

MINUTES
NORTH YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS
December 13, 2022

The Council meeting was called to order at 6:45 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 Roxanne Schroeder: Member's in attendance were Vivian Amspacher, Gary Braham, Seth Hightman, Dhani Thomas, Tracey Knouse, and Solicitor Walt Tilley. Matthew Stahlman resigned from council effective December 13, 2022. On a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Gary Braham, and unanimously carried, this resignation was accepted.

Announcements: There was an executive session held tonight at 5:30 pm to discuss pending litigations and personnel matters involving setting compensations.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the November 9, 2022, meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Gary Braham, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Brunk attended the Northern York County Regional Police Commissioners' meeting on November 15, 2022. A Chief's Commendation went to Officer Pantella for going above and beyond her duty. The Mayor attended the Regional Christmas Party and there was also a Toys for Tots event held in November. During the month of October, calls decreased by 30 calls from the same time in 2021. The borough had 175 calls for the month of October. Overall, we had 3 more calls than from same time in 2021. The Mayor also reminded the residents that if you see something, call 911 to report it. Going on social media stating what happened doesn't get it resolved.

Police: There was another drive by shooting on W 9th Ave. They believe it is tied to the 10th Ave/Duke Street shooting. This is graduation week for the Police Academy. Two graduates are now working for NYCRPD.

Fire: Chief Slegger reported 7 calls for service. One was a structure fire at 1412 N George Street. The remainder were medical. He stated he would like to hire between 10 and 12 people to expand the department and "gear up" for the new year.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dr Kevin Olewiler – Safety plan in place. Three medical people on staff at York Learning Center. Permission was granted to land a helicopter on the field by YLC. He stated he has contacted vendors for large debris pick up in case of a mass casualty i.e., floods, hurricanes, etc. Cost to the county would include a tub grinder company, dump trucks and recyclers. In the event of snow, Dr. Olewiler will notify the Mayor to declare the emergency using the Code Red Program. Manager Bolton took the time to thank Dr. Olewiler for the job he does and the time he is involved.

Engineering Report: Jason Brenneman and Lucas Ensor for James Holley & Assoc presented a motion to approve final maintenance bond reduction (15% of original \$65,882.81) for Parkview Apartments. On a motion by Tracey Knouse, second by Dhani Thomas, this motion was unanimously carried.

Solicitor: An ordinance was presented for Comprehensive Plan with Manchester township. On a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried, this ordinance was approved. Inch and Company – There was a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried to schedule a hearing and advertise said hearing on a petition to vacate Reynolds way on January 10th, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Solid Stone Investments, LLC Easement Agreement for Rec Park, no action taken.

The employee handbook has been tabled and will be presented at January’s meeting.

Staff Reports: A Resolution was presented for the reappointment of David Bolton as Borough Manager. Mr. Bolton thanked the staff for a job well done. After a lengthy discussion, Gary Braham made a motion, second by Tracey Knouse and unanimously carried to reappoint David Bolton as Borough Manager and authorize his agreement for 2023 with a salary amendment to \$65,000 per year.

A Resolution was presented for the 2023 Municipal Tax Rates – Unchanged – a motion by Gary Braham, second by Vivian Amspacher and unanimously carried to approve this resolution

A Resolution was presented for the 2023 Tax Collection by the York County Treasurer – a motion by Gary Braham, second by Vivian Amspacher and unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

A Resolution was presented for the Declaring Appointments for 2023 – a motion by Gary Braham, second by Vivian Amspacher and unanimously carried as amended.

A Resolution was presented for Setting General Administration Fees - No changes – a motion was made by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse, unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

A Resolution was presented for Setting Zoning Fees for 2023 – No changes – a motion was made by Gary Braham, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

A Resolution was presented for Setting SALDO Fees for 2023 – No changes – a motion was made by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse and unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

A Resolution was presented for Authorization to Advertise & Accept Meeting Dates for 2023 – a motion was made by Gary Braham, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

Treasurer’s Report: There was a motion from Vivian Amspacher, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried to accept the Treasurer’s Reports.

Recreation:	\$684.86
Sewer:	\$1,529.18
Payroll:	\$18,694.55
General:	\$81,617.08

Bills to approve and ratify were approved on a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried. Authorization to accept a quote from Diversified Technology for Sewer Accounting was presented. This is for new software to do our sewer billing. This quote was unanimously approved to move forward on a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Gary Braham.

Borough Correspondence: None

Public Works: Two hundred thirty-six street sweeping signs and poles are being taken down. The borough will be cleaning the streets themselves as they see fit. The new pick-up truck should be here next week. Plow and salt hopper will be installed. Charlie is working on GIS mapping that will locate all the sewer water drains, pipes, laterals, etc. Public works have also been cleaning up the leaves in the borough.

Code and Zoning Enforcement: We have presently up to 127 violations this year, the majority for trash not being put in proper containers. About 40% of rental properties have been inspected. Tom is looking for a better system for housing registrations and inspections next year to stay in compliance. Also, we have up to 24 permits, most for street openings, from York Water Company or Columbia Gas. Larry Shroyer, previous zoning officer, spoke of his time here and how he handled the job.

Committees and Organizations:

Building and Grounds: None

Finance: President Seth Hightman – Adoption of 2023 Budget – The Manager Salary line item was amended to \$75,000 and police to \$515,000. Budget was passed as amended on a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Gary Braham and unanimously carried.

Parks and Recreation: Wendy Brashears reported the Christmas Party was a huge success. There were crafts and presents and lots of food. Thirty-seven kids attended and so did Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Another great job by Wendy. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be going through the Borough on the 24th giving out candy canes and oranges.

Personnel: Seth Hightman - None

Sanitation: Vivian Amspacher – She mentioned trash can lids being required.

Streets and Sidewalks: Gary Braham - None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A permit was issued for 1405 N. George Street.

Public Comment: Sandy Hinkle commented that the Council works for the residents.

Announcements: Next regular council meeting is January 10th, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

On a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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