

New Eagle Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 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: Ms. S. Bobnar, Messrs. J. Fine, J. Schmid and W. Sherry. Absent was O. Pucel. Also present were Mr. C. Fine, Mayor and Mr. T. Berggren, Solicitor. There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in order.

President Fine reminded everyone in attendance that the meetings will now be taped.

President Fine addressed the unfinished business from previous meetings. The first item was the new flags that need to be hung at the Maple Avenue Ballfield. Mr. Sherry advised that the flags are in the Secretary's office and still need to be hung. President Fine reminded Mr. Sherry that a light will need to be installed prior to hanging the flags. Mr. Sherry said he would have to see what needed to be done to install the light. The matter was continued until the next meeting.

The next item was the paper collection bin at the Social Hall. It was recently discovered that the Borough has not been paid for the collection pick-ups for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The Secretary advised she had not heard back from Royal Oaks Recycling, formerly AbiBow Recycling. She advised she will contact them again.

The next item was the press box at the Maple Avenue Ballfield. Mr. Sherry advised that Mr. Ferguson was working on handling replacing the siding and lights on the press box at the time he resigned from Council. Mr. Sherry will get in touch with Mr. Ferguson to see where he left off and will go from there.

The next item was the 6" pipes that needed cut down or removed from the field at the Maple Avenue Ballfield. Mr. Schmid advised these were the pipes for the batting cage. Mr. Sherry advised that he will check into this as well and make sure it is done.

The next item was the catch basin and silt fence at 4th Avenue and Route 88. Mr. Schmid advised that this is a project that Public Works will handle in the Spring.

The next item was the request from the resident at 203 7th Avenue for topsoil. Mr. Schmid advised that he and B.J. checked and walked over the area in question and it is just as firm and level as the rest of the property. Ms. Bobnar advised a letter will be sent to the resident with this decision.

The next item was the catch basin and discharge pipes at Broadway and Carroll. Mr. Schmid advised that the catch basin needed repaired and the discharge pipes needed cleaned. This will also be a project that Public Works will handle in the Spring.

The next item was the catch basin on Vine and Chess. Mr. Schmid advised the catch basin is collapsed and will also be a project that Public Works will handle in the Spring.

The next item was the road collapsing at Mulberry and Cherry. Mr. Schmid advised that the pipe separated and the road cracked and is collapsing. This will also be a project that Public Works will handle in the Spring.

The last item was the Halloween block party or festival that Mr. Pucel suggested last November. Mr. Sherry advised that this suggestion was made by Mr. Pucel mostly due to the number of people that

were on Seventh Avenue during Trick or Treat. He thought Mr. Pucel wanted to have this on Seventh but other Council members thought it was to be on Chess Street by the Social Hall. Mr. Sherry will check with Mr. Pucel to see what his intentions were. Mayor Fine advised that a date should be decided as soon as possible so that he can guarantee the use of the Social Hall for the event. Ms. Bobnar suggested continuing this item until next month so that Mr. Sherry can check with Mr. Pucel. Mr. Sherry agreed.

Ms. Bobnar suggested that all of the unfinished business that had to do with Public Works be added to next month's list instead of carrying them forward on the agenda. Everyone agreed.

President Fine then addressed the new business. The first item was a request from the New Eagle Community Action Group for a donation for the annual Easter egg hunt to be held at Tubby Hall Park for the children of the Borough. President Fine asked if they requested a specific amount or if we should donate \$350.00 as in the past. The Secretary advised that no amount was mentioned but asked if Council wanted to change the amount. Mr. Sherry suggested to keep the amount of \$350.00, which was the consensus of council.

The next item was the Minutes of the previous meeting. These were presented to Council for approval. There being no additions or corrections, it was moved by Sherry and seconded by Schmid to approve the Minutes as written. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The next item was Bills in the amount of \$33,481.60. These were presented to Council for payment. It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Bobnar to pay all bills. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The next item was a new "Time-Off Request" form. It was presented to Council to be approved for use by all Borough employees. The consensus of Council was that the form was fine as presented.

The next item was a letter of intent regarding a scrap lawnmower that had been in the Borough garage for 4 years or so. Mr. Schmid read the letter from Terry P. requesting permission to donate \$100.00 for the lawnmower. It was moved by Bobnar and seconded by Schmid to accept the \$100.00 donation for the scrap lawnmower. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The next item was the scheduling of work sessions. The proposed dates were Mondays, May 22nd, August 28th and November 20th at 6:00 pm. Solicitor Berggren advised that he would be unable to attend these dates due to another commitment. Ms. Bobnar then asked if Tuesdays would be better for Mr. Berggren. He advised they would. Mayor Fine advised that 6:00 PM would be hard for him to make due to his work schedule. Ms. Bobnar asked what time would be better for him. He said 6:30 PM. It was then moved by Bobnar and seconded by Schmid to schedule the work sessions for the following Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, May 23rd, August 29th and November 21st. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary. The Secretary will advertise these dates as non-voting work sessions.

The Public Works Committee Report was read by Mr. Schmid and is attached to these minutes. Ms. Bobnar asked all Council members to review the four bids that were received to repair the Red Dump Truck (Truck 3). Ms. Bobnar then made a motion to award Volker's the bid to repair the truck. Solicitor Berggren then requested an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 7:18 PM.

Council returned to regular session at 7:41 PM at which time Ms. Bobnar rescinded the motion to award Volker's the bid to repair the truck.

The Parks and Recreations Committee update was given by Mr. Sherry. He advised that the press box and the flags were already discussed under unfinished business. President Fine read the list that was provided by the RYAA of actions they would like the Borough to take for them to rent the Maple Avenue Ballfield. Council discussed the cost of these actions, along with the normal expenditures of water and electric and weighed them against the \$150.00 rental fee that would be paid by the RYAA. It was also mentioned that if the Borough does rent the ballfield, it prevents the Borough residents from using the ballfield for half of the year. Council discussed that it would be in the best interest of the Borough residents to not rent the ballfield to the RYAA. No motion was made to rent the ballfield to RYAA.

Mayor Fine then made a Proclamation designating April, 2017 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

There being no other Committee updates or further business, it was moved by Sherry and seconded by Schmid to adjourn at 7:52 PM.

Diane L. Anthony, Borough Administrator