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MINUTES
NORTH YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2023 – 6:30 PM

**Call to Order:** 6:40 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence:** Led by Honorable Mayor Nancy Brunk

**Roll Call:** Vivian Amspacher requested attendance by phone. A motion was made by M. Joel Collier, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously carried to approve this request. Vickie Rice, M. Joel Collier, Seth Hightman, Dhani Thomas, Tracey Knouse, Mayor Nancy Brunk, Dr David Bolton, Manager, Walt Tilley and Jason Sauble from Stock & Leader, Sonya Grim, Secretary Treasurer, Tom Arnold, Codes and Zoning and Charlie Brashears, Public Works Director were in attendance. Jason Brenneman (Engineer), and Rox Schroeder (Recording Secretary) were excused from the meeting.

**Announcements:** An executive session was held tonight at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss personnel matters and legal issues with the Solicitor.

**Public Comment (agenda topics, 5 min limit):** Michael Petronella spoke for Vivian Amspacher with regards to a Censor Resolution. Rudy Kocman spoke about Kocman Insurance and their current proposal.

**Approval of Minutes:** Move to accept November 14,2023 Council Meeting Minutes was approved on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by M. Joel Collier and unanimously carried.

**Guests:** Chief Tim Damon, York County Regional Police Department presented information on their proposal to the Council and residents and answered questions by the Council. Andrew DiProspero, H.A. Thomson (PIRMA) spoke about their insurance proposal.

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

**Police: Lt. Anderson:** Lt Anderson passed his time to Chief Lash who spoke of services they provided for our Borough in the previous years and urged the Borough to stay with Northern York County Regional Police.

**Fire – Chief Sleeger:** Presented his report. The borough had eight to ten calls for service for medical reasons during the past month - Nothing significant. Firefighters have graduated and will be added to the rotation.

**Emergency Management Coordinator: Dr. Kevin Olewiler:** None.

**Manager's Report: Dr. David W. Bolton, PhD:**

Move to approve Resolution Fixing Tax Rates for 2024 (no change) was approved on a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously approved.

Move to approve 2024 General and Ancillary Budgets as advertised was approved on a motion by Tracey Knouse, second by M. Joel Collier, and unanimously carried.

Move to deny approval of Resolution to Censure the Actions of a Councilor on a motion made by Vivian Amspacher, second by M. Joel Collier, and disapproved by a three "yes" votes (Vivian Amspacher, M. Joel Collier, and Vickie Rice) and four "no" votes (Seth Hightman, Dhani Thomas, Tracey Knouse and Mayor Brunk). Move to approve Resolution to Censure the Actions of a Councilor on a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse, and was approved by four "yes" votes (Seth Hightman, Dhani Thomas, Tracey Knouse, and Mayor Brunk) and three "no" votes (M. Joel Collier, Vivian Amspacher, and Vickie Rice).

A move was made to commence bid pack development for new PW building on a motion by M. Joel Collier, second by Vickie Rice, and unanimously carried.

Move to deny approval of Building Access Resolution to address Security and Liability was made on a motion by M. Joel Collier, second by Vivian Amspacher, and carried on a four "yes" votes (M. Joel Collier, Vivian Amspacher, Vickie Rice, and Mayor Brunk) and three "no" votes (Seth Hightman, Dhani Thomas, and Tracey Knouse.

Move for Consideration of Police Service Provider/Levels to the Borough for 2024 was approved on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously carried to stay with Northern York County Regional Police Department.

Information was shared on the Compensation Plan with Manchester Township and Conewago Township.

There is a two-day class for Newly Elected Municipal Officials (NEMO). You should have received an email from Dr. Bolton regarding this class. If you are interested, please let Sonya know.

The new employees for Public Works are doing well.

**Solicitor: Walt Tilley, Esquire, Stock & Leader:**

Move was made to accept deed for 417 North George Street property and proceed to settlement on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Sonya Grim**:

Move to accept reports through 11/30/2023. Motion was made by M. Joel Collier, second by Vickie Rice, and unanimously carried.

Move to approved/ratify bills through end of 2023 year. Motion was made by M. Joel Collier, second by Vickie Rice, and unanimously carried.

Move to accept insurance proposals and award Borough insurance coverage was denied on a motion by Tracey Knouse, second by Vivian Amspacher, and unanimously carried. All bids were rejected. A rebid for proposals was requested by December 27, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Borough Correspondence – Mentioned the NEMO training and ask anyone interested in attending to let me know.

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

**Public Works: Interim Director Richard Shank:** Presented his report. The public works department will be looking into equipment that can be used to add water to salt to assist with laying it down on the roads. The dump truck is out for repairs and the new truck bed. Move to accept CDL Agreement form for Public Works employees was approved on a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by M. Joel Collier, and unanimously carried.

**Engineer: Jason Brenneman and Lucas Ensor, Holley & Associates:** No report.

**Committees and Organizations:**

Budget & Finance: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Safety Committee: Will be working on setting up this committee. Tara Bolton has volunteered to assist with the Safety Committee as the health part of the committee.

Sidewalks & Streets Committee: Nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds: Nothing to report.

Recreation: Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2023 beginning at 2 pm and Messiah Church. Hopefully, the new park will be taken care of by the residents and no vandalism will occur.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** PennDot has changed North George Street to 25 mph so we will need to revisit an amendment to our ordinance. The Park Grant paperwork is being finalized and when it is completed and the grant closed, we will receive the last $25,000 of the grant monies.

**Public Comment:**

Samantha Richcreek, a disgruntled resident, is having an issue with a neighbor of loud noises and music. The neighbor has been spoken to about this issue but will not comply. The police department will look into this issue.

Sandra Hinkle spoke about PennWaste pricing and about the wetlands at the park being covered up.

**For the Good of the Order (Council/Mayor/Staff):** Nothing to report.

**Announcements:** Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** Council adjourned at 9:55 pm on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by Vivian Amspacher, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sonya J. Grim*

Secretary/Treasurer