

New Eagle Borough met for the rescheduled regular session meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 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: Messrs. J. Ferguson, J. Fine 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 called to order.

Mr. Jason Schmid of New Eagle handed out copies of his resume to Council and read his letter of interest in filling the vacant position on Council. President Fine asked how he would handle a situation where an employee failed to perform a task that was assigned to them. Mr. Schmid explained he would first check to see why the task was not done. If there was no valid reason, then disciplinary action would need to be taken. Mayor Fine asked why Mr. Schmid wanted to be on Council. He advised that he has lived in the Borough for ten years and is raising a family and wants to give back to the Borough and make it better. He said he works steady midnight so he would be available during the day to attend to any matters that arise.

Ms. Sandra L. Bobnar of New Eagle read her letter of interest in filling the vacant position on Council. President Fine asked her the same question about an employee not performing a task that was assigned to them. Ms. Bobnar advised that she would first check with the employee to see why the task was not performed. She would then assess the situation to see if there was a valid reason in not doing so. If there was a valid reason, she would look for a way to correct the situation. She advised she is result oriented and tries to look at what is needed to get that result. If there was no valid reason, she would consider what disciplinary action would be warranted.

It was moved by President Fine to adopt the Resolution to appoint Sandra L. Bobnar to the vacant position on Council. Mr. Ferguson asked if it could be discussed a little more. Solicitor Berggren advised that a second on the motion is needed in order for discussion. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Mr. Ferguson asked what would happen if Council did not fill the vacancy at this meeting. Solicitor Berggren advised that if all three Council members that were present at the meeting did not agree on the appointment then the Court would have to decide. Mr. Ferguson advised that he thought both candidates were extremely qualified for the position. Solicitor Berggren advised that we need a roll call on the motion. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Solicitor Berggren, being also a notary, then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Bobnar and she joined the meeting.

Mr. Ferguson then advised Council that he is resigning effective immediately due to personal reasons. President Fine asked him to reconsider. Mr. Ferguson advised that we have another perfectly qualified candidate that wants to be on Council. It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Bobnar to accept Mr. Ferguson's resignation. Motion was carried with Bobnar and Sherry voting to accept and Fine voting not to accept.

It was moved by President Fine and seconded by Sherry to adopt the Resolution to appoint Jason Schmid to the vacant position on Council. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

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The Secretary presented a "Welcome to the Borough of New Eagle" letter that was prepared by the Sewage Authority to Council for approval to be given out to new residents. Ms. Bobnar questioned, and was advised, that all Ordinances of the Borough are available for review at the Borough Building. The Authority will make the addition to the letter.

The Minutes of the previous meeting 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 presented. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary. Bills in the amount of \$50,396.07 were presented to Council for payment. It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Schmid to pay all of the bills. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

It was moved by President Fine and seconded by Mr. Schmid to appoint Mr. Sherry as Vice President of Council. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Schmid to appoint Ms. Bobnar as President Pro Tem of Council. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Sherry advised Council on the work that was performed by the Public Works Department in January. He wanted to remind everyone that the hills and the school bus routes are the main priority when roads are salted during a snow.

Mr. Sherry advised that the City of Monongahela's brand new truck broke down. It was also discussed that the Borough has a spare truck and if needed the City is welcome to use it.

President Fine advised that the street lights are scheduled to be replaced with LED lights starting the week of July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

President Fine asked Ms. Bobnar if she wanted to fill the spot that was vacant on the Ambulance Board. She accepted.

Mayor Fine advised that a motion was needed to appoint Paul Pro as the Chief of the Fire Department. It was moved by Bobnar and seconded by Sherry to appoint Mr. Pro. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Chief Tempest advised that representatives from an agency are going door to door requesting residents to switch their electric supplier. He asked if a permit is needed. Solicitor Berggren advised to check the Ordinances to be sure.

Chief Tempest advised that the City has received another seat belt grant. He will advise when the program will begin.

It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Schmid to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion was carried.

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Diane L. Anthony, Borough Administrator