

October 2, 2017

The New Oxford Borough Council met at 7 PM on Monday, October 2, 2017, 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 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. Absent was Stanley Wannop.

Solicitor Eastman stated an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Oxford will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this evening's meeting consistent with section 708(a)(3) of the Sunshine Act in order to receive and consider information in connection with the proposed purchase of real property from CSX Transportation, Inc., relative to the meeting of certain contingencies and related inspections and tests as provided for the parties' Purchase Sale Agreement.

Audience acknowledgment / opportunity for public comment:

1. Chief Staab, Eastern Adams Regional Police Department. The Chief informed the council of the incidents that occurred in the borough during September 2017. Chief stated that the 2018 budget figure for the borough will be approximately \$10,000 less than originally submitted.
2. Wilson Moore, 213 Carlisle Street. Mr. Moore asked Chief Staab to stay at the meeting while he submitted his complaint to borough council. Mr. Moore read a complaint that he prepared regarding his feelings that he and his partner are not welcomed or wanted in the community. Mr. Moore feels as though he cannot get information that he requests and that the borough is not willing to change and adapt to the current world, accept new ventures, new ideas or new events and if the borough does not change we will die. Mr. Moore informed borough council that each and every one sitting on the borough today has allowed this behavior to continue and that they can be replaced during the next election cycle. Mr. Moore stated that anyone interested in running against the current members of the borough council can count on the maximum financial support from his business, his partner and himself.
3. John Tosten, Tosten Enterprises. Mr. Tosten is the contractor who repaired and painted the town clock. Costs exceeded the quoted price by \$3,245. Mr. Tosten explained in detail to the council the work that was completed.

Sullivan made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2017 council meeting as presented. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Sullivan made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as presented. Zero 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.
3. Sullivan made the motion to pay John Tosten, Tosten Enterprises, \$3,245 additional as per the invoice submitted for the extra costs for the repairs and painting of the town clock. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds Report by Zero:

1. Restore doors on the Old Fire House – tabled until Spring.

Parks & Recreation Report by Robinson:

1. Two memorial trees were planted on center square today. One tree is a White Fringe Tree in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Martin. The other tree is a Kousa Dogwood Tree in memory of Kathrynne Millhimes-Becker.

Eastern Adams Regional Police Department Commission Report by Sullivan:

1. Sullivan made the motion directing Solicitor Eastman to prepare and advertise an ordinance for adoption at the November 6, 2017 council meeting authorizing the entry into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for joint police services with Oxford Township to take effect on January 1, 2018. Zero seconded. Motion carried.
2. Sullivan stated there is a \$158,570.40 surplus in an old checking account. Out of this surplus \$40,000 has been set aside because it may be owed into the pension fund. This leaves a surplus of \$118,570.40. Based on the percentages the Borough and Oxford Township pay, \$37,622.39 could come back to the Borough and the rest to Oxford Township. Sullivan stated that the Commissioners have no plans for these funds but would like to see the money stay in this account and not go back to the municipalities. Sullivan made the motion to let the \$37,622.39 that is currently available to us, that is marked as the borough's money, not to be used for maintenance or operation use, stay in the surplus checking account contingent upon Oxford Township leaving their funds in the surplus checking account as well. Zero seconded. Motion carried.
3. Sullivan made the motion that within a year or two if the \$40,000 that had been set aside to pay to the pension fund has not been paid out to the pension fund, be put back into the surplus checking account. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee Report:

1. Jeremy Smith stated that the 2017 road work is complete.
2. Jeremy Smith stated that the Bud Avenue work should be completed this month.
3. Council discussed and decided to continue to paint driveways the same way we have been painting them for years.
4. Council discussed making a portion of West High Street near the railroad bridge no parking.

Community Revitalization Committee Report (CRC):

1. Solicitor Eastman stated that CSX Transportation approved the property survey that was submitted with regards to the purchase of the Lincoln Way West Train Station Property.

Health & Safety Committee Report by Mayor Bosch:

1. We are seeking volunteers to help with trick-or-treat night which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6 – 8 PM.

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

Appointment to the Property Maintenance Code Board – tabled.

Sign/Zoning Ordinance update – tabled.

Merle & Beverly Smith, 333 Hollywood Avenue – Final Subdivision Plan. Zero made the motion to approve the Final Subdivision Plan for 333 Hollywood Avenue contingent upon approval from DEP for the sewer planning module. Lansing seconded. Motion carried.

Zero made the motion to adopt Resolution #05-2017, Articles of Incorporation, terms of existence for the New Oxford Municipal Authority scheduled to expire May 11, 2027, but shall be increased to a date of 50 years from date of approval. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

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

Sullivan made the motion for adjournment at 8:39 PM. Zero seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tania K. Kepner
Secretary/Treasurer