Approved as Amended
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MINUTES
NORTH YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Call to Order: 6:35 pm by Seth Hightman. Sandra Hinkle will be recording.

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

Roll Call: Seth Hightman, Tracey Knouse, Vickie Rice, M. Joel Collier, Dhani Thomas, Mayor Nancy Brunk, Manager Dr. David Bolton, Solicitor Walt Tilley and Attorney Jason Sabol from Stock and Leader, Sonya Grim, Secretary/Treasurer. Vivian Amspacher attended by telecommunication on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse and unanimously carried.

Announcements: An Executive Session was held tonight from 6:00 – 6:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss personnel and pending litigation with the Borough Solicitor.

Council Vacancy: Jerry Duncan presented a letter of interest to fill the vacancy on Council. The end of the term would be 2025. After some discussion, a motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse, and carried with one "no" vote by Vivian Amspacher to approve Resolution 2024-09 and appoint Jerry Duncan as a Council Member.

Public Comment (on agenda items only): None.

Approval of Minutes: Review minutes from meeting held March 12, 2024. The minutes were approved on a motion by M. Joel Collier, second by Vickie Rice and carried with Vivian Amspacher abstaining since she did not attend the meeting. Going forward, after the draft minutes are completed, Sonya Grim was asked to forward the draft minutes to each of the council members for review before the next meeting.

Mayor's Report: Honorable Mayor Nancy Brunk presented for March 2024. Fantastic job was done on the "Cruise for Kam" fundraising event. $500 was raised for Olivia's House.

> **Police – Lt Anderson:** Updated Council on fights and pursuits happening in the Borough. Also, asked residents to "lock up" their belongings to prevent theft.
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> **Fire - Chief Sleeger:** No significant events happened during the month of March 2024. The calls responded to were mostly medical. The promotion ceremony will be next Thursday, and we have new recruits in the academy. We are still moving forward with our software program.
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> **Emergency Management Coordinator – Dr. Kevin Olewiler:** None.

Staff Reports: Borough Manager, Dr. David Bolton, PhD, MBA, CBO, MDCCDP

Quote for Generator per Dr. Olewiler – will be delayed due to quote requirements.

Quote for clearing of Meade Street Property in the amount of $10,000. They will be taking care of all garbage, brush, and cutting up down trees. We will be saving the barn stones for landscaping purposes. On a motion by Tracey Knouse, second by Dhani Thomas, and unanimously carried, this quote was approved.

There will be four tentative events at the Park in the months to come: 125th Anniversary Celebration for North York Borough possibly with a Duo Band, Latino Cultural Event on June 19th with a DJ , Diversity Event, September 14th with a DJ and a July 4th Event with a band. We are looking into banners for the Borough for the 125th Anniversary.

Solicitor's Report – Walt Tilley, Esq: The Solicitor spoke about the purchase/closing of our Meade Street property and the Sale of 417 North George Street on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Reconsideration of Ordinance 2024-xx Marijuana Decriminalization after Mayor Brunk submitted a Veto Letter to Council. On a motion by Tracey Knouse, second by Dhani Thomas to override the veto and enact the ordinance, this motion failed on a three "yes" and four "no" votes. The "no" votes were M. Joel Collier, Vivian Amspacher, Tracey Knouse, and Vickie Rice.

Engineering Reports – Jason Brenneman: None.

Treasurer's Reports – Sonya Grim:

Move to accept reports through 3/31/2024 – Motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Dhani Thomas, and unanimously carried. Move to accept/ratify bills through 4/9/2024 – Motion was made by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously carried.

Borough Correspondence – Sonya Grim, Borough Secretary: None

Codes and Zoning – Tom Arnold: The Zoning report was placed in each Councilor's folder.

Committees and Organizations:

Building and Grounds – Meade Street property was discussed earlier.

Budget & Finance – We will be doing monthly spot audits.

Parks & Recreation - We are waiting for camera system quotes and trespassing/fence/auto locks for bathrooms: plans for 125th. The Park and Recreation meeting is scheduled for Monday.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging – Mission Statement Assignment.

Personnel – Interviewing candidates.

Sanitation – Much cleaner streets. Tom Arnold has spoken to Penn Waste about garbage issues.

Streets & Sidewalks – Street sweeping schedule will be posted when the street sweeping begins.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: Tracey Knouse thanked the Cruise for Kam participants!

Resident Hinkle asked about the status of the Stu Graybill case. Solicitor Tilley stated that it is still in process.

M. Joel Collier spoke about the employee wages for 2024 and felt like they were too much so he voted "no". Manager Bolton stated that our employees only get wages and days off; they get no pensions or health insurance.

Announcements: Willis Run Clean-up Day in the Borough is Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9a – 1pm Cleanup Day for Codorus Creek is May 4, 2024.

Councilor Amspacher welcomed Jerry Duncan to Council (the remainder of this comment was struck on the request of Councilor Amspacher).

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 9:07 pm on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by M. Joel Collier, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Grim

Secretary/Treasurer