

**NEW SALEM BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 3rd, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

<u>BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT</u>	<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>
Edward Mundorf	Clarence R. Lloyd, Mayor
William Baldauf	D. Michael Craley, Solicitor
Peter Partridge	Connie Wentz, Secretary
Kim Martin	Jeff Koons – Zoning Officer
Susan Barley	
Harvey Thumma	<u>Public Present</u>
	Fire Co
Absent: Cecilia Harvey	

The New Salem Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday August 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. President Mundorf led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comments/Visitors-

- Resident Marlin Barshinger addressed the council about 07-08, petition of variance, that 301 N Main St. was to put up a fence. Lived in Borough for 40+ years and never complained until 2011, until business employees would create noise next door. Had come to Borough Council to complain many times and nothing was done. Or something was done, and another problem was created. Addressed some issues during the Planning Commission meeting and has contacted his own personal attorney to discuss to take own action, since Borough has not done anything about his many complaints. Referenced 2440, Sec B. Would like to excuse himself from Zoning Hearing Board pertaining to 301.
- Mary Jennings- 4770 Robinhood Dr. Would like to address the speeding in the development. Stated she is embarrassed for our area, people that use the profanity “F*\$k”, the use and display of the word is ok? Solicitor Craley said that unfortunately that is Freedom of Speech. Used in a political term.
- Fire Co: Asked about if any consideration towards purchase of gear.

Approval of Minutes-

July 7th 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Councilmember Partridge to approve the minutes. Councilmember Thumma seconded, **motion carried.**

Zoning & Code Enforcement- John Koons

- Met with Mr Diaz, the new owner of 301 N Main St., regarding getting rid of lingering vehicles on the property. Has a few that he will keep on the property, will need to be tagged. Mr. Diaz is making an attempt to correct.
- Has gotten some documents from McLucas regarding 11 N Main St.
- Discussed ongoing properties of concern in the borough from John McLucas.

Engineer’s report- Jason Brenneman w/Holley & Associates

- Discussed the curb replacement, debated on ARPA funds to cover. Storm Drain need to be fixed first. Councilman Baldauf made a motion for Jason to go ahead with the concrete pipe and to not go over \$7,500, Councilman Partridge seconded, **motion carried**.
- Stormwater drainage. Councilmember Barley made a motion that the Borough is responsible for the drainage pipe in the backyard of 3045 Kind Richards Ct S, and the maintenance of the vegetative growth in the drainage swale is the responsibility of the homeowners. Councilman Martin seconded, Councilmember Partridge abstained due to a conflict of interest, **motion carried**.

Solicitor's Report-

- Forry St Ordinance: Discussion of properties surrounding Forry St that installation of s gate would affect. Put in effect for October. Courtesy letter sent out to residents surrounding, for those that may have any issues. Councilmember Partridge made a motion for Solicitor Craley to move forward with drafting an ordinance to vacate Forry St, where it crosses by the firehouse, Councilmember Baldauf seconded, **motion carried**.
- Sewer bill past due payments are being paid up by some residents
- Amended Sunshine Act: beginning in September only the items on the agenda can be discussed
- Sherwood Inn Property Owners fighting for Right Of Way. Currently in mediation

Unfinished Business-

- **Sewer**- Online billing is not yet ready. Returned mail from SGB coming back to New Salem. Top 5 arrears property will move on to next step.
- Rocks spilled over at YNS entrance; Have Tyke Shubert put diametric sand on the corner to hold the stones together. Secretary Wentz will reach out to Tyke. Councilman Thumma made a motion, not to exceed \$250, Councilmember Partridge seconded, **motion carried**.
- Councilmember Martin made a motion for Tyke to spray for weeds, Councilmember Barley seconded, **motion carried**

New Business-

- Sunoco sidewalks still not done. Sidewalks are owned by property and PennDot will not respond. Mayor Lloyd was asked to provide proof that drawings were provided to PennDot and no permit was provided.
- Fire Dept Equipment- Question of whether ARPA Funds can be used for turn-out equipment. Sets are \$4000 each. Five sets cost \$20,250. Discussed authorizing this amount to pay for personal protection equipment to the fire company from the ARPA account to the vendor when the fire company gives Secretary Wentz the bill. Councilmember Barley so moved, Councilmember Thumma seconded, **motion carried**. Secretary Wentz had informed President Mundorf and Councilmember Baldauf to sign the account at Peoples Bank.
- Wheeled recycling totes should be requested when garbage contract is up for renewal.

Financial Statements & Approval

- Councilmember Partridge discussed meeting with Secretary Wentz about disconnect in February in net income and asset value of about \$31,000. Met a few times with Secretary Wentz and spoke with former secretary Shaffer and was not able to come up with solution. Councilmember Barley made a motion to approve the statement subject to anomalies being

resolved, Councilmember Baldauf seconded, **motion carried**,

Correspondence & Reports- None

Secretary's Report-

- Briefly went over ARPA Funds.
- Discussed changes on Met-ED rate change. Councilmember Partridge made motion to approve, Councilmember Barley seconded, **motion carried**.
- Secretary Wentz would like to put all money into Peoples Bank. Councilmember Partridge made a motion to go ahead and move all monies into Peoples Bank, Councilmember Baldauf seconded, **motion carried**

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Mayor's Report-

- Suggest picture taking of council members
- Wants to know why we don't use North Codorus for services. Borough tried before with no luck

Police Report- No report given

Committee Reports-

- Sidewalk- No report
- Building- No report
- Highway- No report
- Sewer- No report
- Stormwater- President Mundorf gave a report on a meeting he attended.

Around the table:

- Councilmember Baldauf discussed reimbursing Jefferson Borough, for stamps, items, etc. for June and July.
- Councilmember Martin discussed her frustration with email communication response, and not getting a response.
- President Mundorf mentioned he is participating in webinar for which he would like to be reimbursed. Councilmember Partridge made a motion for Borough to reimburse, Councilmember Baldauf seconded, **motion carried**.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm until next meeting on Sept 14th 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

An executive Session regarding personal matters to begin approximately 10:20 pm.