

## MINUTES OF THE NEW SALEM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2025 at 80 N. Water Street, York New Salem, PA

The New Salem Borough Council reconvened at 7:00 pm on Tuesday March 18, 2024 from its March 4<sup>th</sup> regular Council Meeting which had been recessed due to insufficient public notification.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kim E. Martin, Pres.  
William Baldauf, VP  
Peter Partridge, Pres Pro-tem  
Sue Becker  
Bryan Pugh  
Harvey Thumma Jr.

### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Edward Mundorf, Mayor  
Judy Albright, Sec/Treas (remotely via telephone)  
D. Michael Craley, Solicitor  
Samantha Craley, Asst. Solicitor

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT**

George Donavos (due to military service)

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Michael Hammers, BCO  
David Lipinski, Engineer

Note the following abbreviations:

"Pres" = Council President    "CM" = Council Member    "ST" = Secretary Treasurer  
"Eng" = Engineer    "Sol" = Solicitor    "BCO/ZO" = Building Code/Zoning Officer

- 1. Open Meeting** – The meeting was called to order by Pres Martin followed by prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. She announced that ST Albright is on vacation but is attending via telephone and that CM Partridge will be recording the minutes. It was clarified that CM Donavos was not attending via telephone and is absent due to military service. Pres Martin reminded everyone that they should maintain proper decorum and that she intended to enforce proper rules of order.
- 2. Engineer's Report** – CM partridge mentioned that he had driven by the seepage area on Robin Hood Drive several times on warm dry days and did not notice any water seepage. CM Thumma stated he was notified by someone living in that area that there is a water leak under the road and that York Water would be coming back to fix it.
- 3. BCO/ZO's Report** – Pres Martin questioned if Sol Craley knew more about the approval of ADA ramps at Sunoco. He did not at this time.
- 4. Public Comment** – Stephanie Mundorf read a statement responding to the Borough's attempt to censure her at the February meeting and suppress her free speech rights. Mrs. Mundorf requested that her statement be put in the minutes verbatim and handed a copy to CM Partridge. Her comments are attached and marked as **Enclosure 1**.
- 5. Matters of the Borough** – Expansion of Committees – Pres Martin explained that, henceforth, all members of council are to be considered members of all council committees with the previously

appointed committee chairs and cochairs to be the leads and conveners. Mayor Mundorf requested that he be put on all the committees. It was explained to him that these are committees of the Council and that, as a matter of courtesy, he will be notified of committee meetings and is welcome to attend but is not a member of these committees.

- a. Fire – Fire Company Complaint – Fire Company president Michelle Brown explained the complaint that the Fire Company has against Mayor Mundorf, that he is no longer welcome on their premises, and that the Fire Company is requesting that the Borough Council appoint another council member as the liaison between the Borough and the Fire Company (see attached letter marked as **Enclosure 2**). Mayor Mundorf denied the accusations and proceeded to debate the issue during which he, Mrs. Mundorf, and CM Thumma were repeatedly warned by Pres Martin to be recognized by the chair before they spoke. Pres Martin gavelled for Call to Order. She indicated to Mayor Mundorf and CM Thumma that they each will have a time to speak, but we would proceed orderly and with decorum. Sol Craley said that he believed that Mayor Mundorf or any council member had the right to ask questions or comment on the contents of the letter if done in an orderly manner. CM Partridge stated that he believed that it was not the council's job to adjudicate the complaint but only to respond to the request to appoint another member as liaison. Mayor Mundorf responded that now his ability to speak was being denied, that he was going to speak, and that his ability to discuss was being denied. Pres Martin responded that he may not speak until she says he may speak. Mayor Mundorf then proceeded to question President Brown about the accusations and read a statement which is attached and marked as **Enclosure 3**. CM Thumma asked the fire company representatives how many members the Fire Company presently has. Fire Chief Brock Miller Brown answered that the Fire Company currently has eight certified interior firefighters of which four live in the Borough and that all of the Fire Company members were volunteers and had other jobs so were not always available to answer calls. CM Thumma explained that for many years he has been an advocate for the Fire Company but under the current situation he is no longer an advocate. Pres Martin asked Fire Chief Miller Brown, who is newly appointed as chief, to introduce himself which he did and provided some information about his qualifications to be a fire chief. *Pres Martin called for a motion to appoint CM Partridge as the Borough's liaison with the Fire Company replacing Mayor Mundorf and authorizing CM Partridge to approve any changes to the Borough's call boxes and to act on behalf of the Borough in any other matter regarding county control. The motion was made by CM Baldauf, seconded by CM Becker, and carried with CM Thumma abstaining because he believes this action is wrong, and CM Pugh opposing.* Sol Craley then told CM Thumma that the reason he stated for his abstention was not a valid reason and that he could change his vote to "No". CM Thumma declined to change his vote. Sol Craley reminded everyone that the Fire Company is an independent organization and has the right to exclude anyone not a member from attending its meetings. Pres Martin announced that the Borough would not have a Committee Meeting next week. Without objection, Pres Martin decided not to hear Fire Company Secretary Crone's report at this time. Fire Company Secretary Crone told of her experience, feelings, and motivation as a volunteer firefighter and as representative of how most volunteer firefighters feel

about their service. She emphasized that without the ability to answer calls, firefighters lose their skills, so it is important for Station 8 to continue to make calls and to train its firefighters. Mayor Mundorf said the last time he visited the county to check on fire boxes, about a year ago, Station 8 was dual with North Codorus, so he does not know why Station 8 is not receiving calls within the Borough. Sol Craley confirmed that the Borough has never taken any action to remove Station 8 from the Borough's call boxes.

- b. Sewer – Sol Craley stated that the sewer liens have all been updated and payoff was received from 49 Water Street. As of earlier this year York Water will handle all delinquencies and shut offs if necessary. CM Partridge explained about a problem Cheryl Bahn was having with York Water not receiving her automatic payments for water and sewer from Orrstown Bank and, therefore, sending her a water shut-off notice. Apparently a number of people are having problems with Orrstown Bank. A resident who lives next to 51 North Main Street inquired about the status of that property. She is disgusted by what is going on there – garbage, filth, odors, drug deals, possible human trafficking – and at her wits end. Sol and Asst Sol Craley explained to her that the property was foreclosed and is now owned by the mortgage company who is taking legal action to have the current occupants, who are there illegally, removed which has to occur before any alterations or cleanup of the property can be made. It's frustrating but the Borough can only legally deal with the owner who is being aggressive in dealing with the situation. We can only be patient and let the legal process play out.
- c. Highway – CM Thumma had nothing to report. Pres Martin mentioned two clogged storm drains on Robin Hood Drive and CM Thumma said he would clean them out.
- d. Building – CM Thumma returned his building keys to Pres Martin. Pres Martin stated we would deal with the building keys issue at the next council meeting.
- e. Police Report – Officer Andrew Miller from NYCRPD stated there were 21 calls for service during February which were fairly routine. Pres Martin reviewed the email correspondence between Mayor Mundorf and Chief Lash beginning in September. Initially Chief Lash reached out to Mayor Mundorf. In February 2025 Mayor Mundorf responded to that email and wanted to meet to clarify the mayor's roles and responsibilities with the department. While Chief Lash was willing to answer any written questions from Mayor Mundorf, Chief Lash was clear that, according to the contract between the NYCRPD and the Borough, operational control of police services was the responsibility of the NYCRPD Commission and the Police Chief. Mayor Mundorf never responded with his questions, asserted that the mayor should have a role, Mayor Mundorf stated that the Council had removed him from having any role with the police or to be a delegate to the police commission.
- f. Sidewalks – CM Pugh stated that he would be inspecting the sidewalks again probably before the next meeting.
- g. Personnel – CM Baldauf had nothing to report.

## **6. Not Used**

7. **Approve February 4, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes** – *CM Thumma made a motion to add to the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes a written statement he handed to Pres Martin responding to remarks made by CM Donavos to him at that meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Pugh and carried unanimously.* Pres Martin and ST Albright reminded everyone to get any meeting minute change requests to ST Albright by 9am Monday prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved to avoid having to spend time making changes at the meeting. Mayor Mundorf stated that he took exception to his censure that was included in the February 4<sup>th</sup> minutes and proceeded to read a detailed rebuttal of each point in his censure and declaring that each point must be revoked. His statement in its entirety is attached and marked as **Enclosure 4**. CM Thumma left the building for 16 minutes during Mayor Mundorf's statement. At the conclusion of his statement Mayor Mundorf asked Pres Martin if she would say there is a conflict between the Mayor and the Council, or specifically between the Mayor and Council President. She asked him to repeat the question. He asked if she thought there was a conflict between him and council, to which she replied that she did believe there is a conflict. Mrs. Mundorf asked that her statement during Public Comment be added to last month's minutes. Sol Craley stated that since the statement was made during Public Comment at this meeting it should appear in the minutes of this meeting. *Pres Martin called for a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of CM Thumma's statement. The motion was made by CM Partridge, seconded by CM Becker, and carried with CM Thumma opposing.*

*A motion by CM Thumma to revoke the censure of Mayor Mundorf did not receive a second.*

8. **Solicitor's Report** – Sol Craley explained the need to adopt by resolution a simple, straight forward amendment to the intergovernmental agreement that established a York County UCC Appeals Board. Since some may not have had a chance to read the amendment before this meeting he suggested we could either adopt it now or wait until the April meeting to adopt it. *CM Partridge moved to adopt the resolution and authorize it be signed. CM Baldauf pointed out a misspelling which Sol Craley said he was aware of and would correct. CM Baldauf then seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*

**9. Unfinished Business**

- a. Reconsideration of recommendation for Emergency Management Coordinator – Pres Martin shared a concern that Mayor Mundorf called Scott Lackey telling him that his services were no longer needed, even though Mayor Mundorf did not have the authority to do this as he is not yet the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). Mayor Mundorf had not made council aware of the current status of an existing deputy. Pres Martin asked the Council to consider that based on the strained relations Mayor Mundorf has with the Fire Company, the police, and the Council, they may want to reconsider their recommendation to the Governor that he appoint Mayor Mundorf to be the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). During the ensuing discussion it was learned that the Council's appointment at its January meeting of Scott Lackey to be the Deputy EMC until such time as Mayor Mundorf has completed his EMC training and been appointed by the Governor, was not valid because our former EMC, CR Lloyd, who had the authority to appoint a Deputy, had appointed Justin Williams as his Deputy. Justin is also the

Deputy EMC for North Codorus. According to Sol Craley, Justin is the acting EMC for New Salem Borough until the Governor appoints a new EMC. Mayor Mundorf stated he has already been in contact with Justin Williams and Scott Lackey about this situation and has not heard anything yet from the Governor's office about his appointment. Further discussion ensued about the necessity for the EMC to have good working relations with the New Salem Fire Company given that the Borough was also served by North Codorus. CM Partridge commented that the long-term objective was to get Station 8 up and running successfully again. *During the discussion Mayor Mundorf and Mrs. Mundorf kept speaking up out of turn and were warned and reprimanded by Pres Martin who called for a motion to ask them to leave the meeting. A motion to that effect was made by CM Becker but did not receive a second.* After further discussion and explanation by Mayor Mundorf about the planning documents left to him by the former EMC, the consensus was that we stick with Mayor Mundorf as the EMC if he is appointed by the Governor.

- b. Yard Sale Signs – *After some discussion CM Thumma made a motion, seconded by CM Partridge, to authorize the expenditure of no more than \$70 to purchase four yard sale signs. Motion carried unanimously.*
- c. Newsletter approval – Exterior box for hard copies – Newsletter will be distributed electronically via Savvy Citizen, posted on the Borough website, and with hardcopies available in a weather-proof box mounted outside the Borough Building. *A motion by CM Partridge, seconded by CM Becker, to send out the newsletter with pending edits carried unanimously. A motion by CM Partridge to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$50 to purchase a weatherproof box to be mounted outside the Borough Building, seconded by CM Pugh, carried unanimously.*
- d. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mural Update – Pres Martin stated that, without objection, she planned to drop this idea due to tension and scrutiny, lack of council enthusiasm, and uncertainty about construction by PennDOT. Pres Martin stated that the Lions Club is planning to repair the flagpole and place a flag at the square and that the scouts volunteered to take care of the planter as a community service project. Mr. Mitzel said that he has a pole and flag if that is helpful. Pres Martin said to talk to the Lions Club who are handling the project. Pres Martin asked Ryan Yohe if he would volunteer to power wash the area, but he was concerned that his business would struggle this year, and he would do it for a discounted price of \$200. Asst. Sol Craley indicated that it is important to have the owner and Mr. Yohe form a contract so the Borough would not be liable if there was damage. *After some discussion CM Thumma made a motion, seconded by CM Partridge and subject to the owner's permission, to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$200 to reimburse the owner of the building at the square to contract with Ryan Yohe to power wash the area at the square. The motion carried unanimously.*
- e. Savvy Citizen – Thank you to scouts, who can post, statistics – Pres Martin praised the scouts for distributing the Savvy Citizen door hangers and vacuuming the Borough Building. They will also maintain the flower planters at the Borough Building and the square as a community service project whose cost will be donated. *It was agreed that Pres Martin, CM Partridge, and ST Albright would be the only persons authorized to post notices on Savvy Citizen for routine*

*meetings, upcoming events, and urgent matters. Anything of a possibly controversial nature shall be presented to the council for approval. Motion by CM Baldauf, seconded by CM Pugh, to that effect carried unanimously.* Pres Martin mentioned that before we sent out the Savvy Citizen notices there were 311 subscribers to New Salem notices probably mostly from other adjacent municipalities. Shortly thereafter there was a big bump up and as of today there are 454 subscribers, which is an increase of 143. Of the 88 New Salem Borough residents, it is difficult to determine how many households are covered as two or more may be in the same household. \$350 was authorized for advertising but only \$167 was spent so far so there is plenty left to do inserts in the tax bills next fall. The Tax Collector requested that the inserts specify any questions be directed to someone else besides her. Notices can also be placed at the polling place as long as they are outside the restricted area. *A motion by CM Partridge, seconded by CM Becker, that we notify the scouts and Lions Club that the Borough is willing to post their notices via Savvy Citizen subject to Borough review and approval, carried unanimously.* CM Partridge mentioned that, to avoid needless duplication of effort. meeting agendas would be posted only on the Borough website with a notice on Savvy Citizen to look on the website for them.

## 10. New Business

- a. Authorize Tyke Shubert for summer maintenance – *On a motion by CM Thumma, seconded by CM Becker, Council unanimously approved renewing Tyke Shubert's contract for grounds maintenance and other odd jobs for another year at the prices specified in his email which is attached and marked as Enclosure 5.*
- b. PSAB Annual Conference – *At his request, and on a motion by CM Thumma, seconded by CM Pugh, CM Partridge was unanimously approved to attend the PSAB Annual Conference as the Borough's voting delegate with all reasonable expenses paid or reimbursed by the Borough.*
- c. York Co. Borough's Association Dinner/Meeting – CM Partridge, Mayor Ed Mundorf, and Tax Collector Stephanie Mundorf stated they wished to attend. *On a motion by CM Baldauf, seconded by CM Pugh, Council unanimously approved paying for CM Partridge, Mayor Mundorf, Mrs. Mundorf, and the Mundorf's daughter, Alexis, to attend the March 27<sup>th</sup> YCBA dinner meeting.* ST Albright will make the reservations and send a check to cover the cost of these attendees.
- d. Renew Heating/Cooling Preventive Maintenance Agreement – *On a motion by CM Partridge, seconded by CM Thumma, Council unanimously approved \$260 for the annual HVAC service agreement with Stambaugh Plumbing and authorized CM Thumma to make the arrangements with Stambaugh and to have the agreement signed by ST Albright.* CM Thumma's building keys, turned in earlier in the meeting, were returned to him.
- e. Purchase of an AED for Borough Building – After some discussion as to the specific model AED to be purchased, where to locate it in the building, and the need and liability, *on a motion by CM Thumma, seconded by CM Partridge, Council unanimously approved up to \$900 towards the purchase of an AED with the understanding that the Lions Club has agreed to pay half of the*

*cost up to \$700 toward the purchase.* CM Partridge agreed to handle the purchase. Sol Craley reassured there would be no liability because of Good Samaritan laws.

- 11. Treasurer's Report** – Mayor Mundorf inquired about an expense to DOCEO for \$167. It was explained that expense was for the printing of the Savvy Citizen door hangers. *On a motion by CM Partridge, seconded by CM Pugh, Council unanimously approved the Treasurer's report as presented.*
- 12. Secretary's Report** – CM Thumma inquired where we stand on moving the bank accounts. ST Albright responded that the only thing we can do is open a checking account with Orrstown Bank to run the ACH payments through, make deposits, but with no checks, and we will keep the money market which has the majority of the money in it. To close those account would be a nightmare and we would have to change all of the ACH's. The bulk of our money is in PLIGIT which pays a better interest rate. CM Partridge inquired about the status of the streetlights and ST Albright said that Met Ed told her they would take care of them as they were able.
- 13. Mayor's Report** – Mayor Mundorf reported that he attended EMC training on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the York County Office of Emergency Management, got info on future training, and found out the Borough has a Deputy EMC. He retrieved one of the emergency radios from the Fire Company. A second radio remains at the firehouse and Justin Williams, our Deputy EMC, has one also. The Fire Company would not be using the one they have because it is an EMC radio, so it should be given to Justin. On March 4<sup>th</sup> he attended the first of two on-line training sessions on the Sunshine Act and has the ability to access the recorded sessions if anyone is interested in listening to them, which he highly recommends. One important take away was that anything that is agency business requires an agenda and a meeting notice. There are two sessions at an hour and a half each. Because of meetings at work, he was not able to attend the second session. CM Thumma, who attended as well, will forward the power point presentation to the other council members. CM Thumma also pointed out that parts of the law are still being tested in court as to their interpretation in specific cases.
- 14. Around the Table** – CM Pugh said he would talk to his electrician friend about work that may need to be done to install the cameras. CM Thumma described a situation in which he rendered assistance to an 86-year-old man who had fallen on the sidewalk coming down the hill on Sherwood Drive in front of Mayor Mundorf's house. Good News! CM Partridge announced that the Borough was just notified that afternoon by email that it is being awarded a York County LSA Cat 4 grant in the amount of \$85,268 toward the \$145,000 the Borough had requested for road reconstruction on Robin Hood Drive and Palmer Avenue. While less than the amount the Borough had requested, this grant award will still be a savings to the Borough of the award amount.
- 15. Adjourn** – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Pres Martin at 9:47pm.

**Respectfully submitted by CM Partridge standing in for ST Albright.**

Censuring of Tax Collector Stephanie Mundorf – February 4, 2025

A hard copy of this was not given to me during the meeting in order to defend myself. When a copy of this censure was requested by Mayor Mundorf on 2/5/24 to the board members, it took 5 days of emails back and forth from President Martin before finally CM Baldauf complied with an apology for the delay (from President Martin)

WHY?!

My spoken fiscally conservative views have this board conflating “speech with actual violence” which in fact, undermines free speech.

“It is an effective way of preempting debate by disparaging an opponent, rather than engaging in the free exchange of ideas.”

“It is possible definitions could be construed in such a way as to smear ideological opponents by categorizing them alongside violent and terrorist groups.”

This Censure is about Censoring Free Speech, Reprimanding any Dissent by a New Salem Borough citizen which was specifically stated by council in the recording I have of this meeting. It's about a governing body trying to Control its citizens by Scaring them into not speaking their mind in a public forum.

This council should be censored for destroying public documents.

As you will see throughout this censor it is written “on or about”. Is this because you have destroyed public documents?

1. Use of social media to knowingly publish misinformation.

My use of social media is none of your business. And YOUR business as New Salem Borough Council is not to BULLY me so I am too scared to assert my First Amendment Right to speak freely.

2. Both written and verbal harassment, slander, libel, and defamation of character against the council president.

My First Amendment Right to speak my thoughts and concerns openly and freely are not verbal harassment, slander, libel, and defamation of character against the council president. This censure, however, does prove that borough council and President Martin do not want to hear debate or dissent. And that this governing body is willing to verbally harass, slander, libel and defame my character in a public forum with all your governing power against a mere citizen.

3. Intentional efforts to cause unrest between residents and the seated council.

My First Amendment Right to speak my thoughts and concerns openly and freely are not causing unrest between residents and the seated council. And even if it was, it is the right of all citizens of these United States of America to have our own opinions and to speak to them freely. Unless you want to BULLY and censure every citizen of New Salem who has concerns about your irresponsible spending.

Supporting evidence for censuring are found in the following:

**Facebook Post on or about 1/7/25** - Stephanie posted on the **New Salem Borough** page under Ed's thread of "Council President Martin has submitted lies to the York Dispatch"

"Free speech has been voted down tonight at the borough council meeting. They voted to take this page down. They don't want to hear your opinion."

I asked last month during public comment if taking down one post is deleting a public record, isn't taking down the FB page deleting public records? I didn't get an answer to that question. It was rudely and with much disrespect for this New Salem Borough resident, written in the minutes as "She rehashed information from previous council meetings as far back as 8/22/24." And, also, after President Martin stated "Okay let's get back to public comment, finish your five minutes say whatever it is you want to say to us. Have at it." Not very respectful coming from the New Salem Borough council President to a tax paying resident and of course not written in the minutes.

If you wanted to hear residents' opinions you would not have deleted public records on the FB page, so what is untrue about that.

**Facebook Post on or about 1/7/25** – Stephanie posted **the above** on the **New Salem Borough** page under Kim's administrative post notifying residents that the Borough's Facebook page will be coming down in 15 days.

**Facebook Post 1/8/25 – Stephanie posted the above on her personal page adding the following:**

"They found out from the solicitor that it is illegal to delete citizens' posts just because they don't like your opinion, so they are taking the whole page down." And "Better yet, come to the meetings to find out how they are spending your tax dollars because I guarantee you your taxes will be increased for 2026."

Again... I asked last month during public comment if taking down one post is deleting a public record, isn't taking down the FB page deleting public records?

**Facebook Post on or about 1/7/25 – Stephanie posted the following:**

"We are paying West Manchester police and Northern Regional Police at the same time. We have an agreement or contract with West Manchester police for 20 years to repay monies that went to New Salem instead of their police department. That is one reason why we ended our contract with them we would be paying for a current contract and the back payments. And here we are paying TWO police departments. One that gives us no services now and the one who will give us very limited services if we stay within our 15 hours per week. If we go over the 15 hours we will be paying more outside of the our contract."

1. We are not paying two police departments.

We are paying West Manchester Township – as a result from our previously contracting with the West Manchester Police.

2. The monies disbursed incorrectly by York County have nothing to do with West Manchester police department. This was explained in detail at the August 22 police information meeting and explained clearly to Stephanie after she made the same statement during Public Comment at the Oct. 1 council meeting.

We are paying West Manchester Township – as a result from our previously contracting with the West Manchester Police.

3. Our police service through Northern Regional is 24/7. It is believed that 15 hours is enough to deal with specific needs in the borough.

I stated that if we go over the 15 hours we will be paying more outside of the our contract per your meeting minutes 9/3/24: Their contract does include a clause regarding overages in time which Sol. Craley is very familiar with.

4. Our contract is all inclusive. There will not be an increase in 2025.

“Because I guarantee you your taxes will be increased for 2026.” I said 2026 unless you continue to run more of a deficit. AND your minutes have President Martin stating on \$72,000 divided by the number of residents equates to \$88 increase yearly. She also explained the owner of average sized home would pay \$213 more per year. So this contract was originally based on raising taxes... until that wasn't a good look.

**Facebook Post on or about December 24, 2024 - Stephanie replied to a resident's comment.**

Comments extracted from this post include “...The fact is I can collect up to \$76,000 in taxes. The contract with Northern Regional is at least that for a certain amount of hours. We also pay an ordinance officer. When residents start calling police for minor things we will start paying more as will go over the hours. ...The board will raise taxes but they won't say it's for the police...I have been going to the meetings since the sham info meeting in August, these are facts not emotions. ....At the meeting they didn't advertise they were taking a vote on the paper they sent out...”

1. Notification of the meeting was given to the best of our ability. It did not need to be advertised.

You are censuring me for your mistake of not posting the agenda (advertise) 24 hours in advance which proves as of February 4, 2025, this council still doesn't understand the state Sunshine Act law as 6 out of 7 council members approved of censuring me for this.

2. We did a survey to get an idea of how the community was feeling. It was not a vote.

You didn't state that you would be “taking a survey” on your mailer to the residents and that is what I posted. So, it is factually true.

**Facebook Post on or about January 7, 2025 - Stephanie replied to a resident's comment regarding the removal of the New Salem Facebook Page.**

**Comment by resident:** “In an effort to be less transparent?”

**Stephanie:** “Yes. But board members, especially the president can't handle criticism or others' opinions. Come to the meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month public comment is in the beginning. She especially loves her opinion and everyone else's is just nuisance. If she could eliminate public comments she would.”

This council did vote to eliminate public comments by deleting public records on their FB page. So, this is factually true.

Discussion open to Stephanie Mundorf

At this moment I am calling for a motion, based on the aforementioned reasons to censure Tax Collector Stephanie Mundorf.



COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY #1  
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York New Salem Council,

The Body of The Fire company is writing to you due to a concern we have with Mayor Mundorf. Mayor Mundorf was at our January meeting and spoke to our current President in a demeaning tone that is unbecoming of an elected Representative of the Community. Then during the proceedings of our meeting a comment was made and a member of the body spoke up and Mayor Mundorf promptly spun around in his seat and scorned the member of the body who had spoken. To which the member was a female member.

The Body of Community Fire Co No 1 of York New Salem is very unhappy in the way the Mayor has conducted himself at our meeting.

We as a Body have decided we would like to inform the Council of York New Salem Borough that Mayor Mundorf is no longer welcomed at our monthly meetings and we are requesting that immediate action be taken to have another Member of the Council be our Liaison.

As Mayor Mundorf has shown us his disdain for our Fire Company and the blatant disregard for our proceedings as the Body to which we are trying to rebuild the confidence of the Community to protect lives and property from disasters.

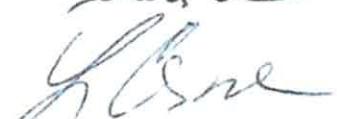
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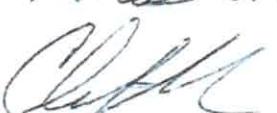
  
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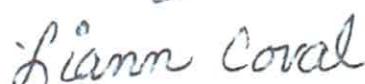
  
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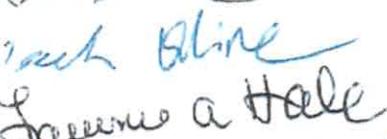
  
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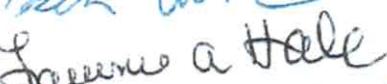
  
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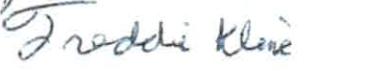
  
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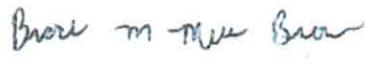
  
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### Enclosure 3

Over the past several years, this Borough has experienced much turmoil and turnover of Presidents and Fire Chiefs of the Community Fire Company #1 of York New Salem. In the past year alone, there have been several of each. And as each transition of leadership occurs, there is always accusations of theft or lying. In some cases, the accuser laying the blame ended up being the culprit. More recently, there were false accusations from President Brown against a member of the community for theft. In the past, I have petitioned Council to reassess our relationship with the Fire Department with the hopes the organization would regroup as a functional Fire Department to first and foremost protect this community. Instead, it has shown to be nothing more than a bingo hall, and has even unapologetically failed to arrive on scene to a fire within a couple hundred yards of its doors on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. From my petitions, Council has acted accordingly by no longer supporting them with monetary payments of their Insurance Policies. Therefore, I have proven that I am trustworthy and truthful to this Council. Truthfulness is the key to how I consider others. If you were to ask my son "what is the worst quality a person can have", he would immediately and definitively answer lying. I abhor it. But to now be accused by the same organization from a President I barely know, and have zero reason to act in any other fashion than professional, is disgusting. And to imply that my so-called actions were driven by gender is even more appalling. Furthermore, to have a Council President be swayed by baseless and unproven claims without providing me the professional courtesy of innocence before proven guilty is no longer shocking, which in and of itself is shocking.

As I look over the last 10 years of my employment with Johnson Controls, I have worked with many people throughout the world. This includes professionals across the globe from 10 different countries. I have worked under 9 managers, I have managed over 40 subordinates, and I have worked with well over 100 peers, many of them female. I would challenge anyone to find a single person within Johnson Controls to say I am anything other than dedicated and professional. Which is why I have recently been promoted to a position to Manage some of the smartest people I know. In fact, one of my subordinates has worked for NASA. You don't get to my position if you are without exemplary character.

I cannot begin to understand why President Brown has decided to falsely accuse me of these actions. But more than that, I cannot begin to understand why President Martin has created an agenda with the obvious intent to further strip me as Mayor of any existing authority or duties. I will leave it up to Council to determine why.

Sincerely,



Edward Mundorf

Mayor of New Salem Borough

I will address each censure item directly as I was not provided a copy of the 15 high level items, resulting in 28 specific items to be addressed.

I would appreciate not being interrupted while I go through my response to the censure.

As instructed by President Martin to Vice President Baldauf "Ed has the opportunity to comment on the content of the censure. It does not need to be debated. It does not need to be jury and right or wrong. You can comment, and you Bill, can thank him for his comment". President Martin continued "There are no comments from the audience, he may comment and you say thank you for your comments". And Vice President Baldauf said "uh huh". President Martin continued to instruct Vice President Baldauf on how to proceed. This explicitly shows how members of council are complicit. Even though Vice President Baldauf stated in the beginning that President Martin will refrain, President Martin interrupted the proceedings several times.

Vice President Baldauf stated, and with no hard copy for me to directly address, "This stays on point to the comment that are in this statement." How was I supposed to properly address each item. I wasn't. And like President Martin stated, there is no debate, so how was I going to defend myself.

Direct Address of items

1. Providing unsolicited and incorrect information to the York Dispatch Newspaper
  - a. Concerning my statement that "the switch from PA State Police was not done properly",
    - i. Vice President Baldauf admitted "was it messy, sure".
    - ii. President Martin and members of Council violated the Sunshine Act, confirmed by Solicitor Craley on two separate meetings, specifically at the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 meeting where Mike said "If you have two people in a committee, you have got a quorum of a committee", and then confirmed by President Martin when she said it was a committee and "Okay, I'll take that hit". In the York Dispatch, President Martin stated it was three members of Council. So which one was it, committee or members of council?
  - b. "*We will be having a three-year deficit of almost \$200,000 and the police services are part of that*", President Martin lied about several things and violated the Sunshine Act, and The State Police were providing us adequate coverage.
    - i. The three-year deficit is a fact based on financial statements submitted by Councilmember Partridge. 2024 = \$54,000, 2025 = \$112,000, 2026 = \$22,000 => \$188,000
    - ii. The lies I'm referencing are the
      1. \$10,000 donation from a private citizen when it was actually the HOA of Sherwood II
      2. we did need to raise taxes based on the financial statements mentioned above

3. several of you stated as a matter of fact that crime was going up but it was proven with the data provided to Councilmember Donavos that crime was going down.
- iii. From the York Dispatch article on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, President Martin stated "I was fine with the service of PA State Police", and that "the times we had needed them they responded promptly and professionally". Isn't that adequate coverage?
- iv. Based on the statement of Council to censure, excluding Councilmember Thumma, of "There is no truth to any part of this" is factually incorrect. I've proven this all to be true, which contradicts Councils statements of censure.

- c. Therefore, censure item 1 must be revoked

2. Misuse of the New Salem Facebook page
  - a. New Salem Borough has no social media policy. Samantha even cautioned you to adopt a social media policy, in which Council did not.
  - b. The argument could be made that President Martin misused her position as President to put out her agenda to both The York Dispatch and Fox 43 News without getting approval from council. President Martin said she had to get it out quickly because they requested it quickly. This is a misuse of her authority as the President of Council instead of getting approval from Council. How is this different from me posting on Facebook?
  - c. Therefore, censure item 2 must be revoked

3. Both written and verbal harassment, slander, libel, and defamation of character against the Council President
  - a. I asked the question of President Martin needing to get approval, and I mentioned the lies of not needing to raise taxes based on the statement by Councilmember Partridge in a meeting that "we cannot go year over year with this spending". The statements "...you are using the police to increase your property value", "there might be a violation" and "This may need to be brought to the attention of state agencies" are simply statements and are not threatening in nature. Besides, President Martin stated in an article that "police presence WILL increase our property values". In no way are my statements harassment, slander, libel or defamation of character of President Martin as I am reiterating President Martins statements to the public, and I am stating the violation of the sunshine act that was admitted to by President Martin.
  - b. Therefore, censure item 3 must be revoked

4. Intentional efforts to cause unrest between residents and the seated council
  - a. Council stated my intent to cause unrest, but tell me, where is it? I don't see any unrest at any of the meetings. How is asking residents to attend council meetings inciteful? You should welcome our residents to come out to the meetings and to ask questions. Prove that it is my intention to cause unrest between residents and the seated council. You cannot.
  - b. Therefore, censure item 4 must be revoked

5. Facebook posts

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- a. 8/28/2024 Facebook post
  - i. Again, New Salem Borough does not have a social media policy.
  - ii. Why am I censured by the statement of "To make sure the governing body does not take advantage of the citizens"? I am concerned by the spending combined with the statement that we don't need to raise taxes.
  - iii. President Martin generalized taxes but only continued with "accurate" statements about taxes after residents questioned how President Martin disingenuously mentioned taxes would be a \$1.68 per person.
  - iv. The statement "denied the ability to speak" was obvious because there was only public comment and no debate after the approved speakers presented their information, "approved" as defined by President Martin. This was confirmed by Vice President Baldauf as he stated "there was only public comment, no debate" during the meeting of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. President Martin specifically stated she felt an ambush (i.e. debate), and "If you would have come to me earlier in the day and said, I ran the numbers and think different, I may have looked at the agenda, I may have said yes, but when I sensed tension (i.e. disagreement) ...We had what we were going to say..." President Martin not only admitted to denying the room for debate during a Council meeting, but she gave only 6 hours prior to the meeting to review the agenda. I had less than an hour between getting home from work, reviewing the agenda, and responding. That meeting should have been recessed so ALL council members and the Mayor could have reviewed the agenda and provide feedback for proper debate.
  - v. When I stated that taxes would double, it was based on the fact we will run a deficit over three years and it would be required to raise the milage rate by 1.5 to pay for the \$76,000 in additional spending, initially. When I stated taxes COULD end up raising from \$230.91 to about \$690, I stated they COULD! All of this, then and now, is accurate which contradicts Council's statement in the censure.
  - vi. Therefore, this censure item must be revoked
- b. 8/29/2024 Facebook post
  - i. This is a private page unaffiliated with New Salem Borough Council. To censure me as a private citizen is to violate my First Amendment rights as per Scaringi Law Firm. And shutting down the New Salem Borough Facebook page is destroying public record, which is another violation of the Sunshine Act.
  - ii. Therefore, this censure item must be revoked
- c. 9/11/2024 Facebook post
  - i. This is a private page unaffiliated with New Salem Borough Council. To censure me as a private citizen is to violate my First Amendment rights as per Scaringi Law Firm.

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- ii. President Martin did indicate on the agendas to vote on the Police contract prior to seeing the Police contract, and prior to the budget meeting of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The items can be found on the agenda meetings of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- iii. Taxes should have been doubled based on information presented above, to include three-year deficits and the statement by Councilmember Partridge that “we cannot go year over year with this spending”.
- iv. Arguably, taxes could be tripled to address the current spending and future budget shortfalls. While I was President, I proposed taxes to be raised each year to address curbs and other issues of the borough. President Martin agreed each time, but said we should wait another year each time. Now we need funds for Police services, curbs, and road repairs.
- v. Therefore, this censure item must be revoked

- d. 12/28/2024 Facebook post
  - i. Again, New Salem Borough has no social media policy.
  - ii. All statements made in the post were accurate, and even Councilmember Partridge stated “we cannot go year over year with this spending”.
  - iii. Therefore, this censure item must be revoked
- e. 1/3/2025 Facebook post
  - i. Again, New Salem Borough has no social media policy.
  - ii. In the post, I never stated “stacked up cruisers or our costs will stack up”. But the Facebook post is no longer available to prove that. And again, shutting down the New Salem Borough Facebook page is destroying public record, which is a violation of the Sunshine Act. The other information in the post I did state, and are arguably facts the way I see them.
  - iii. Therefore, this censure item must be revoked
- f. In Summation, and to address the Censure statement of “
  - i. How does any of the information in the censure “clearly equate dereliction of the duties of a Mayor”? Council must answer this! This is actual slander by members of Council. Councils inflammatory remarks of “calm a mob, rather than incite”, or “remove nuisances, not cause them” is equating me to the KKK or the mob’s burning cities in 2020. I’m exposing the actions of council as dereliction of duty where you have been secretive and proven to have violated the Sunshine Act several times.
- g. Furthermore
  - i. President Martin, you do not have the authority to deny me consultation with the borough solicitor. You need to verse yourself with Title 8. In many places it states

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"Mayor and/or members of Council". It never states "The Mayor, with the authorization of Council President". In your email, President Martin, you stated to Solicitor Craley "It's possible that Ed may reach out to you for legal advice. Please remember that we have not authorized this..." The solicitor determines if there is a conflict of interest, not you. So President Martin, wouldn't you say there is a conflict between the Mayor and Council? Or specifically, wouldn't you say there is a conflict between the Mayor and Council President?

h. This entire Censure has no merit or grounds and must be revoked in its entirety. *Solicitor Craley?*

*Because President Martin responded to Mayor Mundorf's question in this meeting that there is a conflict with agreement, I am legally authorized to retain outside council at a cost to the borough. This is clearly stated in Title 8, section 1117.b.*

*Solicitor Mike Craley confirmed.*

**Enclosure 5**New Salem Borough <[newsalemboro@gmail.com](mailto:newsalemboro@gmail.com)>

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**Re: Summer maintenance**

1 message

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To: New Salem Borough <[newsalemboro@gmail.com](mailto:newsalemboro@gmail.com)>

Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 8:57 AM

Good afternoon.

Yes thank you for the friendly reminder.

I plan on attending the monthly meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

But in the mean time here is my prices for the 2025 season.

Yard only = \$ 45 (weekly or when needed)

Field only= \$45 ( bi weekly or when needed )

Also i am still interested in doing the other small projects around the boro like

Weed spray on Curb

Front boro entrance on n main street

Traffic light flower bed

Also any delinquent properties that might come up through out the year

If you have any questions or concerns don't be afraid to reach out to me any time by email or call.  
717 6767930

On Fri, Feb 28, 2025, 9:36 AM New Salem Borough <[newsalemboro@gmail.com](mailto:newsalemboro@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Tyke

Normally at our March meeting we authorize you to do the summer maintenance, mowing, trimming, etc for the Borough.

If you are interested in helping the Borough again this season, please let me know ASAP. If you could, please include your rates & fees.

Thanks

Judy Albright

NSB Sec-Treas