

NORTH YORK BOROUGH MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17th, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Shank called to order the regular meeting of the North York Borough Council on July 13, 2021 at 7:00pm.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive meeting to discuss Fire department issues, sale-related sewer concerns, and personnel issues.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE

Mayor Nancy Brunk

IV. ROLL CALL

President Richard Shank, Deb Smith, Mayor Nancy Brunk, Vice President Seth Hightman, Tina Strine, and Vivian Amspacher

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes- Brittany noted a change on the last page under New Business it should read Cover 6 instead of Core. With correction to the minutes Seth Hightman made a motion to approve with a second from Deb Smith the minutes were approved.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jacob Brenner and Bailey Miller gave a presentation of the cleanup work that was completed by them at Lebanon Cemetery. This was a joint endeavor by Attorney Frank Countess, Jeffery Kirkland and our attorney Walt Tilley. They noted that there were 17 truckloads of debris totaling 7,000 pounds taken away from the property and that the cemetery is in much better shape than they found it.

The Council thanked them for the outstanding job.

VII. HANDICAP APPROVALS – COUNCIL

Brenda Becker from 234 E 6th Ave was requesting a handicap space based on her application. On a motion by Seth Hightman to deny the request and second by Tina Strine, a roll call vote was taken, and it was denied. Roll call vote attached.

VIII. TREASURERS REPORT – SONYA GRIM

Recreation: \$2,144.57

Payroll: \$11,387.60

Sewer Fund: \$60,647.22 – Majority was York City sewer treatment cost

General Fund: \$47,518.90

Amspacher questioned the Moyer bill, it was for the repair of a portable radio, and the Radio Man and that was for a radio repair due to water damage.

Sandra Hinkle questioned what the Recreation 1 was for. It was the wages to opening and close the restrooms doors at the park. Hinkle stated we never did that before, and it she was told this has been paid for the last couple years. Motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, Seth Hightman and 2nd by Tina Strine and approved.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: - BRITTANY REED

A letter was received from Mrs. Shelton Brown sending her appreciation to the new Zoning Officer Tom Arnold for his work on dealing with code issues in the borough. She stated she has never in all her years had a Zoning Officer that took care of her concerns and followed up on the problems like Tom is doing and wanted the council to be aware of it.

X. MAYORS REPORT: NANCY BRUNK

Mayor attended York County Regional Police Board of Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Mayor Brunk noted the police department would like to be made aware of events held in the park so that officers can attend to give residents a chance to meet and talk with the officers.

Incidents that occurred within the Borough for Month of March 2021. Some highlighted calls were noted Endangering welfare of a child, Terroristic Threats, Burglary first block of East 5th Ave and Aggravated Assault 500 block of N George St.

The Borough has had 955 calls in the Borough or an increase of 138 compared to this time last year, some of that was due to COVID.

XI. ENGINEERS REPORT: Holly & Associates

Nothing to report

XII. ZONING OFFICER REPORT: TOM ARNOLD

Council reviewed report (copy attached to meeting minutes in the Borough Office). Seth Hightman motioned to approve Zoning Officer Report, Deb Smith 2nd motion, all approved.

XIII. FIRE CHIEF REPORT: ACTING CHIEF WILLIAM H SLEEGER JR.

Monthly Report Review – Copy Available with meeting minutes.

Eight Service Calls within the Borough for the month of June. We have met with Liberty Fire Company Personnel to get equipment to be used by the York City Fire Department.

XIV. EMA: TRAVIS NESS

We received a resignation letter from Travis Ness. On a motion by Vivian Amspacher and second by Tina Strine, and approved by Council the resignation was accepted.

- XV. SOLICITORS REPORT:** Walt Tilley reported that the Quick ticket Ordinance is ready for advertisement, and the draft agreement for grass cutting was prepared. On a motion by Seth Hightman and second by Vivian Amspacher and approved by Council, motion passed to advertise the Quick Ticket Ordinance, so It can be approved at the next meeting for use. On a motion by Tina Strine and 2nd by Seth Hightman a motion was made to accept the agreement for grass cutting.

XVI. GRANT REPORT: RICK SHANK

Nothing to report.

XVII. RECREATION REPORT: TINA STRINE

Food Truck Event in the Park Wednesday July 21st, 2021, and August 4, and August 18th. Received, donations from T&J Giftland Trophies, Weis Markets, Coca-Cola, Martins Chips, and Entenmann's. Meet and greet is scheduled for July 14th at 6pm on 10th Ave.

Our Get Fit program has been suspended due to the extreme heat, but will continue when the temperatures get better.

We have purchased Equipment form Liberty Fire Company for the recreation building, which includes oven, freezer, fryers, tables etc.

The July 4, 2021, event was attended by well over 200 people.

On August 21, 2021, there will be a free day for all residents to have a yard sale.

Recreation has created a Facebook Page for Events to be held in the Borough.

August 3, 2021, is National Night Out starting at 5pm until? Free food, games and live band.

XVIII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

XIX. PUBLIC WORKS:

Nothing to report

XX. FINANCE:

Nothing to report.

XXI. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: GARY BRAHAM

Spouting on pumps station needs repaired. Quote was received for \$4200.00, from Shawn Melhorn. On a motion from Deb Miller and second by Tina Strine the motion passed.

Tina Strine introduced Dan the Fix It Man. He provided a quote to install a web cam to stream the borough meetings at a price of \$ 518.83, if the speakers already in the building work. If not there will be an additional charge to replace them. On a motion by Seth Hightman and second by Tina Strine and approved by the council the motion passed.

Discussed possibility of installing additional cameras to cover the complete park and Wi-Fi for people to access Wi-Fi. ESI would be contacted for a price on this. On a motion by Vivian and second by Tina Strine the motion was approved by council.

XXII. SANITATION

Discussion was held by Council woman Deb Smith in reference to garbage problems. The resident involved has not paid their refuse bill which is causing this problem. Rick Shank will call Penn Waste to find out what can be done. Tom will investigate the dog waste in the yard as well as storage of garbage in the yard. Complaint was also made about the Spanish church on the corner of Duke and 6th of shingles failing down. Tom will be made aware and take care of it.

XXIII. SEWER

Nothing to report.

XXIV. OLD BUSINESS

Cover 6 was at the meeting to discuss the renting of the recreation building. They were notified that the borough would not approve the use for the building at this time. Insurance was one reason for this discussion.

Plaque for Fire Department, Vivian Amspacher noted no one was here to accept the plaque so it will be held for August meeting.

XXV. NEW BUSINESS

Complaints of fox and coyotes in the borough was found to be real, based on multiple cameras seeing them in yards. The Game Commission was called, and they told me we should notify the residents to keep their cats indoors and do not feed feral cats, birds, and refrain from placing food outside in the yards. Once this stops the fox and Coyotes will disappear.

KME Engine- Richard Shank made a motion to donate the KME engine to the York County Fire School, second by Vivian Amspacher and council approved.

We must advertise the KME Stick in the newspaper. On a motion by Tina Stine, second by Vivian Amspacher and approved by council, it will be advertised for sale and bids will be reviewed in the August meeting.

Resolution 2021-05 – Intent to follow the Municipal Records Act. This will give us guidelines to keep or destroy old records. On a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Seth Hightman the motion passed.

Discussion was held on E. 11th Ave, Vivian reached out to Manchester Twp, and they are waiting on PennDOT to get back to them. Vivian also asked about fencing Resource York's property and was told by Mayor Brunk that it was already completed.

Discussed Wiffleball Lane sign, after some discussion it was decided to keep the sign and use it on the new backstop. Motion was made by Vivian Amspacher that if Mark Taylor is willing to purchase a new sign to replace the one we have we will give it to him. There was not second, so the motion died.

Discussed the office cameras and who has access. Seth stated Tina should be in charge, of the cameras, access along with another council person. The police department will always have access as deemed necessary. Vivian made a motion to have two council people or a council person and the mayor to have access to the cameras. After some discussion her motion died. Walt Tilley stated maybe we should contact other municipalities and find out how they access and who accesses the camera then make a policy to govern them. Richard Shank appointed Tina and Seth to investigate a camera policy. Brittany will train Tina and Seth on the operation of the cameras until a policy is adopted.

XXVI. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS/REMARKS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MEETING

None

Meeting Adjourned 8:34pm, motion to adjourn by Seth Hightman, 2nd by Deb Smith and council approved.