

March 4, 2019

The New Oxford Borough Council met at 7 PM on Monday, March 4, 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, Patrick Sullivan and James Zero. Also present were Mayor James Eisenhart, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Engineer Jeremy Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Tania Kepner.

Audience acknowledgment / opportunity for public comment:

1. Chief Staab, Eastern Adams Regional Police Department. Chief Staab informed the council of the incidents that occurred in the borough during February 2019.

Sullivan made the motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2019 council meeting as presented. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

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

Finance, Budget & Treasurer's Report by Sullivan:

1. Sullivan stated that the reason for the tax millage increase this year had nothing to do with the police department budget. Sullivan then reviewed and discussed budget figures, tax millage rate, the savings account and projects that need to be completed.

2. Sullivan made the motion to pay the bills as per the Vendor Balance Detail Report. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

3. Sullivan made the motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds Report by Zero:

1. Office furnace replacement quotes:

a. JSM Mechanical LLC @\$2,456.00

b. Aero Energy @\$3,596.00

c. AJ Burns LLC @\$3,850.00

d. Frantz Plumbing LLC for furnace and A/C unit @\$6,499.00

Lansing made the motion to accept the quote from JSM Mechanical LLC @\$2,456.00. Zero seconded.

Motion carried.

Robinson had nothing to report for Parks & Recreation.

Eastern Adams Regional Police Department Commission Report by Robinson & Sullivan:

1. Sullivan discussed the possibility of a Bill being passed for the municipalities that rely solely on State Police coverage to have to pay a tax to pay for that State Police coverage they are receiving.

Streets & Sidewalks Report by Lansing:

1. Sullivan asked where the borough stands regarding MS4. Engineer Smith stated that the borough requested and received a 5 year waiver from MS4 that will expired 2023. In 2022 the borough may be able to apply for another waiver and he suggests that the borough applies for that waiver.

Mayor Eisenhart had nothing to report for Health & Safety.

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

Griffie made the motion to adopt Resolution #01-2019 appointing Ellen Ruhlman to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals with a term to expire the first Monday of January 2022. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Lansing made the motion to adopt Resolution #02-2019 appointing Sonya Duncan to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term to expire the first Monday of January 2020. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Lansing made the motion to adopt Resolution #03-2019 appointing Leroy Stoner to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term to expire the first Monday of January 2022. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Sullivan made the motion to adopt Ordinance #465 regarding attendance for payment of compensation to Borough Council Members and setting and confirming annual compensation. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Two draft ordinances, with discussed changes, were presented to council regarding certain motorized vehicles restricted within the borough and the prohibiting the deposit, accumulation and disposal of yard waste in and upon streets, alleys, curbs and sidewalks. The Council and Code Enforcement Officer Graham will review and present any possible changes or additions at the April 1, 2019.

Council discussed the ongoing issues with the garbage collection company Advanced Disposal. Council is requesting that a representative from Advanced Disposal be present at our April 1, 2019 council meeting.

Zero made the motion granting the request from George Bream to use center square to portray the Easter Bunny as per the letter of request dated January 24, 2019. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

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

Lansing informed the council that he will not be running for a council seat in this year's election.

Sullivan made the motion for adjournment at 8:00 PM. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tania K. Kepner
Secretary/Treasurer