

**MINUTES
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Monthly Meeting
January 3, 2023**

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
Dan Miller, Solicitor, via phone
Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Sean Lam, Police Chief
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor
Mark Hamman, Streets Assistant Supervisor
Robert Behrens, Jr.
Jacob Jones
David Hirtzel
Ray Schaff
Mason Benett

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 921 – Water Rates, Ordinance No. 922 – Sewer Rates, and Ordinance No. 923 – Garbage Rates began at 6:00 p.m. Borough Council President D. McCumber asked for public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance Nos. 921, 922, and 923. There were no public comments.

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

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council was held Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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.

MINUTES:

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the December 5, 2022, minutes as presented. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Jones motioned to approve the December 19, 2022, minutes as presented. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

R. Behrens, 97 Wall Street, commended the improvements being done to the house at the corner of Robinson Street and Clinton Street. He stated he was glad to see it being worked on rather than being torn down.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 921 – Water Rates

T. Luke motioned to approve Ordinance No. 921 – Water Rates as presented. A. Belson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 922 – Sewer Rates

H. Jones motioned to approve Ordinance No. 922 – Sewer Rates as presented. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 923 – Garbage Rates

H. Jones motioned to approve Ordinance No. 923 – Garbage Rates as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Second Monthly Meeting – January 16, 2023, if needed

P. Gehrlein stated there will not be a second monthly meeting in January.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Police Chief Report
Code Enforcement Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

R. McGregor asked for an update on the police cars that are being purchased. Chief Lam stated that they will notify him when the cruisers are ready to be outfitted.

B. Beardsley suggested posting future holiday garbage collection changes in the North East News-Journal.

P. Gehrlein stated that the Borough will be repeating the glass recycling collection pilot program in the spring for a longer time period with more notice to the community.

R. McGregor asked if rental inspections would begin this month. P. Gehrlein stated that he met with the landlord representative in December and hopes to represent the ordinance to Council in February.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:10 p.m. R. McGregor motioned to adjourn. H. Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Bliss (January 4, 2023)

Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager