AGENDA NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting September 5, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 924 - Establishing a Residential/Commercial Rental Inspection and Registration Program

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council will be held Tuesday Sentember 5, 2023, at 6:00

p.m. in Council Chambers.
CALL TO ORDER:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
INVOCATION:
MINUTES: August 7, 2023
Expense Approval Report
CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:
REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICERS:
REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICERS:
REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:
REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance No. 924 – Establishing a Residential/Commercial Rental Inspection and Registration Program

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 09052023-1: North East Public Safety Advisory Commission

Resolution 09052023-2: Modification CBDG FY 2019 Resolution 09052023-3: Modification CDBG FY 2021 Resolution 09052023-4: CDBG Application FY 2023

2024 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans

Request for Promotion of Ptlm. Halligan to Patrolman Fourth Class

Gibson Park: North East Community Foundation – Annual Meeting (September 13, 2023)

2nd Quarter 2023 Water Shut Off List – To be presented Second Monthly Meeting - September 18, 2023, if needed

CORRESPONDENCE:

Police Chief Report Code Enforcement Report Commissions and Authorities

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Proclamation: Shawn Giles Day

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST ORDINANCE NO. 924

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL/ COMMERCIAL RENTAL INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the Borough of North East desires to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and to encourage owners and occupants to maintain and improve the quality of rental housing and commercial space within the community. To this end, the following Ordinance provides for a registration program of residential and commercial rental units, and a complaint-based inspection program.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council recognizes a need for proper identification of residential and commercial rental properties with the intent of the registration is to facilitate the identification and remediation of safety concerns.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, recognizes the need within the Borough of North East to establish certain basic standards for the safety of residential rental units utilizing the Pennsylvania Landlord Tenant Act of 1951 and subsequent Pennsylvania Case Law which provide protections to tenants and landlords by establishing basic rules for renting residential properties including the Warranty of Habitability which addresses multiple items that are necessary to deem a residential rental property habitable utilizing the standards set forth in the Pennsylvania Landlord Tenant Act of 1951 and ensuing case law of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

WHEREAS, the Borough of North East recognizes a need for the property identification of commercial rental properties, whether occupied or vacant. The intent of the registration is to identify properties and owners of commercial properties to facilitate in the remediation of health and safety concerns to the public that are not under the jurisdiction of other County, State or Federal governing bodies or regulatory agencies, recognizes that commercial rental units are subject to less protections and that maintenance and upkeep may be contractually placed upon the tenant rather than the landlord, but there is still a need for a mechanism to ensure the safety of the property.

WHEREAS, the complaints regarding the lack of maintenance of the identified checklists will permit inspection by the Borough to ensure the health and safety of the premises, acknowledging that complaints shall be received and managed by the Borough of North East.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY the corporate authorities of the Borough of North East, County of Erie, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1- Definitions - In the interpretation of this Section, the present tense includes the future; the singular number includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular; and the word person includes natural person, property owner, company, trust, individual,

partnership, firm, association, corporation, or entity of any kind. The following terms shall have the definitions assigned:

- 1.1 **BUILDING OR CODE OFFICIAL** The official designated by the Borough of North East to enforce the building and/or similar laws and this Ordinance, or his/her duly authorized representative who shall be fully trained in the requirements of this Ordinance and who shall at all times while conducting an inspection, be identified by photo identification issued by the Borough of North East.
- 1.2 **CODE** The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code with a 2017 copyright date, first printed in August 2017.
- 1.3 UNIT- Any building or portion thereof, which is designated for or used for residential or commercial rental purposes.
- 1.4 **TO LET FOR OCCUPANCY or LET-** To permit possession or occupancy of a dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming unit, building or structure by a person who is legal or equitable owner or not be the legal owner of record thereof, pursuant to a written or unwritten agreement.
- 1.5 **OPERATOR** Any person who has charge, care or control of a structure or premises, which are let or offered for occupancy.
- 1.6 **OWNER** any person or persons, jointly or severally, firm, corporation, or other entity which, either by conveyance or inheritance or otherwise, is vested with the title to a lot and/or improvements thereto in his capacity as a legal representative, such as an administrator, trustee, executor, etc.
- 1.7 **RENTAL REGISTRATION**—A document issued by the Borough of North East to the owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager of a residential or commercial rental unit upon registration of the property and remittance of the fee.
- 1.8 **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY-** A property used or intended to be used for residential purposes, short or long term.
- 1.9 **COMMERCIAL PROPERTY-** A property used or intended to be used for commercial purposes, short or long term.
- 1.10 **RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL RENTAL REGISTRATION-** The registration of all individual residential and commercial rental units within the Borough of North East, certified by a document issued to the applicant thereafter.
- 1.11 **RESIDENTIAL OR COMMMERCIAL RENTAL UNIT** A rooming unit or a dwelling unit let for rent, or a residential or commercial unit occupied by persons other than the owner of the property.

- 1.12 **RESPONSIBLE AGENT** A person authorized by the owner to act on his/her behalf. All responsible agents must reside within Erie County, Pennsylvania.
- 1.13 STRUCTURE UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY- Is whenever the North East Borough Code Official, after investigating a complaint and applying the Commercial or Residential Checklist in the Appendices of this Ordinance, finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public.
- 1.14 **TRANSIENT** Any individual residing or stopping in the Borough of North East, Pennsylvania for less than thirty (30) days at any one time.
- 1.15 UNSAFE STRUCTURE One that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property, or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure by not providing the minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants as identified in the Pennsylvania Landlord Tenant Act of 1951 and the ensuing case law regarding the warranty of habitability and North East Borough Ordinance 815A.
- 1.16 SHORT TERM RENTAL A period of rental of less than 30 days.
- 1.17 **LONG TERM RENTAL** A period of rental greater than 30 days.
- 1.18 **COMMERCE** the exchanging, buying, or selling of things having economic value between two or more entities, for example goods, services, and money.
- Section 2 Rental Registration Requirements It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to operate, let or rent to another for occupancy of any Residential/Commercial Rental Unit within the Borough of North East, Pennsylvania, unless a Residential or Commercial Rental Registration has been issued by the North East Borough Code Enforcement Department.
- 2.1 Within 60 days of the enactment of this Ordinance, the owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager of each Residential Rental Unit shall apply for a Residential/Commercial Rental Registration and remit the required registration fee for each unit registered.
- 2.2 A Residential or Commercial Rental Registration shall be issued if the owner or operator of the Residential or Commercial Rental Unit provides the name of the responsible agent (if Applicable) and pays all delinquent water, sewer and garbage bills associated with the rental units. No residential or commercial rental unit registration shall be issued until all property taxes are current for the building in which the Residential or Commercial Rental Unit is located.

- 2.3 This registration does not warrant the habitability, safety, or condition of the residential or commercial rental unit in any way.
- 2.4 Sale, transfer, or construction of residential or commercial rental units. A Residential or Commercial Rental Registration shall not be transferred. In the case of residential or commercial rental units that are sold, transferred, or constructed the new owner shall seek a Residential or Commercial Registration for each residential or commercial rental unit within sixty (60) days after sale or transfer. Failure of the current owner to secure a Rental Registration for each unit owned within sixty (60) days following transfer of ownership shall result in penalties described herein.
- 2.5 Conversion from Owner-occupied to rental use. In the case of residential or commercial rental units that are converted in usage from Owner occupied to rental use shall seek a Residential/Commercial Registration for each residential or commercial rental unit within sixty (60) days after said conversion. Failure of the current owner to secure a Rental Registration for each unit owned within sixty (60) days following the conversion shall result in penalties described herein.
- Section 3- Residential Rental Inspections and Complaints. Any tenant, owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager with an interest in a rental property may place a complaint with the Borough of North East regarding a residential rental property as follows:
- 3.1 The tenant, owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager has attempted to remediate the issue with the offending party and has written documentation of said attempts.
- 3.2 The tenant, operator and/or owner completes the complaint form provided by the Borough of North East which shall be disseminated to the tenant, and owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager, along with a copy to the Borough of North East.
- 3.3 The offending party shall have seven (7) calendar days to respond to the complaint.
- 3.4 If remediation is required, the offending party shall be provided a reasonable time period to provide documentation that the work has been or will be completed, taking into consideration weather and availability of resources to complete the required repairs or remediation.
- 3.5 If the premises remain a concern, a follow-up complaint shall be remitted to the Borough for review.
- 3.6 If the complaint is valid and there has not been remediation as determined after a review and investigation by the Borough, then the Borough shall be permitted to inspect the premises to ensure conformity with the checklist identified in Appendix A.

- 3.7 If after inspection a safety concern remains, then the responsible party shall be subject to remediation as set forth in a Notice of Violation issued by the Borough of North East.
- 3.8 Failure to allow the Borough of North East to inspect a premises after a valid complaint has been deemed made as determined by the Borough of North East, the Borough may proceed utilizing other valid legal measures to obtain entry to the premises for inspection only of the complaint and the appropriate inspection checklist.

Section 4. – Residential Checklist – See Appendix A

Section 5. – Commercial Rental Inspections and Complaints. Any tenant, owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager with an interest in a rental property may place a complaint with the Borough of North East regarding a commercial rental property as follows:

- 5.1 The tenant, operator and./or owner has attempted to remediate the issue with the offending party and has written documentation of said attempts.
- 5.2 The tenant, operator and/or owner completes the complaint form provided by the Borough of North East which shall be disseminated to the owner, operator, and tenant, along with a copy to the Borough of North East.
- 5.3 The offending party shall have seven (7) days to respond to the complaint.
- 5.4 If remediation is required, the offending party shall have a reasonable period of time to provide documentation that the work has been completed taking into consideration weather and availability of resources to complete the required repairs or remediation.
- 5.5 If the premises remains a concern, a follow-up complaint shall be remitted to the Borough for review of the complaint.
- 5.6 If the complaint is valid and there has not been remediation as determined after review and investigation by the Borough, then the Borough shall be permitted to inspect the premises to ensure conformity with the checklist identified in section.
- 5.7 If after inspection a safety concern remains, then the responsible party shall be subject to remediation as set forth in a warning issued by the Borough of North East.

Section 6. - Commercial Checklist - See Appendix B.

Section 7 – **Exemptions:** The Registration and Licensing provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the following:

- 7.1 Hospitals, nursing homes, boarding schools, group homes or other rental units used for habitation, where facilities are subject to County, State, or Federal licensing and inspection. Inspections of these facilities must be at a level which meets or exceeds the code.
- 7.2 Any dwellings where Commerce is not exchanged in lieu of occupancy, except that properties occupied by a relative of the owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager do not require Commerce to be exchanged.
- 7.3 A commercial property shall not be subject to an inspection by the Borough of North East for any matter under the jurisdiction of another state or federal agency, including, but not limited to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; Pennsylvania Department of Education; Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and Pennsylvania Department of State. If concerns are identified, then the Inspector may refer the complaint/concern to the proper regulatory body.

Section 8. **Retaliation -** Owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager agree that a tenant shall not be evicted under the provisions of the lease based solely on a lawfully filed complaint made to the Borough of North East under this Ordinance if the complaint is deemed to be valid by the Borough of North East.

Section 9 - Appeals from citations or revocation of Rental Registration-

- 9.1 **Property condition appeals**. Any person aggrieved by any decision of a Borough Code Enforcement Official may submit an appeal to the North East Borough Landlord Tenant Appeal Board ("Appeal Board"), which shall be formed and comply with the requirements of the Code. Any appointment to the Board shall require a roll call vote by the North East Borough Council.
- 9.2 The Appeal Board shall issue a decision in writing setting forth specific facts and legal conclusions; and the decision is subject to appeal under Local Agency Law to the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County.

Section 10 - Procedures for Enforcement -

10.1 Prior to a response to any complaint filed under this ordinance, the North East Borough Code Enforcement Office shall promulgate procedures for the enforcement of this Ordinance. Said procedures shall be presented to North East Borough Council within sixty (60) calendar days of enactment of this Ordinance which shall be reviewed and approved by North East Borough Council prior to implementation.

- 10.2 The rules and regulations shall be on file at North East Borough Hall and shall be provided to each applicant for registration and license upon a request for an application.
- 10.3 The procedures shall be in effect until modified by a resolution of the North East Borough Council at a public meeting.

Section 11 - Fees.

- 11.1 Registration Fee one time registration fee of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) per unit
- The fees for registrations associated with Residential/ Commercial Rental Registration and which may be changed or modified by the North East Borough Code Enforcement Department with proper notification provided no less than ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the new fee schedule.
- Section 12—Owner's Rights The terms and provisions of this Ordinance are not intended to bar, preclude or affect the right of the owner to pursue judicial or extrajudicial relief against a tenant as permitted under the Pennsylvania Landlord Tenant Act or lease provisions, subject only to the Retaliation provision of this Ordinance.
- Section 13 Penalty Violation of this Ordinance is a summary offense, with penalties upon conviction as follows:
- 13.1 Failure to complete a Residential/Commercial Rental Registration. A fine of not less than \$200 per rental unit. Each month the violation exists constitutes a separate violation will accrue under the initial violation until time of hearing. Any accrual after the hearing will require a new violation notice.
- 13.2 Failure to register, or failure to seek a Residential/Commercial Rental Registration (for newly constructed, newly created, substantially rehabilitated or converted rental units). The owner, operator, responsible agent, or manager shall be sent a thirty (30) day Notice of Violation, warning of the failure to comply with the terms of this ordinance. Failure to comply at the end of the thirty (30) days will result in a fine not less than \$200 per residential unit. Each month the violation exists will accrue under the initial violation until time of hearing. Any accrual after the hearing will require a new violation notice.
- 13.3 Failure to comply with remediation requirements. Failure to comply with the Notice of Violation issued because of a complaint-based inspection shall result in a \$200 fine for each month the violation continues to exist. A fine shall be sought for any period that the operator, responsible agent, owner, tenant, or manager is not taking appropriate action to correct the violations.

- 13.4 Any person or entity making three (3) or more invalid complaints, as determined by the Borough of North East, against owner, operator, responsible agent, tenant, or manager shall be subject to a \$200.00 fine. Each invalid complaint will be identified by a writing to all parties by the Borough of North East. Each complaint after the initial three (3) complaints against the owner, operator, responsible agent, tenant, or manager that is deemed invalid by the Borough of North East shall result in an additional offense and \$200.00 fine.
- 13.5 After conviction for violation of this Ordinance, if such person continues violating the same provision, then such person shall be liable for further prosecution, conviction, and punishment without the issuance of a new Notice of Violation or order.
- 13.6 In addition to prosecution of persons violating this Ordinance, the Public Officer, the Borough of North East, or any duly authorized agent of the Borough of North East may seek civil or equitable remedies in any court of record of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, against any person or property, real or personal, to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 14 - Owners Severally Responsible - If the premises are owned by more than one (1) owner, each owner shall severally be subject to prosecution for the violation of this section.

Section 15 – Severability - The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable; and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this article shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 16 - Effective Date - This Ordinance is effective immediately upon enactment according to law, and shall remain in effect hereafter until revised, amended, or revoked by action of the Borough of North East.

(NEXT PAGE IS SIGNATURE PAGE)

ENACTED INTO AN ORDINANCE THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

	BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST
	Denise McCumber, President of Borough Council
ATTEST:	
Patrick J. Gehrlein, Borough Manager	
	Jon Triana, Mayor

Appendix A- Residential Checklist	IPMC Reference No.
EXTERIOR	
Egress All units must have two means of egress	702.3/702.4
Chimney Chimney must be in good repair with no missing bricks/stone or mortar. Must not be clogged and have proper airflow draft to expel gases from furnaces and hot water tanks.	304.11
Roof All roofs must be in good repair with no leaks. Tarps installed for leaks in roof sections are NOT considered permanent repairs.	304.7
Gutters & Downspouts If Gutters & Downspouts are present they will be maintained and in good repair.	304.7
Foundation All exterior mortar joints greater than 1/4" shall be repaired as needed. Any missing brick, stone, or block will be replaced.	304.5
Exterior Walls All exterior mortar joints greater than 1/4" shall be repaired as needed. Any missing brick, stone, or block will be replaced.	304.6
Exterior Porches, Landing, & Stairs All loose floor boards on porches and landings will be re-anchored or replaced. All porches and landing 30" or higher above grade will have railings installed with vertical balusters with no more than 4" spacing between balusters. All loose stair steps will be securely fastened. All broken stair steps will be replaced. Steps that are more than 30" above grade will have securely fastened handrails on at least on side of steps.	304.1/304.12
Exterior Doors All doors must open and close properly and shall latch when closed. Locks will be installed and operational. Any water damaged frames will be repaired or replaced and has at least one coat of exterior paint or stain applied.	304.15/304.18
Windows Windows must operate as designed. Have operating locks. Any broken sashes or frames will be replaced. (Attic windows do not need to operate unless the area is finished.)	304.13/304.13.2/304.18
Exterior Yard All overgrown weeds and grass will be cut and maintained by responsible party. Accumulation of trash/ garbage will be removed by responsible party.	308.1

Appendix A- Residential Checklist	IPMC Reference No.
INTERIOR	
Interior Rental Unit	
All walls, floors, & ceilings of all rooms within the rental unit will be in good repair	305.3
with no holes or severe damage.	
Interior Stairs	
Replace any broken or damaged stair treads.	305.5/307.1
All stairs greater than 30" high will have handrail on at least one side of stairs securely	303.307.1
fastened to wall.	
Electrical	
All bedrooms will have a minimum of one electrical receptacle.	
Hazardous use of electrical cords that overload circuit.	605.2/605.3
GFCI receptacles are required within six feet of a water source.	
Cover plates required on all junction boxes. Service panels must function properly.	
Plumbing	
All sink, bath tub, and showers faucets must operate properly and have hot and cold	
water.	505.1/505.3/506.1/506.2
All sinks, bath tubs, and showers must have drains that operate properly.	303.1/303.3/300.1/300.2
Toilets must flush and drain as designed.	
HVAC	
All furnaces, boilers, and heaters must function as designed and be vented as per code.	602.2
Non vented space heaters cannot be used as the main heat source in rental unit.	002.2
Water Heater	
All water heaters must have a functioning pressure relief valve and a relief valve	505.4
discharge pipe.	
Basement Sleeping Area	402 1/402 1
Any sleeping area in basement must have code compliant egress.	402.1/403.1
Bathroom	403.2
Exhaust vent ducted to the exterior of building or window that functions properly.	403.2
Fire Safety	
Smoke detectors will be located in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping area, and	
on each floor of building including the basement and attic as per the National Fire	704.6.1.1/704.6.1.4
Protection Association.	IRC No. R315
Carbon Monoxide detector to be placed roughly 20 feet from the main heating source	
of unit, and outside of sleeping room area as per the International Residential Code # R315	
Pests	
Insects/vermin will be eradicated by the landlord and tenant working together under the	309.1 thru 309.5
IPMC.	507.1 and 507.5

Appendix B- Commercial Checklist*	IPMC Reference No.	
EXTERIOR		
Egress	702.3/702.4	
All units must have two means of egress		
Chimney Chimney must be in good repair with no missing bricks/stone or mortar. Must not be clogged and have proper airflow draft to expel gases from furnaces and hot water tanks.	304.11	
Roof All roofs must be in good repair with no leaks. Tarps installed for leaks in roof sections are NOT considered permanent repairs.	304.7	
Exterior Doors		
All doors must open and close properly and shall latch when closed.		
Windows		
Windows must operate as designed.		
Exterior Yard All overgrown weeds and grass will be cut and maintained by responsible party. Accumulation of trash/ garbage will be removed by responsible party.	308.1	
INTERIOR		
Interior Rental Unit All walls, floors, & ceilings of all rooms within the rental unit will be in generally good repair so that a safety hazard does not exist.		
Electrical Cover plates required on all junction boxes. Sufficient electrical service will exist for the type of occupancy.		
FIRE Fire Extinguisher Present If required, illuminated Exit signs will be in place at all exits.		
HVAC All furnaces, boilers, and heaters must function as designed and be vented as per appropriate code.	602.2	
Public Bathroom Exhaust vent ducted to the exterior of building or window that functions properly. The sink and public toilet shall operate properly.		
Pests Insects/vermin will be eradicated by the responsible party *All requirements for a unit must comply with the building code in place at the t	ime of transfer	

^{*}All requirements for a unit must comply with the building code in place at the time of transfer, when a permit was required for work completed, or when commercial architectural drawing were for a construction project. All requirements are subject to responsibility allocations in the commercial lease which permits a landlord to require upkeep and maintenance to the tenant.

RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST

RESOLUTION 09052023-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION KNOWN AS THE NORTH EAST PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

UPON MOTI	ON OF, and
SECOND OF	
East Police I Management	the North East area is served by Fuller Hose Co. #1, Crescent Hose Co. #2, the North Department, the Pennsylvania State Police and the North East Area Emergency Coordinator; and
NOW, THEF	REFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
1.	The Borough of North East shall join with North East Township in the establishment of a joint advisory commission to be known as the "North East Public Safety Advisory Commission", herein after "Commission".
2.	The intended purpose of the Commission is to enhance communication and co- ordination between the entities providing public safety services to the Borough and Township.
3.	The Commission shall be comprised of five (5) members, as follows:
	a) A designee of North East Borough Council;
	b) A designee of North East Township Board of Supervisors;
	c) The Mayor of North East Borough;

d) The President of Fuller Hose Co. #1.

e) The President of Crescent Hose Co. #2

The designee of North East Borough Council shall serve until the next following reorganizational meeting. The North East Borough Council representative shall be appointed at the annual reorganizational meeting of the Borough, held in January of each year, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Borough Code, and shall serve until the following reorganizational meeting.

VOI	TING FOR:
VOTING	AGAINST:
ABS	TAINING:
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that th	is Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.
Borough of North East, does hereby certify	e McCumber, President of Borough Council of the that the above Resolution was adopted at a duly noticed brough of North East on the 5th day of September 2023.
	DENISE MCCUMBER
	Borough Council President
ATTEST:	
PATRICK J. GEHRLEIN	14.00 m

RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST

RESOLUTION <u>09052023-2</u>

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO "OBO" NORTH EAST BOROUGH'S FY 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

UPON THE MOTION OF	, AND
SECOND OF	

WHEREAS, North East Borough is entitled to receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) pursuant to the provisions of PA Act 179 of 1984; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, acting through the Department of Planning and Community Development, administers the Borough's CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received \$93,227 in FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the PA DCED and previously resolved that the monies be used to undertake the following activities:

- \$30,979.77 Handicapped Accessible Curb-Cut Project (Phase I/Supplemental)
- \$52,457.23 West Street Improvements Project
- \$ 9,790.00 Program Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Phase I/Supplemental ADA ramps project has been completed resulting in the installation of twenty-two (22) ramps; and

WHEREAS, the funds set aside for the West Street Improvements Project under FY 2019 (\$52,457.23) are not immediately needed due to a delay in the installation of a new water line in the area on West, Clinton, and Wall Streets in North East Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of deleting said project and reallocating the funds for a new Activity known as the Handicapped Accessible Curb-Cut Project (Hutchinson/Bernwood/Smedley Ramps) which will provide ADA ramp upgrades along Hutchinson Drive, Bernwood Drive, Wellington Street, Smedley Street, Diane Lane, Lowery Lane and Culver Court; and

WHEREAS, the deletion of an existing activity and the addition of a new one under a program fiscal year constitutes a "modification" of the CDBG program that must be authorized by the governing body with applicable documentation submitted to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Borough Council of the Borough of North East that Council believes it is in its best interest to "modify" its FY 2019 CDBG program as follows:

➤ Delete the West Street Improvements Project item and reallocate the \$52,457.23 originally set aside for said project for a new activity known as the Handicapped Accessible Curb-Cut Project (Hutchinson/Bernwood/ Smedley Ramps).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by North East Borough Council that:

- ✓ All other terms and conditions regarding the FY 2019 CDBG program not affected by this revision shall remain in full force and effect; and
- ✓ The Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development is authorized to submit all necessary documentation to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to make the program change.

	VOTING FOR:	**************************************
	VOTING AGAINST:	
	ABSTAINING:	***************************************
THEREFORE, the undersigne North East, does hereby certify the Borough Council of North E	that the resolution was duly a	ent of Borough Council of the Borough of dopted at a duly noticed regular meeting of r 2023.
		e McCumber lent, Borough Council
ATTEST:		
Patrick Gehrlein Borough Manager		

RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST

RESOLUTION 09052023-3

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO "OBO" NORTH EAST BOROUGH'S FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

UPON THE MOTION OF	And Andrew	, AND
SECOND OF		

WHEREAS, North East Borough is entitled to receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) pursuant to the provisions of PA Act 179 of 1984; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, acting through the Department of Planning and Community Development, administers the Borough's CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received \$96,485 in FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the PA DCED and previously resolved that the monies be used to undertake the following activities:

- \$87,485 West Street Improvements Project
- \$ 9,065 Program Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that at this time it is in its best interest to alter the West Street Improvements Project activity and reallocate a portion of the funds for a new activity known as the Handicapped Accessible Curb-Cut Project (Hutchinson/ Bernwood/ Smedley Ramps) which will provide ADA ramp upgrades along Hutchinson Drive, Bernwood Drive, Wellington Street, Smedley Street, Diane Lane, Lowery Lane and Culver Court; and

WHEREAS, the alteration of an existing activity and the addition of a new one under a program fiscal year constitutes a "modification" of the CDBG program that must be authorized by the governing body with applicable documentation submitted to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Borough Council of the Borough of North East that Council desires to "modify" its FY 2021 CDBG program as follows:

Modify the West Street Improvements Project activity budget the funds from \$87,485 to \$39,872.23

➤ Create an activity titled Handicapped Accessible Curb-Cut Project (Hutchinson/ Bernwood/ Smedley Ramps) and reallocate \$47,542.77 in funds originally allocated for the West Street Improvements Project to this activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by North East Borough Council that:

- ✓ All other terms and conditions regarding the FY 2021 CDBG program not affected by this revision shall remain in full force and effect; and
- ✓ The Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development is authorized to submit all necessary documentation to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to make the program change.

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North East, does hereby certif	ned, Denise McCumber, Pre fy that the resolution was dul East on the 5 th day of Septen	esident of Borough Council of the Borough of ly adopted at a duly noticed regular meeting of mber 2023.
		enise McCumber resident, Borough Council
ATTEST:		
Patrick Gehrlein Borough Manager		

RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST APPROVING THE FY 2023 CDBG APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO THE THE PENNSYLAVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 09052023-4

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WHEREAS, North East Borough has been designated a CDBG "entitlement" municipality under the provisions of PA Legislative Act 179 of 1984; and

WHEREAS, such designation entitles the Borough to receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to undertake activities to address housing and community development needs as identified in the Three-Year Plan and which principally benefits low-to-moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has requested that the County of Erie, acting through the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development, herein referred to as County Planning, administer the Borough's CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the PA DCED has informed the Borough that it is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant monies in the amount of \$95,522 for FY 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, with the assistance of County Planning has conducted the requisite public hearings, completed the Three-Year Plan, and prepared the application for CDBG funding assistance in accordance with program requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by North East Borough Council that:

- The application for FY 2023 CDBG funding assistance is hereby in all respects approved.
- > The Borough agrees to comply with all program requirements, federal statutes, and regulations applicable to the State CDBG program.
- ➤ The Department of Planning, on behalf of North East Borough, is hereby authorized to file the application for financial assistance with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

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THEREFORE , the undersigned, Denise Borough of North East, does hereby certify regular meeting of the Borough Council of	that the resolution v	vas duly adopted at a duly noticed
		Denise McCumber President, Borough Council
ATTEST:		
Patrick Gehrlein Borough Manager		

Patrick Gehrlein

Kim, Tae-Uk (Ph. D., P.E.) <taekim@pa.gov> From:

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 8:59 AM

To: Emily Poach; Gus Maas; Jeff Marnicio; Patrick Gehrlein; Bill Swan

Cc: Reeher, Adam; Sterrett, David; Schott, Brad; Estep, Jamie; Gaul, Andrew; Linton, Brendan Subject:

RE: [External] RE: Meeting Notes RE: North East Borough Water Authority (Erie County)

PENNVEST Planning Consultation - Drinking Water

Thank you, Emily,

Please note that PWS permit will be addressed by NWRO SDW program, based on your submission (e.g. New VFD?).

Here are my preliminary research based on your submission.

- WWTP: Please contact Erie CCD about Chapter 102. It would not be a permit but E&S or stormwater plan would be clarified.
- Freeport Pump Station: This is located in FEMA studied Floodplain Zone AE. Could you search the Authority's existing Chapter 106 permit (or 105)? It would be constructed after 1993 before 2005, so an existing permit would be considered. Or if you have old FEMA map which showed the pump station was out of it at that time, you can also provide it in lieu of the permit.
- Route 20 Pump Station if any activities are within the building, no concern would be for Chapter 102 and 105 at this pump station.
- All pipelines As talked, please contact Erie CCD if they are not reviewing E&S plan between 5,000 sq ft and 1 ac. According to PA 25 § 102.4, a written E&S plan(s) is required.
- Hutchinson Drive 2,000 If waterline Some of concerns are found in PHMC website. Please clarify.
- Clay Street 2,500 If waterline This is located in FEMA floodway, FEMA studied floodplain zone AE, NWI riverine. and stream (T62265 to Sixteenmile Creek). There would be also a permitted enclosure where your pipeline is proposed to be constructed. Therefore, please contact NWRO WW program with the detailed plan and cross section to get the clarification.
- Clinton Street 1,800 If & Wall Street 800 If waterline PHMC eligible above ground building and another concerns are found in PHMC website. Therefore, it should be clarified. In addition, please explain what is "service reconnections" (how long of service reconnections? Is there existing line or new line for service reconnection?)
- Please provide PNDI for all project areas if available.

Sincerely,

Tae-Uk Kim, Ph.D., P.E. **Environmental Engineer** PA Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Clean Water, Municipal Facilities Division PENNVEST Project Management Section 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Phone 412-442-4046 ; Fax 412-442-4098 https://www.dep.pa.gov

From: Emily Poach < Emily. Poach@burgessniple.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 1:58 PM

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Subject: [External] RE: Meeting Notes RE: North East Borough Water Authority (Erie County) PENNVEST Planning Consultation - Drinking Water

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Good afternoon everyone,

Please find attached a letter with the updated cost estimate and expanded descriptions of scope of work for each item. Also attached is two maps showing the locations of the proposed work. I hope this helps clarify the questions about scope that were brought up in the consultation meeting but if there are further questions at this point to determine if any work needs a permit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Emily Poach, EIT Engineer II

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From: Kim, Tae-Uk (Ph. D., P.E.) <taekim@pa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 9:45 AM

To: Gus Maas <Gus.Maas@burgessniple.com>; Emily Poach <Emily.Poach@burgessniple.com>; Jeff Marnicio <jeff.marnicio@burgessniple.com>; Patrick Gehrlein <Patrick.Gehrlein@northeastborough.com>; wswan@northeastborough.com

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Subject: Meeting Notes RE: North East Borough Water Authority (Erie County) PENNVEST Planning Consultation - Drinking Water

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Good Day, All,

Attached you will find the meeting notes from the planning consultation meeting held <u>last Tuesday</u>, <u>August 22, 2023</u>, as well as the applicable documents referenced in the notes and this email. Please review and let me know by <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 30, 2023</u> if any additions or modifications to the meeting notes are needed. In addition to the meeting notes, we have attached guidance documents and other application requirements.

<u>Uniform Environmental Review (UER) Process (checklist attached)</u> - Separate copy of Environmental Report for Uniform Environmental Review (UER) (Environmental Assessment or Categorical Exclusion) is required to be submitted for

PENNVEST Projects to DEP Project Manager for the review (at the same time of any related permit submission or at least 30 days before the cut off, whichever is earlier). Cost effectiveness analysis (reference attached) or Second opinion review (checklist and regulations attached) is also required. If submitted via OnBase, forward the Reference ID # to me so that I can locate the uploaded documents.

<u>Biddable Plans, Specifications, Specification Certification Form (attached)</u> – The biddable plans and specs and specification certification should be submitted at the same time of any related permit submission or at least 30 days before the cut off, whichever is earlier.

Permits

- Public Water Supply permit would be required, so additional information should be provided to NWRO SDW Program Permit Engineer.
- All other permitting requirements (e.g. Chapter 102 (E&S/NPDES stormwater), Chapter 105 (water obstruction and encroachment into a floodway and/or wetland), etc.) will be required and needed to be addressed prior to cut off date, if applicable.
- Please note that DEP permits already issued or being issued will need to be submitted directly to me via email, Team, OnBase, or with the Pennvest application. If submitted via OnBase, forward the Reference ID # to me so that the uploaded documents can be located.

<u>BABA Waiver Request and A&E Solicitation</u> – Please review the attached BABA Final Waiver Adjustment Period document and BABA Waiver Letter Template to determine if this project is eligible for said waiver. If so, complete the attached letter template and forward to Hardik Patel - hapatel@pa.gov - 717-772-4060 prior to the cut off date. If there are any questions regarding a BABA waiver request, you can email or contact him.

Please also forward this information to any other project representatives as needed, and you will find additional references in Infrastructure Finance (pa.gov)

If you have any questions regarding the technical aspects of the PENNVEST application, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Linton, Brendan < blinton@pa.gov > Sent: Friday, August 25, 2023 8:43 AM

To: Gus Maas <<u>Gus.Maas@burgessniple.com</u>>; Emily Poach <<u>Emily.Poach@burgessniple.com</u>>; Jeff Marnicio <<u>ieff.marnicio@burgessniple.com</u>>; Patrick Gehrlein <<u>Patrick.Gehrlein@northeastborough.com</u>>; wswan@northeastborough.com

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Subject: RE: North East Borough Water Authority (Erie County) PENNVEST Planning Consultation - Drinking Water

All,

Thank you for your time Tuesday morning to discuss your proposed PENNVEST project.

As a follow-up, please continue to work with my DEP colleagues to address any permit-related matters. Your project has already been started in the PENNVEST portal with ID number 251154152308-CW.

As for the second "phase" or portion of work which requires additional permits, we may have to meet again for a quick 15 minute call once you are closer to submitting that specific application. Otherwise, the meeting Tuesday morning will serve as the planning consultation for both projects.

Dr. Kim or Andrew Gaul will reply shortly with meeting notes and any other DEP-specific items.

Thanks again for your interest in PENNVEST. We look forward to working with you and the Authority on its upcoming projects.

Regards,

Brendan

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----Original Appointment----

From: Linton, Brendan

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 10:55

To: Linton, Brendan; Sterrett, David; Schott, Brad; Estep, Jamie; Kim, Tae-Uk (Ph. D., P.E.); Gaul, Andrew; Gus Maas;

Emily Poach; Jeff Marnicio

Cc: Yeakle, Kimberly; Campbell, Felicia; Patel, Jay (DEP); Schlauderaff, Brian; Wright, Richard; Patrick Gehrlein; Reeher,

Adam

Subject: North East Borough Water Authority (Erie County) PENNVEST Planning Consultation - Drinking Water

When: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 09:00-10:30 (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting; 31 West Main Street, North East, PA 16428

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in applying for PENNVEST funding. A planning consultation meeting has been scheduled for the above date and time.

At least one authorized representative from the Authority and its engineer <u>must</u> attend this meeting either in-person or virtually. Please feel free to forward this invite to others who may be interested in attending.

Brendan Linton will attend this meeting in-person at the North East Borough Municipal Building. All other PENNVEST and DEP personnel will join virtually.

Attendees joining virtually should take note of the following:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. We look forward to meeting with you.

Regards,

Brendan

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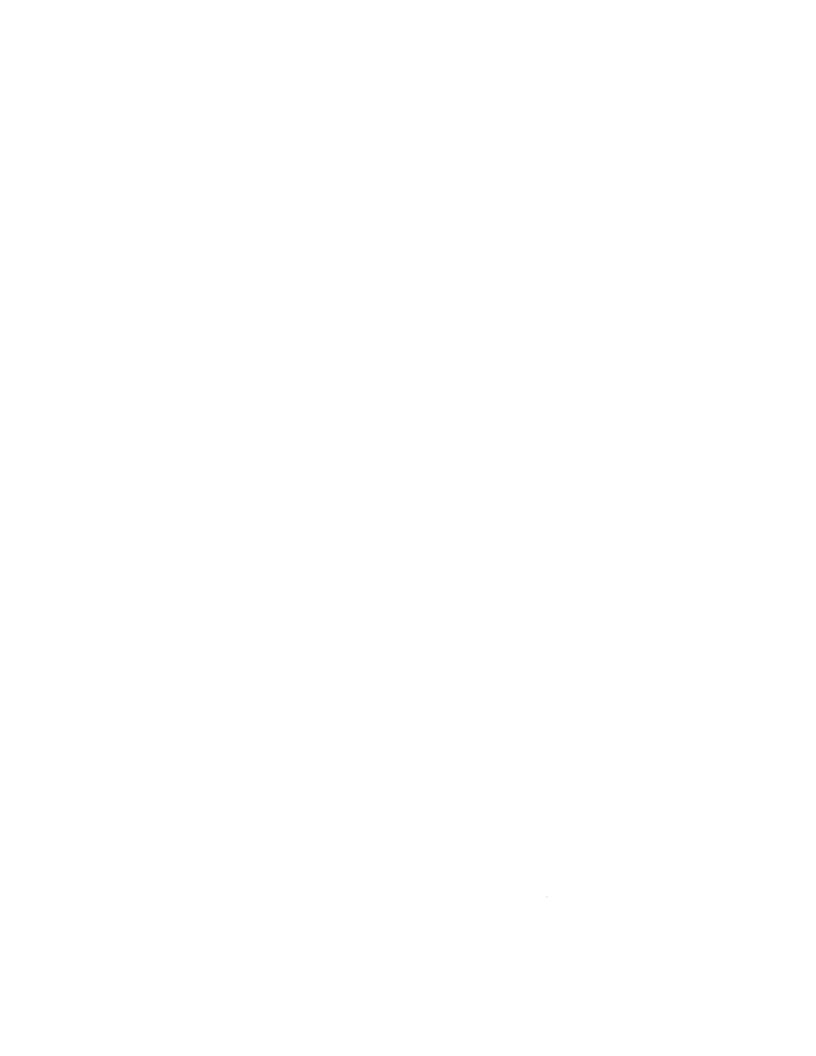
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Patrick Gehrlein

From: John Burgert < John.Burgert@Imbcoerie.com>

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 10:47 AM

To: Lori Sosnowski
Cc: Patrick Gehrlein
Subject: Delta Dental 1/1/24

Good morning,

The Delta rates effective 1/1/24 are below, not including billing fees. Since you approved them, we will notify P&A (the COBRA administrator) of the new rates too.

The vision rates are under guarantee to 1/1/25.

I will follow-up with AUL on the life insurance rates.

Thanks, John

Current Renewal (monthly)

28.77 29.63 84.31 86.84



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North East Community is blessed to have two (2) volunteer fire companies that serve the citizens, businesses and visitors with courtesy, competence, professionalism, and valor; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women that volunteer to serve as firefighters, paramedics, EMT's, fire police, emergency rescue personnel and others, make a commitment to the community that goes beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of such men and women and the sacrifices made daily by both the volunteers and their families who also dedicate time, energy and effort for the good of the community without the expectation of award or accolade; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of North East Borough and the Office of the Mayor wish to dedicate and commemorate the life of one of our local hero's whose life of service to our Country and community will never go unnoticed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of North East Borough and the Office of the Mayor hereby proclaim, from this day forward that August 20th be known as:

SHAWN GILES DAY

The North East Community wishes to honor Mr. Giles' lifetime of public service and raise awareness for the safety and care of our first responders who make the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the safety and peace in our community.

This Proclamation is duly passed and adopted by the North East Borough Council; North East, Pennsylvania on this Tuesday, September 5, 2023

BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST