

March 5, 2018

The New Oxford Borough Council met at 7:07 PM on Monday, March 5, 2018, 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 Dorothy Robinson.

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

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)(3) and section 708(a)(4) of the Sunshine Act for the following reasons and purposes: (1) to receive and consider information in connection with the proposed purchase of real property from CSX Transportation, Inc.; and (2) to consult with its engineer and its solicitor regarding information and strategy relative to matters and issues in connection with the dedication of the access street and storm water management improvements of the Bud Avenue subdivision.

Audience acknowledgment / opportunity for public comment:

1. Barry Cockley, Berwick Township Supervisor. Mr. Cockley informed the council that he is will be running for Will Tallmans position this year.
2. Chief Staab, Eastern Adams Regional Police Department. Chief Staab informed the council of the incidents that occurred in the borough during February 2018. Discussed was the out of area calls and costs and updating the curfew ordinance.
3. Dustin Poist, UH&L. Mr. Poist informed the council of the incidents, training and fund raising events that are going on. There are discussions in progress with Hampton Fire Company about them joining UH&L. Council singed certified fire fighter forms.

Zero made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2018 council meeting as presented. Lansing 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 made the motion to pay the bills as per the Vendor Balance Detail Report. Zero seconded. Motion carried.
2. Sullivan made the motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds Report by Zero:

1. Refinishing doors on old fire hall on West High Street. Fred Gable will help with this project with the help of additional volunteers.

Parks & Recreation Report by Robinson:

1. Zero made the motion to deny the request from Lincoln Highway Association to place a temporary type sign on center square at the cement marker on the West end of center square, a more permanent sign would be considered. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

Eastern Adams Regional Police Department Commission Report:

1. Sullivan stated that he is pleased with the recognition that Chief Staab gives his officers.

Streets & Sidewalks Report by Lansing:

1. Bud Avenue. Zero made the motion authorizing Rettew to design an as built survey of the storm water maintenance improvements and facilities associated with the Bud Avenue subdivision to enable an entry into a storm water maintenance agreement with the property owners of the Bud Avenue subdivision. Lansing seconded. Motion carried. Eastman stated that the payment for the costs for the survey will come from the funding that is being held from the financial security for the Bud Avenue subdivision.

Community Revitalization Committee Report (CRC) by Griffie:

1. Lincoln Way West Train Station Property. Sullivan made the motion to authorize and accept an extension of the closing of the Purchase Sale Agreement by and between CSX Transportation, Inc. and the Borough to be extended and held on or before June 15, 2018, and to authorize Dorothy M. Robinson, President of the Borough Council and Tania K. Kepner, Secretary/Treasurer to execute and deliver to CSX Transportation, Inc. any addendum for the purpose of extending the Purchase Sale Agreement. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Bosch had nothing to report for Health & Safety.

Mayor's Report by Mayor Bosch:

1. Mayor Bosch will have more information next month regarding the borough logo/seal design project.

Appointment to the Property Maintenance Code Board – tabled.

Sign/Zoning Ordinance Update – tabled.

Curfew Ordinance update – tabled.

Lansing made the motion to adopt Resolution #04-2018 approving fees of the Tax Collector of the Borough of New Oxford and approving the Tax Collector's appointment of Tammie Knight as Deputy Tax Collector. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Purchase of a 2018 borough truck – Bob Redder, Gene Latta Ford. Zero made the motion to purchase a 2018 Ford F150 truck from Gene Latta Ford under the Co-Stars Program. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Zero made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between The County of Adams and New Oxford Borough regarding web site services effective February 1, 2018. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

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

Sullivan made the motion for adjournment at 8:20 PM. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tania K. Kepner
Secretary/Treasurer