

MINUTES

NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting October 3, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council was held Monday, October 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise McCumber, 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
Terry Daughenbaugh, Water Supervisor
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor
Tom Huber
Betty Truby
Robert Hamman
Eric Luke
Ray Schaff
Ann Schaff
Coen Turri
Mark Kaday
Leah Griffin
Jerry Weinheimer
Dave Hirtzel
Samantha See
Jackie King
Deborah Montgomery

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:

H. Jones motioned to approve the September 6, 2022, minutes as presented. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Belson motioned to approve the September 19, 2022, minutes as presented. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

T. Huber, 196 Eastwood Drive, expressed thanks to Amber Belson and Eric Luke for the 9/11 Remembrance service that was held last month in Heard Park.

T. Huber, 196 Eastwood Drive, asked Borough Council to prepare and present a balanced budget for 2023 without a tax increase or rate increase.

D. Montgomery, 15 Colfax Street, expressed frustration with a vehicle that is often parked in front of her residence. She stated that the vehicle creates a mess on the road with gas, oil, and asphalt, and explained the difficulties that arise in removing snow in her driveway and on the street. She requested that the "No Parking" zone on the street be extended in front of her house or for the street to be made one-way. W. Yokom stated that Code Enforcement has been working to address the problem with Chief Lam, but the vehicle is legal according to the allowable weight limit. D. McCumber also stated that the Borough is working on a revised parking ordinance that will address this and similar concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revised Borough Council By-Laws

P. Gehrlein stated that the presented Revised Borough Council By-Laws include the corrections and suggested changes presented during last month's meeting. T. Luke motioned to approve the Revised Borough Council By-Laws as presented. H. Jones seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 921: Domestic Animals and Fowl Ordinance

P. Gehrlein presented a draft of the proposed Ordinance No. 921: Domestic Animals and Fowls Ordinance. He stated that the proposed ordinance will repeal and replace the previous ordinance enacted in 1924. P. Gehrlein requested a motion to advertise the ordinance which will be available for public review. A. Belson and H. Jones stated that they believe residents in the Borough should be allowed to have chickens as long as they are taken care of properly. H. Jones motioned to advertise Ordinance No. 921: Domestic Animals and Fowl Ordinance. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Grant Application to DCNR: Eaton Reservoir Reimagined

P. Gehrlein described the opening of a grant application through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to make improvements to the Eaton Reservoir area. Proposed projects include an improved boat/kayak launch, picnic areas, lighting improvements, and potential cameral installation for increased security. R. Hamman asked if a survey will be conducted to consider the opinions of those owning neighboring properties. P. Gehrlein stated that the proposed projects will improve the area, not impede on neighboring properties. T. Luke motioned to approve the Grant Application to DNCR: Eaton Reservoir Reimagined. R. McGregor seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows.

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

Gibson Park Request: American Legion – Veteran’s Day Ceremony

A. Belson motioned to approve the Gibson Park Request: American Legion – Veteran’s Day Ceremony. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Trick or Treat Hours – Monday, October 31, 2022

Mayor Triana stated that the Trick or Treat Hours in the Borough will remain the same as previous years, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022.

Second Monthly Meeting – October 17, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Chief Report
- Code Enforcement Report
- Departmental Report
- Commissions and Authorities

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The executive session convened at 6:27 p.m. regarding personnel matters, and ended at 6:55 p.m. Following the reconvening of the regular meeting, R. McGregor motioned to approve Leah Griffin as the Assistant Supervisor of the Water Department, effective immediately. H. Jones seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-1. The vote was as follows.

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| Heather Jones | <u>Yes</u> | Ryan McGregor | <u>Yes</u> |
| Todd Luke | <u>Yes</u> | Denise McCumber | <u>Yes</u> |
| Amber Belson | <u>No</u> | | |

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:55 p.m. R. McGregor motioned to adjourn. H. Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Bliss (October 4, 2022)

Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager