MINUTES
NORTH YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Oct 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Call to Order: 6:46 pm by Seth Hightman.

Pledge of Allegiance: Was led by Mayor Brunk

Roll Call: Seth Hightman, Tracey Knouse, M. Joel Collier, Vickie Rice, Jerry Duncan, Dhani Thomas, Manager Dr. David Bolton, Secretary/Treasurer Sonya Grim and Solicitor Walt Tilley from Stock and Leader were present. Engineer Jason Brenneman was excused. Vivian Amspacher attended by telephone on a motion by Vickie Rice, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously approved.

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

Public Comment (on agenda items only): None.

Approval of Minutes: The August 13, 2024 Minutes and the September 10, 2024 Minutes were presented for approval. On a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Vickie Rice, and approved with Vivian Amspacher abstaining.

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

Resignation of Zoning Office – A motion was made by Jerry Duncan, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously approved to accept his resignation and authorize the Manager to replace the Zoning Officer.

Accept Grant Agreement for CDBG Stormwater Projects in the total amount of $385,000 for two grants. We would pay engineering. On a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse and unanimously approved this agreement was approved.

Accept lowest quote for six-foot fence around Rec Park Basketball Court. On a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Vickie Rice, this quote for $14,700 from York Excavating was unanimously approved.

Authorize purchase of Jetter w/ Trailer for Sewer cleaning and Infiltration and Inflow issues in the amount of $17,000. This purchase was approved on a motion by Jerry Duncan, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously approved.

Authorize RFPs for Computer/Online Security Services was approved on a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Dhani Thomas and unanimously approved.

Advertise 2025 Draft Budgets for next month's consideration. First motion to postpone advertisement of budget was presented by Vivian Amspacher, second by M. Joel Collier, and disapproved by a roll call vote of four "no" vote (Hightman, Thomas, Knouse, and Duncan) to "3" yes vote (Amspacher, Collier, and Rice). Second motion was presented to advertise the 2025 budget on a motion by Jerry Duncan, second by Dhani Thomas, and approved by roll call vote with five "yes" votes (Hightman, Thomas, Knouse, Rice, Duncan) and two "no" votes (Amspacher, Collier).

Solicitor's Report – Walt Tilley, Esq:

Authorize Inch and Co Developers Agreement was presented for approval. On a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse, this agreement was approved with one "no" vote by M. Joel Collier.

Authorize Inch and Co Stormwater Management Agreement was presented for approval. On a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse, this agreement was approved with one "no" vote by M. Joel Collier.

Inch & Co Land Development Plan – Conditional Approval, meeting five conditions as listed below, was approved on a motion by Tracey Knouse, second by Vickie Rice, and approved with one "no" vote by M. Joel Collier.

Developer's Agreement being executed
Stormwater O & M agreement being executed
Public surety being posted
Outstanding fees being paid
Manchester Township approval

Advertise Bid Pack for new Public Works Building was presented for approval. Due to the Separations Act, the bid for this building needs to be separated for construction, heating, plumbing, etc. so this request has been postponed until November meeting on a motion by Jerry Duncan, second by Vivian Amspacher, and unanimously approved.

Engineering Reports: Nothing.

Treasurer's Reports – Sonya Grim: Reports for August 2024 and September 2024 were accepted on a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Tracey Knouse, and unanimously approved. Move to approve/ratify bills through October 8, 2024 were approved on a motion by Vivian Amspacher, second by Dhani Thomas, and unanimously approved.

Borough Correspondence – Sonya Grim: Information on Elected/Appointed Official Day activities was provided to Council.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Brunk presented her report.

Police: Lt Anderson presented his report—Police now have access to Park Camera. Elijah Tome (son of Officer David Tome - EOW 10/21/2008) has been hired and will be attending the academy. The "David Tome Community Picnic" is to be held on October 17, 2024 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Little Creek Community Park.

Fire - Chief Sleeger: Chief Sleeger presented his report. Fire Protection month is coming up. The smoke alarm program has been put "on hold" until more smoke alarms are received.

EMC: Nothing to report.

Committees and Organizations:

Building and Grounds - Nothing.

Budget & Finance - Nothing.

Parks & Recreation – October 26, 2024 from 6-8 pm will be a Parade and Trunk or Treat at Park. October 31, 2024 will be a Spooky House with a "witch reading" from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging – Nothing.

Personnel – We are still looking for an Emergency Management Coordinator. If you know of anyone interested, please let Manager Bolton know.

Sanitation - Nothing.

Streets & Sidewalks – Nothing.

Old Business: Nothing.

New Business: Nothing.

Public Comment: Manager Bolton asked Sonya Grim to email Lt Anderson to ask for assistance for parking issues in the Borough until other arrangements can be made. Mayor Brunk will also speak to Chief Lash or Lt Anderson about the parking issue also. Karen Wagman spoke about the Budget, Salaries, and condition of the Borough. John Inch grew up in the Borough and he stated that it is much better than it used to be. Sandra Hinkle suggested placing the Fire Department and Police Department closer to the beginning of the agenda so they can leave after they are done presenting their reports.

Announcements: Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm at 350 East Sixth Avenue, York, PA 17404

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 8:17 pm on a motion by Dhani Thomas, second by Vickie Rice, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonya J. Grim
Secretary/Treasurer