

# MINUTES

## NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Monthly Meeting August 1, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council was held Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS 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  
Dan Miller, Solicitor  
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant  
Sean Lam, Police Chief  
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor  
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor  
Terry Daughenbaugh, Water Supervisor  
Mark Hamman, Streets Assistant Supervisor  
Mark Kaday, Water Assistant Supervisor  
Dave Hirtzel  
Leah Griffin  
Bill Swan  
Jerry Weinheimer  
Mason Bennett  
Allen Dalrymple  
Ray Schaff  
Ann Schaff  
Steve Gregory  
Richard Bardol  
Robert Behrens  
Tom Huber  
Joe Schneider  
Bob Hamman  
Eric Luke  
Tim Krug

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES:**

A. Belson motioned to approve the July 5, 2022, minutes as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Jones motioned to approve the July 18, 2022, minutes as presented. T Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

R. Behrens, 97 Wall Street, asked if Bank Street was going to be resurfaced. W. Yokom replied that paving was completed earlier that day from Mill Street to Tannery Street. P. Gehrlein stated that the Borough determined the boundary lines for paving with the North East Township.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Civil Service Commission: Certification of Eligibility List**

Chief Lam stated that the Civil Service Commission is requesting the Certification of the Eligibility List, stating there are currently two candidates being considered. A. Belson motioned to approve the Certification of Eligibility List from the Civil Service Commission. 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. 08012022-1: Borrowing Request from Marshall Kreft Fund**

P. Gerhleim stated that the previously agreed-upon amount of \$26,458.50 for the North East Fire Companies Insurance request will be taken from the Marshall Kreft Fund through the passing of this resolution. H. Jones motioned to approve Resolution No. 08012022-1 Borrowing Request from Marshall Kreft Fund. A. Belson 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. 08012022-2: Authorized Signers for Investment Account**

P. Gehrlein stated that the finance committee has been discussing investment opportunities and strategies. The passing of this resolution will authorize the leadership of Borough Council and Borough administrators as signers, requiring a minimum of two signatures. B. Beardsley motioned to approve Resolution 08012022-2 Authorized Signers for Investment Account. 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>

**North East Recreation Commission: Resignation of Luann Boltz, Borough representative**

P. Gehrlein stated that Luann Boltz, Borough Representative for the North East Recreation Commission, submitted a resignation letter with the effective date of December 31, 2022, or upon the appointment and transition of a replacement. H. Jones motioned to accept the resignation of Luann Boltz as North East Recreation Commission Borough Representative. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

D. McCumber stated that Ryan McGregor has volunteered to be the Borough Representative for the North East Recreation Commission. P. Gehrlein stated that this is not a conflict of interest as the commission is a joint group of appointed representatives from the Borough, Township, and North East School District. B. Beardsley motioned to approve Ryan McGregor as the North East Recreation Commission Borough Representative. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Gibson Park Request: Lake View Mennonite Church Hymn Singing**

T. Luke motioned to approve the Gibson Park Request for Lake View Mennonite Church Hymn Sing to be held on August 14, 2022 (rain date August 21, 2022). B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of Council Work Sessions/Second Monthly Meeting – August 15, 2022**

P. Gehrlein stated that Council Work Sessions would be used as discussion meetings, open to the public, typically without legislative action. Agendas would be presented as required by the Sunshine Act. The Council Work Session/Second Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Police Chief Report  
Code Enforcement Report  
Departmental Report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The September 2022 Borough Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6, 2022, due to Labor Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

R. Behrens, 97 Wall Street, asked if the cameras in Gibson Park were on and working, as he is concerned about the safety of kids playing on the large multi-sided sign. P. Gehrlein stated that the concern had been noticed and addressed. W. Yokom stated that the large multi-sided sign will likely be removed due to the new electronic kiosk that is now in Gibson Park.

J. Triana thanked T. Daughenbaugh and the Water Department for their care of Eaton Reservoir. He stated that participants of the fishing events frequently comment on how nice the area is and he wanted to express thanks to the Borough.

T. Krug, 26 Town Street, asked about Borough Code related to vegetative growth, specifically allowable height, and the presence of milkweed plants. M. Hamman stated that he would research the Borough Code and connect with T. Krug after the meeting.

A. Belson asked if people should still be directed to call the non-emergency police number to request an officer dispatch, stating that it is often delayed. Chief Lam stated that the dispatch center evaluates each call and determines which ones are emergent enough to require immediate dispatch. Chief Lam said he will look into the specific incident presented and follow-up with the dispatch center.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The executive session convened at 6:17 p.m. regarding personnel matters, and ended at 7:10 p.m. Following the reconvening of the regular meeting, D. McCumber stated that no action would be taken after the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:12 p.m. R. McGregor motioned to adjourn. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Rebecca Bliss (August 2, 2022)

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Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager