to order by Council President J. Fine, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken by Cathy Pro, substitute borough secretary, there being a quorum present the meeting was called to order.

Present: J. Fine, S. Bobnar, T. Chaney, B. Williams, D. Walters, Mayor C. Fine

Others Present: Solicitor T. Berggren, Police Chief K. Harris

Absent: PW Road Foreman Jason Miller

Visitor Chris Carroll, Board Chairman of Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority and borough resident, shared with council the need for their support in approaching Washington County Commissioners to request financial support from the county for Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority. They receive financial matches from Westmoreland County and many municipalities. Mr. Carroll provided a form letter for those borough officials who would like to petition the commissioners.

Visitors Michelle Williams and Robert Reynolds of 214 Main Street shared a complaint to council regarding parking at the business across from their home on Hemlock Street.

Minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting was presented to Council for approval. Motion was made by T. Chaney and seconded by B. Williams. Motion was carried by unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Motion to approve to pay bills in the amount of \$55,875.71 (Bill list A \$22077.28, Bill list B \$33798.43) was made by D. Walters and seconded by B. Williams. Motion was carried by unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

S. Bobnar gave the monthly report on the Public Works Department. Maintenance continues of aging equipment as needed. Grass cutting continues on a weekly basis. Sycamore from Chess to Main is closed while Public Works repairs broken storm water pipe at intersection of Sycamore and Main. Repair work includes replacing basin and curb. Summer schedule of work needing done is extensive. S. Bobnar and B. Williams directed department that all borough owned vehicles and equipment must be cleaned inside and out at the end of each shift. Several basins on Main Street are in need of repair/replacement. We must contract said basins out because they are in the travel lane and will require change in traffic pattern. The basins are currently plated for safety.

T. Chaney and D. Walters continue to meet with contractors to upgrade front office. The borough secretary will move into the front office once remodel is complete.

Ambulance Meeting for second quarter was cancelled due to COVID. The ambulance received a check in the amount of \$240.00 from the T-Shirt fundraiser hosted by Sparkles by Shell.

Mayor C. Fine reported that they continue to enforce high grass ordinance and junk vehicle ordinance. These violations are the same residents repeatedly.

Police Chief K. Harris reported 80 calls for service in New Eagle Borough in June 2020. The police continue traffic control which seems to be improving and firework complaints are numerous. They are enforcing the state law regarding fireworks including distance and setting them off after the Holiday. The state citation for this violation is \$200. The police responded to a resident preparing to setoff fireworks at the Maple Avenue Playground on July 4, 2020. There was an incident today of a dog killing a cat at 461 Second Avenue, New Eagle. A written call summary was provided for council's review.

Tanya Chaney and Sandra Bobnar reported that there was damage to some homes near the Maple Avenue Park on Dover, Maple and Keenan Roads and a lot of debris and litter in that area as a result to people setting off large fireworks.

Jason Miller is getting an updated bid to repair salt shed tarp.

Dennis Walters shared complaints from residents regarding 'jake brakes' being used on Route 88 (Main Street). Signage should be updated and put in appropriate areas. Chief Kevin Harris will have officers issue truck violations once signage is up.

S. Bobnar motioned and T. Chaney seconded that per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Jason Miller, as Working Foreman, shall direct and supervise the Laborer/employee of the Public Works Department. Any other direction given to the Laborer/employee of the Public Works Department shall only occur and be permitted upon a majority vote of Council. The motion was carried by unanimous call of roll by the secretary.

No further business was discussed, motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. was made by T. Chaney and seconded by B. Williams. Motion was carried by unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Attest:



Secretary (substitute)



Council President