

BOROUGH COUNCIL SECOND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2022

The second monthly meeting of the North East Borough Council was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via conference call and online at <https://meet.goto.com>. The meeting location and call in information was posted on www.northeastborough.com and on the outside doors of Borough Hall, 31 West Main Street, North East, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT: Denise McCumber, President
Bill Beardsley, Vice President
Todd Luke, President Pro Tem
Heather Jones
Ryan McGregor
Amber Belson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Triana, Mayor
Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager
Wayne Yokom, Streets Superintendent
Mark Hamman, Assistant Streets Superintendent
Nancy Anderson, Administrative Assistant
Becky Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Renee Hirtzel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council President D. McCumber called the second monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Results – 2022 Street Resurfacing Project

Bids for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Project were opened on May 12, 2022, with the low bidder being Joseph McCormick Construction in the amount of \$77,583.40. T. Luke motioned to award the 2022 Streets Resurfacing contract to Joseph McCormick Construction in the amount of \$77,583.40. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Triana and A. Belson discussed a resident's concern regarding a tree at the edge of his property along Baker Creek bank. P. Gehrlein stated the property owners do not own the creek, but they are responsible for their property along the creek. He stated the Borough will sometimes remove

a tree along the creek but only if it is causing a damming issue. P. Gehrlein said both property owners should develop a mutually agreed upon plan to remove the tree.

P. Gehrlein mentioned the HEAT organization, along with NAMBA (North American Mountain Bike Association) are interested in maintaining the trails at Eaton Reservoir. P. Gehrlein stated a Memorandum of Understanding should be submitted to Borough Council for review. A. Belson suggested signs be positioned to mark the Borough's property from privately owned properties.

D. McCumber stated parents from the First Presbyterian Church Pre-School, 27 West Main Street, have concerns regarding raised boards on the bridge over Baker Creek. P. Gehrlein stated he would contact Pastor Townsend about the bridge.

D. McCumber stated R. McGregor has expressed interest in live-streaming Borough Council meetings. A. Belson suggested residents interested in speaking during the period of public comments should physically attend the meeting rather than using the online platform for comments. P. Gehrlein stated he will pursue the possibility of live-streaming for future meetings.

A. Belson asked about the workers' compensation insurance regarding a volunteer firemen's claim. P. Gehrlein stated SWIF (State Workers' Insurance Fund) handles all volunteer firemen claims and is the direct oversight for the fire companies.

A. Belson stated she received a flag for Borough Hall from Betty Truby on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary.

Terry Thomson contacted A. Belson regarding Emergency Management forms that have not been completed. P. Gehrlein stated he has only received a text message from T. Thomson requesting two phone numbers. The uncompleted form is simply revising any incorrect data which is done on a regular basis. P. Gehrlein stated he will contact T. Thomson to update the information.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:21 p.m., A. Belson motioned to adjourn the meeting. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Anderson (May 17, 2022)

Patrick Gehrlein