

MINUTES OF NEW SALEM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

President Vicki M. Rohrbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the salute to the flag. Those in attendance were Council members, Susan P. Barley, Stephanie D. Fields, Kim E. Martin, Joseph A. Shubert and Kathleen W. Yeater, Mayor Elwood G. Bahn, Jr.; Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn. Solicitor D. Michael Craley and Councilman Peter E. Partridge were absent from the meeting. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 80 Water Street.

Minutes for the October 4, 2016 meeting will be considered at the November 1, 2016 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Jan Noss, 56 W George St was present to remind Council of the Lions Club Chicken BBQ October 22<sup>nd</sup> Next to Stambaugh Plumbing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Fields/Shubert wait until spring to have Spring Grove clean the storm drains. Motion carried unanimously.
2. After a discussion regarding the revision of the Burning Ordinance (Chapter 71 of the Borough Code) Consensus of Council that more time is needed to study the ordinances and revisions. They do not plan on any action until 2017.
3. Fire Chief Tim Byers was unable to have the documents ready to change the 911 Boxes. Also there will be a delay in locating the ALS from Spring Grove to NCT Fire Company. He will try to have the documents for the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The budget for 2017 was considered by reviewing each line item of the budget proposal for the past 4 years. The budget agreed upon by council calls for revenues of \$ 194,231.30 in addition to cash and investments totaling \$399,060.30 available in the General Fund. Additional revenues of \$20,873.04 plus cash and investments to total \$25,590.89 available in the State Highway Aid Fund. Total expenditures of \$165,305.22 in the General Fund and \$19,650.00 in the State Highway Aid Fund. The budget retains an .85 mill Real Estate Tax, the 1/2 of 1% Earned Income Tax and the 1/2 of 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax. This reflects no change in the current rate of taxation. The Sewer Fund Budget is assuming the collection of \$334,740.00 in Revenues and Expenditures of \$309,686.18.  
**Motion** by Yeater/Barley to accept the budget produced as the proposed budget for 2017 and to authorize the Secretary to advertise the proposed budget as required for public inspection, including a public hearing to be held at 7:20 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 during the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Motion** by Barley/Fields to appoint Keith J. Hunnings, South Penn Code Consultants, LLC as Sewage Enforcement Officer for New Salem Borough effective January 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Stephanie Fields resigned from council as she has moved from the Borough. The open seat will be advertised on the website and sent by email to those persons that have signed up for email alerts - about 93 persons. Letters of Interest must be received by Cheryl Bahn by Friday 10/28 at 6:00 pm. The Council appointment will be made at the November 1 meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE/SECRETARY'S REPORTS/FYI/AROUND THE TABLE**

1. Spring Grove has the print out from the Sewer Cleaning. They are reviewing the report and viewing the videos that match the report. They will report to the Borough when the review/study is complete.

With no further business to come before council, President Rohrbaugh adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm. Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 7:00 pm, at the Borough Building in New Salem.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn