

May 3, 2021

The New Oxford Borough Council met at 7 PM on Monday, May 3, 2021, in borough council chambers located at 124 North Peters Street, New Oxford, for their scheduled and advertised council meeting.

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

Roll call of those present: John Griffie, Matthew Johnston, Linda Kane, Dorothy Robinson and Amanda Sipe. Also present were Mayor James Eisenhart, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Engineer Jeremy Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Tania Kepner.

Solicitor Eastman stated an executive session of the New Oxford Borough Council will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this evening's general business meeting of the Borough Council consistent with section 708(a)(4) of the Sunshine Act in order to consult with its litigation attorney and the Borough's solicitor regarding information relative to the mediation and settlement conference conducted by the Magistrate Judge in connection with litigation filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to Docket No. 1:19-cv-01829-CCC captioned Brian Platt, Plaintiff v. James Graham, Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc., New Oxford Borough, et al, Defendants, and to review and discuss information in connection with issues on which identifiable complaints have been made or are expected to be filed.

Audience acknowledgment / opportunity for public comment. There was none.

Sipe made the motion to approve and accept the minutes from the April 5, 2021 council meeting as presented. Johnston seconded. Motion carried.

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

Finance, Budget & Treasurer's Report by Johnston:

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

Building & Grounds Report by Robinson & Johnston:

1. Johnston state the batters cube is completed. The field cannot be used until a list of coaches and a schedule is received.

Parks & Recreation Report by Robinson & Kane:

1. Robinson stated that an Eastern Red Bud Tree has been donated for center square.

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

1. Chief Staab informed the council of the incidents that occurred in the borough during April 2021.

Griffie had nothing to report for Streets & Sidewalks.

Mayor Eisenhart had nothing to report for Health & Safety.

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

Alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board. A letter of intent was received from Carole Waddell for the alternate seat but Mrs. Waddell does not qualify because of her position on the Adams County Board of Elections.

A letter of resignation, effective May 3, 2021, was received from Vacancy Board Chair, Julie Stoltzfoos. Sipe made the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Julie Stoltzfoos and to appoint Lisa Griffie as the Vacancy Board Chair. Kane seconded. Motion carried.

Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Renewal. Sipe made the motion to authorize the granting to Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC and Comcast of Colorado/Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC of a non-exclusive franchise authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of a cable system and service within the Borough of New Oxford, Adams County, Pennsylvania, for ten (10) year term consistent with the terms and conditions of a Franchise Agreement submitted for proposed renewal of the cable service franchise of Comcast. Johnston seconded. Motion carried.

Ambre Noel, SJC All Stars – leasing the gym. Council discussed the leasing of the gym with Noel with regards to the possible effective/move in date. The gym schedule will need reviewed as the gym is booked with consistent renters.

The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County, Adams Apple Bike Ride, May 15, 2021 – requesting use of the Borough Building facilities as a rest stop area. Griffie made the motion denying the request. Johnston seconded. Motion carried.

Gabriel Francisco – Eagle Scout Project proposal. Johnston made the motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project as presented. Griffie seconded. Motion carried. Francisco stated he will be seeking donations to fund the project and asked if he did not receive enough donations if the Borough would donate. Council informed Francisco to contact the Borough if more donations are needed. Council member Johnston stated that he will personally donate \$250.00 and newspaper and cardboard that is needed for the project.

New lawn mower – tabled.

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

Griffie made the motion for adjournment at 7:54 PM. Sipe seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tania K. Kepner
Secretary/Treasurer