

October 7, 2019

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

Audience acknowledgment / opportunity for public comment:

1. Brian Platt, 214 West Golden Lane, owner of United Defense. Mr. Platt has a complaint regarding the borough's Code Enforcement Officer James Graham. Mr. Platt stated that his complaint is about how Mr. Graham treated him, that Mr. Graham is very unprofessional. Mr. Platt has been in contact with Mr. Graham's employer, Clem Malot from PA Municipal Code Alliance (PMCA). Mr. Platt's attorney has been in contact with PMCA and stated that he will also be in contact with the borough's attorney.

Sullivan made the motion to accept the minutes from September 3, 2019 as presented. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Sullivan 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. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.
2. Sullivan made the motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

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

Parks & Recreation Report by Robinson:

1. The Boy Scouts completed their community service project at the borough building and center square by painting, pulling weeds and cleaning out flower beds. They did a wonderful job. A letter of thanks will be sent.

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

1. Sullivan made the motion that the Chief is no longer required to submit a monthly Out of Area Report to the council. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Streets & Sidewalks Report by Lansing:

1. Sullivan made the motion for Ordinance No. 468, amending Chapter 15, Part 4, Section 405 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of New Oxford, by removing certain locations on Lincoln Way East and Lincoln Way West where parking time is limited to certain days and hours to be advertised for enactment at the November 4, 2019 council meeting. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.
2. Robinson questioned having the School Zone signs that are located on North Peters Street removed since the Immaculate Conception School has closed. Tabled until the November 4, 2019 council meeting.

Mayor Eisenhart had nothing to report for Health & Safety.

Mayor's Report by Mayor Eisenhart:

1. Mayor Eisenhart questioned the blue damaged signs on Lincoln Way East. Robinson will speak to the maintenance man about this.
2. Robinson mentioned getting solar directional signs for center square. Engineer Smith will review. Tabled until the November 4, 2019 council meeting.

Griffie made the motion authorizing President Robinson to execute the YMCA's Emergency Plan for the Discovery Program at the New Oxford Elementary School. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

Review Ordinances:

1. Griffie made the motion directing Solicitor Eastman to prepare an ordinance regarding regulations of chickens/ducks for review at the November 4, 2019 council meeting. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.
2. Griffie made the motion directing Solicitor Eastman to prepare an ordinance regarding the use of drones for review at the November 4, 2019 council meeting. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.
3. Council and Solicitor Eastman discussed and reviewed the ordinance that currently is in place regarding council meeting pay.

Emory United Methodist Church – vendor parking complaint (transient retail license). The following from the Church and Church Daycare were present: Dian Cramer, Erin Wheeler and Cara Nutting. Council and members from the Church and Church Daycare discuss possible solutions such as, controlled days and hours of sales and designated parking for vendors. The main concern is when daycare is in session from September – May. When the vendors are parked in front of the Church, children and parents must walk further to get to the Church which is not safe. John Unger, a vender, was also present and spoke regarding some of the issues. Council tabled until the November 2, 2019 council meeting.

Garbage Bid Results:

The following companies submitted bids for the 2020 – 2022 garbage collection contract for five different collection options: Waste Connections, Penn Waste (no bid), Neiderer Sanitation, Advanced Disposal and Waste Management. Neiderer Sanitation was lowest bidder for all five options. Sullivan made the motion to select Option 5 @\$178.00 per customer per year from Neiderer Sanitation effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, with the option to extend the contract one year as long as the hauler keeps the rate the same. Griffie seconded. Motion carried.

Griffie made the motion directing Solicitor Eastman to prepare a resolution setting the quarterly garbage fee at \$47.00 per customer effective January 1, 2020. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

Stormwater Facilities on State Highways Resolution – tabled.

President's Report by President Robinson:

1. Hire part time maintenance help – tabled.

Griffie made the motion for adjournment at 8:53 PM. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tania K. Kepner
Secretary/Treasurer