MINUTES
NORTH YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Call to Order: 6:40 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Honorable Mayor Nancy Brunk

Roll Call: Tracey Knouse, Vickie Rice, Dhani Thomas, Seth Hightman, Solicitor Walt Tilley, from Stock & Leader, Mayor Nancy Brunk, Dr David Bolton, Manager and Sonya Grim, Secretary Treasurer were in attendance. M. Joel Collier was absent. Vivian Amspacher requested attendance by phone. A motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse and unanimously carried to deny this request.

Announcements: An executive session was held tonight at 6:00 pm until 6:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss pending legal issues with Borough Solicitor.

Public Comment (agenda topics, 5 min limit): None.

Approval of Minutes: Move to accept September 12, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes was approved on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously carried.

Mayor's Report: Honorable Nancy Brunk: Written report was presented.

Police: Lt. Anderson: Currently, motor vehicle thefts have spiked and burglaries. One individual is in jail and another has a warrant out for their arrest. Also, individuals are causing trouble and destruction throughout the Borough including the park.

Fire – Deputy Chief Sleeger: Presented his report. Majority of calls this month were for medical reasons. Have currently moved our station to Jackson Street while Station 1 is being remodeled. New engine and ladder trucks have been ordered.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dr. Kevin Olewiler: Presented his report. On September 14, 2023 that was a Community Exercise completed. There was an electric failure because that was no generator in place. Need to look into generator and put our Snow Emergency Plan into place. Also, we need to have a vehicle that makes verbal announcements while traveling through the Borough. There was no siren alarm for this exercise. Manager Bolton will look into this and bring back information next month. Manager Bolton, with Council agreement, will grant access to Dr. Olewiler for Code Red. Two CPR classes are being offered on October 24, 2023 from 10 AM and 6 PM. Will allow ten people per class and will last approximately four hours.

Staff Reports: Borough Manager – Dr. David W. Bolton, PhD:

Move to approve payments to York Excavating Co due upon completion of Park – Improvements, pending receipt of grant funds from DCNR. Grand opening will be Saturday, October 14, 1023. PMCA has inspected the park and we can open one bay and use for the opening. Motion was made by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse and unanimously carried.

Move to ratify purchase of Street Sweeper from Conewago Township. Motion was made by Dhani Thomas, second by Vickie Rice, and unanimously carried. The previous sweeper purchased will be returned and a refund applied.

Move to ratify temporary promotion of Rick Shank to Interim Public Works Director while Charlie Brashears is out. Motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously carried.

Motion to authorize RFP for 2024 Insurance Coverage. Motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Dhani Thomas, and unanimously carried.

Motion to retain York City Fire Department for 2024. Motion was made by Dhani Thomas, second by Vickie Rice and unanimously carried.

Motion to retain Stock & Leader for 2024. Motion was made by Dhani Thomas, second by Vickie Rice and unanimously carried.

Motion to retain Holley & Associates for 2024. Motion was made by Tracey Knouse, second by Vickie Rice and unanimously carried.

Motion to retain SockEm Web Solutions for 2024. Motion was made by Dhani Thomas, second by Vickie Rice and unanimously carried.

Motion to retain PMCA for 2024. Motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously carried.

MS4 Waiver Application has been approved and submitted to state for review.

Budget Draft Info: Liquid Fuels budget will be saved at this time-it can also be used for Storm Sewer. Audit Prep is being completed with the Secretary/Treasurer. Will be transferring some monies to our PLIGIT account. Talked about the Capital Reserve account, Rent monies, and Sewer monies.

Solicitor: Walt Tilley, Esquire, Stock & Leader: No proposed actions.

Engineer: Jason Brenneman - James R. Holley & Associates: No proposed actions.

Treasurer's Report: Sonya Grim:

Move to accept reports through 9/30/2023. Motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously carried.

Move to approved/ratify bills through October 10, 2023. Motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Dhani Thomas, and unanimously carried.

Borough Correspondence – None.

Public Works: Director Charlie Brashears: Presented his report. New truck has arrived and paperwork was completed. While working on the Tic Line, the machine broke down and went out for repair. We should be picking up the Street Sweeper next week. The backhoe is back repaired and in good condition. Gehl Skid Loader was fixed and is in working order. 417 North George Street was out for Sheriff's Sale. There were no bids so we now own it. Will be getting a bid to secure the building. Sewer aerator and chemical working fantastic and we had a training session on this equipment. Columbia Avenue will be closed Thursday for hookup to Sewer. Salt Bin Roof (approximately $4500) was purchased with collective purchasing again.

Codes and Zoning Enforcement: Tom Arnold: Written report was presented.

Committees and Organizations:

Building & Grounds: Emergency repairs done to roof at Public Works.

Finance: Review 2024 budget proposals for advertisement next month.

Parks & Recreation: - Updates on park project progress. Park Opening event scheduled for October 14, 2023 at Noon.

Personnel: Looking for one more full-time public works employee

Sanitation: Working with Penn Waste to implement a new schedule for next year.

Streets & Sidewalks: New garbage cans with NYB decals will be next to benches at bus stops. Columbia Gas is finishing up projects.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Dr Olewiler asked if the Borough knew who owned the property, Ream Lane, which is right behind his property. The Messiah Church or the property owners?

Sandra Hinkle spoke on agenda issues, not allowing Vivian Amspacher to attend council meeting by phone, and Richard Shank being injured.

Announcements: Next Council Meeting is November 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Council was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by Dhani Thomas, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Grim
Secretary/Treasurer