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NORTH YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
April 12, 2022

The Public Council Meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by President Hightman. President Hightman asked Mayor Brunk to lead the moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call of Council Members and Mayor by Misty Ott:** All members were in attendance. Vivian Amspacher attended by Zoom until the Zoom turned off.

**Announcements:** An executive session began at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation with the Solicitor.

**Guests:** President Hightman welcomed Heip from Cornerstone Ministries and thanked him for attending the meeting. He also thanked him for their help with cleaning up the borough and the meal afterwards.

Ricard Shank presented a motion to the council to sequester Vivian Amspacher from using Zoom to attend the meeting. After some discussion and input from Solicitor Tilley, the motion was revised to read the "Discontinuance of Telecommunication for All" unless they can meet the criteria required for Zoom. The motion was seconded by Matty Stahlman, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-Yes (Matty Stahlman, Gary Braham, Deb Smith, and Richard Shank) to 3-No (Seth Hightman, Vivian Amspacher, Tina Strine). Under Borough Code Section 1001C, Council may offer remote attendance, but it is not required.

**Public Comment (on agenda items only):** None

**Approval of March 8, 2022 Minutes:** Richard Shank made the motion, second by Gary Braham, Tina Strine, and unanimously carried to approve these minutes as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Richard Shank, second by Gary Braham, and unanimously passed. Motion to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented through 4/12/2022 was presented by Matty Stahlman, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried.

Recreation \$8,927.52; Sewer \$3,766.81; Payroll \$31,402.29; General Fund \$169,319.44

**Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Slegger was present and presented the monthly report to all Council Members. There were six calls for service during the month of March, but they were not significant incidents. We should be seeing the new equipment on the streets. He hopes to have an in-service meet and greet in the near future to see the new equipment.

**Police Report:** Lt Anderson reported that "Project Lifesaver" is up and running. Theft from vehicles and criminal mischief are picking up.

**EMA Report:** Kevin Olewiler attended a Monitor and Detection Drill on March 30, 2022. He has a Peach Bottom Drill coming up on April 26, 2022, where he will participate virtually. Five smoke detectors were given to residents. There is a form to be completed for persons with "high needs" and it needs to be returned to York County for their database.

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**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Nancy Brunk presented her report from the Northern York County Regional Police Board of Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Our calls decreased in February 2022 by 43 calls from the same time last year. Annually, for 2022, our calls totaled 333. Mayor Brunk received preliminary information about Springfest on May 21, 2022 and the possible closing of streets in the borough.

**Borough Manager's Report:** Manager Bolton presented information on the Code Red Program, Public Works, borough acquisitions, and borough projects. Also, he presented Resolution #2022-11 requesting approval to dispose of the 2004 Ford Expedition. On a motion by Richard Shank, second by Gray Braham, and unanimously carried, Resolution #2022-11 was approved.

**Correspondence:** Misty Ott updated information on the Code Red - One Call program. It will be utilized for emergency information.

**Solicitor's Report:** Draft Ordinance 2022-xx Fire and EMS Service Providers was advertised and presented for approval. Fire and EMS Service Providers Ordinance #2022-02 was presented for approval. On a motion by Richard Shank, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried this ordinance was approved. Ordinance 2022-xx American Water Rules and Regs was authorized for advertising on a motion by Richard Shank, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried and will be presented at the May meeting. There are seven cases he is currently working.

**Engineering Report:** This was on the agenda but was completed last month.

**Public Works:** Director Brashears presented his report. A proposal was presented for a new rooftop unit on the Public Works Building. On a motion by Richard Shank, Gary Braham, and unanimously carried to approve the Regal proposal. The Bush Hog needs repaired. Director Brashears has gotten an estimate of \$3000 to transport and fix the machinery. This repair should take approximately two weeks. The trailer for Recreation is waiting for a jack stand and should be in by end of month. Sewer pump needs some work and are waiting for a proposal from Hydra-Numatic Sales Company. There are some storm drains that need replaced (bricks are loss) that could cost approximately \$1500. Recreation (playground) equipment is late for delivery but should be here by Thursday AM. The equipment will be stored in the Recreation Building. Vent pricing should be coming in for the Public Works Building and an inspection of the sprinkler system will be taking place also.

**Code Enforcement Report:** President Hightman read this report. There was no discussion on Handicap Parking Permits. A discussion on advertising an ordinance regarding Feral Cats was discussed. On a motion by Richard Shank, second by Gary Braham this request was approved. The council congratulated Tom on a job well done!

**Committees and Organizations:**

Recreation & Parks: Egg Hunt on Saturday. Monday - Thursday there is a "Walk This Way" Program that meets at the park and they walk on the Railtrail. There are planning Food Truck Events from April through August. A yard sale is tentatively scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always welcome!

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Personnel Committee: A pay increase was requested for Dan McClain to \$16.50/hr. Motion was made by Tina Strine, second by Gary Braham, and unanimously carried to approve this increase. Pay increases for Robert Sier and Juan Rivera to \$16.50/hr. were approved on a motion by Gary Braham, second by Richard Shank and carried with one "no" vote by Tina Strine. A motion was made forth to hire Michael Laugerman as a part-time, seasonal employee at pay rate of \$16.50/hr. On a motion by Gary Graham, second by Richard Shank, this motion was unanimously carried.

Finance: A request was made to transfer \$30,000 from 2022 Grantwriter Budget to Public Work Salaries (Director/Crew). On a motion by Matty Stahlman, second by Gary Braham, and unanimously carried, this motion was approved.

Building and Grounds: Electrical work in the public works building is close to completion. Replacement of the roof unit in public works was approved earlier in the meeting. Next month there will be an expansion of cameras outside the Public Works Building and updated at the park connecting them to the office.

Sanitation: Both Tom Arnold and Seth Hightman has spoken to PennWaste about collection issues.

**Unfinished Business:**

Borough restitution for an upcoming case was tabled until next month. Manager will review information and submit information at the next meeting.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment (any topic):** No questions on Facebook page.

Vice President Tina Strine began to speak about personnel issues that are not allowed by law to be discussed in open meetings. Personnel issues must be presented in Executive Session ONLY. She was reminded by Manager Bolton and President Hightman that she is not allowed to discuss personnel issues in an open meeting. Vice President Tina Strine resigned from the current committees she sits on.

**Announcements:** Next regular Council meeting is May 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm on a motion by Gary Braham, second by Matty Stahlman, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted

*Sonya J. Grim*

Secretary/Treasurer