

MINUTES
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

Second Monthly Meeting
December 19, 2022

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, via phone
Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Sean Lam, Police Chief
Terry Daughenbaugh, Water Supervisor
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor
Robert Behrens, Jr.
Ray Schaff
David Hirtzel
Robert Hoyt
Steve Gregory
Tim Krug
Mason Bennett

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing for the 2023 Proposed Budget and Tax Ordinance 2023 began at 6:00 p.m. Borough Council President D. McCumber asked for public comment regarding the proposed budget and tax ordinance. There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing concluded at 6:01 p.m.

The second monthly meeting of North East Borough Council was held Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, following the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER:

Borough Council President D. McCumber called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the modified agenda to include Resolutions 12192022-3 AND 12192022-4, as they became necessary for approval within the last twenty-four hours. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Proposed Budget

H. Jones motioned to approve the 2023 Proposed Budget as presented. 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>

Tax Ordinance 2023

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the Tax Ordinance 2023 as presented. 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>

Resolution 12052022-1: Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2019 Modification

P. Gehrlein stated that the presented resolution, which was previously tabled due to public hearing dates, will allow for the reallocation of fiscal year 2019 funding from handicapped accessible curb cut ramps into the streetscape improvement project for the Wall Street area. T. Luke motioned to approve Resolution 12052022-1 Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2019 Modification as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12052022-2: Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2021 Modification

P. Gehrlein stated that the presented resolution, which was previously tabled due to public hearing dates, will allow for the reallocation of fiscal year 2021 funding from handicapped accessible curb cut ramps into the streetscape improvement project for the Wall Street area. A. Belson motioned to approve Resolution 12052022-1 Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2021 Modification as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 12192022-1: Wellington Street Bridge Resolution – To be presented

P. Gehrlein stated that the proposed Wellington Street Bridge project is sponsored by the Erie County Department of Planning to address deficient bridge modifications. Through the proposed resolution, the Borough will be a subrecipient/pass-through for funding allocated through Liquid Fuels for the completion of this project. R. McGregor motioned to approve Resolution 12192022-1: Wellington Street Bridge Resolution as presented. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12192022-2: Borrowing Resolution: Kreft Fund – Police Department

P. Gehrlein stated that the proposed resolution would allow for \$71,884 to be borrowed from the Kreft Fund to purchase/outfit two police cruisers to replace those that were damaged earlier this year. B. Beardsley motioned to approve Resolution 12192022-2: Borrowing Resolution: Kreft Fund – Police Department as presented. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Revised MMO for Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2023

P. Gehrlein presented the Revised MMO for Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2023. T. Luke motioned to approve the Revised MMO for Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2023 as presented. 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>

2023 Public Meeting Schedule

P. Gherlein presented the proposed 2023 Public Meeting Schedule, noting the change to daytime meetings for the Water Authority and Sewer Authority. The meeting schedule will be advertised in the Erie Times-News and the North East News Journal. T. Luke motioned to approve the 2023 Public Meeting Schedule as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12192022-3: H2O PA Grant: Commonwealth Financing Authority

P. Gehrlein stated that the proposed resolution will allow the Borough’s application to PA for funding for the Wall Street water line improvement project and sidewalk replacement. B. Beardsley motioned to approve Resolution 12192022-3: H2O PA Grant: Commonwealth Financing Authority as presented. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12192022-4: PA Small Water and Sewer Grant: Commonwealth Financing Authority

P. Gehrlein stated that the proposed resolution will allow the Borough’s application for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant. Funds from the grant will be used to improve the alleyway behind West Main Street and South Lake Street, addressing rooflines, drainage, sewer line and storm sewer line replacement. H. Jones motioned to approve Resolution 12192022-4: PA Small Water and Sewer Grant: Commonwealth Financing Authority as presented. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

T. Krug, 26 Town Street, asked for clarification regarding which alleyway would be addressed in the presented resolution.

R. Behrens, Jr., 97 Wall Street, asked if traffic patterns on Wall Street would change when the water lines are replaced. P. Gehrlein stated that the traffic pattern ordinance will be completed in early 2023, before the Wall Street water line replacement project begins.

R. Behrens, Jr., 97 Wall Street, asked about the small white house at the corner of West Main and Robinson Streets. P. Gehrlein stated that the property is currently owned by the Erie County Land Bank, who intends to put out the bid for redevelopment of that property rather than tearing down the structure.

R. Hoyt, Jr., 9310 West Main Road, asked how many vacant properties are owned by the Borough. P. Gehrlein stated that the property on Smedley Street is the only property of this kind.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:25 p.m. A. Belson motioned to adjourn. H. Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.