

MINUTES

NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting July 5, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Triana, Mayor
Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager
Nancy Anderson, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Sean Lam, Police Chief
Terry Daughenbaugh, Water Supervisor
Mark Hamman, Streets Assistant Supervisor
Mark Kaday
David Hirtzel
Tom Huber
Joseph Schneider
Robert Behrens
Chris Skrekla
Dan Adamus
Ray Schaff
Betty Truby
Eric Luke
Libby Rosequist
Kelly Gifford
David Reed
Others present, not signed in

CALL TO ORDER:

Borough President D. McCumber called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES:

T. Luke motioned to approve the June 6, 2022, minutes as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

H. Jones motioned to approve the Expense Approval Report as presented. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

T. Huber, 196 Eastwood Drive, asked if the Borough was considering removing the traffic light at the intersection of East Main Street and Vine Street. P. Gehrlein stated the light may be removed, depending on the final plans regarding the drive-thru from the former bank building.

D. Reed, 75 Vine Street, expressed concern regarding on-street parking and the narrowness of Vine Street. He stated that people are not properly following odd/even parking regulations and that it is often difficult to pull out of his driveway safely and/or his driveway is blocked by cars parked on the street. D. McCumber stated that the Borough is in the process of revising the parking ordinance throughout town. Chief Lam stated that parking enforcement will be increased.

R. Behrens, 97 Wall Street, requested that a sidewalk be added along South Lake Street on the west side, between the underpass and Kwik Fill at Grahamville Street. P. Gehrlein stated that PennDOT will be addressing drainage and resurfacing in the area and that the Traffic Engineering office will be conducting a study of the area.

R. Behrens, 97 Wall Street, stated that an asphalt driveway on Clinton Street overlaps the concrete sidewalk. He stated that all sidewalks should be consistently concrete. P. Gehrlein stated that he will revisit this issue with the property owner.

R. Behrens, 97 Wall Street, asked about the removal of cameras from Wall Street. Chief Lam stated that they were temporarily moved due to the Cherry Festival. R. Behrens expressed appreciation for the work of the police department in improving the Wall Street area.

B. Truby, 37 South Pearl Street, asked what could be done about the stairs in the Route 89 underpass. P. Gehrlein stated that the Borough will be addressing the situation and conducting an assessment to determine what work needs to be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Results – Paving Project Water Treatment Plant and Eaton Reservoir

P. Gerhleim stated that bids were collected through Greenman Pedersen (GPI) and opened on June 27, 2022. Lindy Paving won the bid with a price of \$247,717.50. R. McGregor asked if this project was part of the current year’s budget. P. Gehrlein stated that it is being funded through the capital reserve from last year. B. Beardsley motioned to approve the Bid Results for the paving project at the Water Treatment Plant and Eaton Reservoir. T. Luke seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>	Denise McCumber	<u>Yes</u>
Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>	Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>

Resolution No. 07052022-1; Appoint Borough Liaisons to Receive Tax Information and Records from Berkheimer

P. Gehrlein stated that this resolution is required to update designated point-persons for tax information through Berkheimer. The resolution names Administrative Staff, Human Resources, Accountant, and the Borough Manager/Secretary as authorized representatives. R. McGregor motioned to approve Resolution No. 07052022-1 to Appoint Borough Liaisons to Receive Tax Information and Records from Berkheimer. H. Jones seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>	Denise McCumber	<u>Yes</u>
Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>	Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>

Request for Heard Park: American Legion Post 105 – 9/11 Remembrance

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the Request for Heard Park by American Legion Post 105 for a 9/11 Remembrance on September 11, 2022. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Gibson Park: The Skunk & Goat Tavern – Gibson Park Cornhole League

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the Request for Gibson Park by The Skunk & Goat Tavern for a Cornhole League on July 11, 18, 28, August 1, and 8, 2022. H. Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Gibson Park: The Skunk & Goat Tavern – Erie Philharmonic Concerts in the Park

H. Jones motioned to approve the Request for Gibson Park by The Skunk & Goat Tavern for Erie Philharmonic Concerts on July 20, August 3, and 17, 2022. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Gibson Park: Powerful Pink Warriors – Light Up Night for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Event

T. Luke motioned to approve the Request for Gibson Park by Powerful Pink Warriors for Light Up Night for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on October 1, 2022. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Howard Eaton Reservoir: Boy Scout Troop 82 – 10th Annual Bull Dam Trail Run

H. Jones motioned to approve the Request for Howard Eaton Reservoir by Boy Scout Troop 82 for the 10th Annual Bull Dam Trail Run on September 4, 2022. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Close Catawba Drive: Elizabeth Remache – Block Party

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the Request to Close Catawba Drive by Elizabeth Remache for a Block Party on August 6, 2022. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Second Monthly Meeting – July 18, 2022

A Second Monthly Meeting will be held on July 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall to discuss updates regarding the previous tabled Request for Insurance Premiums by the North East Fire Companies. P. Gehrlein stated that the Borough is waiting for an insurance update regarding specific premium costs.

CORRESPONDENCE

Police Chief Report
Code Enforcement Report
Departmental Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

P. Gehrlein announced the retirement of Nancy Anderson, effective July 8, 2022. He thanked Nancy for her years of commitment to the Borough and her dedication to helping others. He expressed congratulations on behalf of the Borough employees and council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

T. Huber, 196 Eastwood Drive, encouraged residents to read the recent article in the Erie Times-News regarding Granite Ridge and their proposed future development plans.

R. Behrens, 97 Wall Street, asked if there were other resurfacing projects happening this season throughout the Borough. M. Hamman stated that Tannery Street and portions of Bank Street are being resurfaced. P. Gehrlein stated that the water lines project on Wall Street is still progressing. He also stated that he and M.

Hamman will be visiting residents in the Wall Street area asking them to complete income qualification surveys for future CBDG funding opportunities.

A. Belson asked about Granite Ridge's funding. P. Gehrlein stated that they are looking for additional funding opportunities. B. Truby asked if the Granite Ridge property would remain tax-free. P. Gehrlein stated that Granite Ridge will be paying taxes.

R. McGregor asked for an update regarding the status of the damaged police cars. P. Gehrlein stated that the replacement of the police cars will be presented to the finance committee. Chief Lam stated that police cars contain approximately \$8800 in extra equipment that is non-transferrable.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:30 p.m., T. Luke motioned to adjourn. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Bliss (July 6, 2022)

Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager