

August 5, 2019

The New Oxford Borough Council met at 7 PM on Monday, August 5, 2019, in borough council chambers located at 124 North Peters Street, New Oxford, for their regularly scheduled and advertised council meeting.

The meeting was called to order and pledge of allegiance led by Council President Robinson.

The following were present: John Griffie, John Lansing, Dorothy Robinson and Patrick Sullivan. Also present was Mayor James Eisenhart, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Engineer Jeremy Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Tania Kepner. Absent was James Zero.

Solicitor Eastman stated an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Oxford was conducted immediately prior to the commencement of this evening's meeting beginning at 6:30 PM consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act in order to discuss matters involving the employment, the terms and conditions of employment, and the evaluation of the performance of an employee of the Borough of New Oxford.

Audience acknowledgment / opportunity for public comment:

1. Chief Staab, Eastern Adams Regional Police Department. Chief Staab informed the council that no incidents occurred in the borough during July 2019.

Sullivan made the motion to accept the minutes from the July 1, 2019 council meeting as presented. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Lansing made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as presented. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Finance, Budget & Treasurer's Report by Sullivan:

1. Sullivan made the motion to pay the bills as per the Vendor Balance Detail Report. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.
2. Sullivan made the motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Nothing to report for Buildings & Grounds due to Zero's absence.

Parks & Recreation Report by Robinson:

1. Robinson has been working with the Boys Scout Troops regarding community service work around the borough building and center square. Council requested Robinson to make sure there is insurance coverage with regards to the community service work the Boy Scouts will be doing.

Nothing to report for Eastern Adams Regional Police Department Commission Report.

Streets & Sidewalks Report by Lansing:

1. Penn DOT Municipal Officials Response Form for Hanover Street 2020 repave project. Council agreed that the drainage issues at the intersection of Hanover Street and Commerce Street needs to be indicated on the response form.

Mayor Eisenhart had nothing to report for Health & Safety.

Mayor Eisenhart had nothing to report for Mayor's Report.

Ambre Noel, SJC All Stars – lease agreement and request letter. Lansing made the motion to delay action until Ms. Noel can be present at a council meeting. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

Garbage Contract. Council decided that we will bid out on our own for the borough's garbage collection instead of joining the County's South East Group for our collection.

Ordinance updates: chickens/livestock, fences and parking on Water Works Road. Council decided to not move forward with any changes regarding fences and parking on Water Works Road. Council tabled until the September council meeting the chickens/livestock ordinance updates until more information can be gathered.

44 Bud Avenue driveway request. Sullivan made the motion granting the request for a new driveway at 44 Bud Avenue. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Griffie made the motion granting the request from the New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce that Saturday, October 26, 2019 be declared Chamber of Commerce Day in New Oxford for the 12th Annual Harvest Day and Parade as per their request letter dated July 12, 2019. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Sullivan asked council members and Mayor Eisenhart to complete the questionnaire that County supplied regarding the Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and get their answers to him as soon as possible as the information needs to be submitted by August 9, 2019.

President Robinson had nothing to report for the President's Report.

Griffie made the motion for adjournment at 8:04 PM. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tania K. Kepner
Secretary/Treasurer