

October 15, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Milford Borough Council was called to order by President Teri Gulick at 6:30 p.m. at the borough building. Members in attendance were: Teri Gulick, Kerin Welch, Lawrence White, Donna Cosmello, Simon Frailey, Don Button and Mayor Scott Smith. Others in attendance were: Amy Hine, Secretary; Chuck Welch, Ted Brewster, Transcript and Nathan Place.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Teri said there have been no changes. We've heard nothing about the house on SR 492/SR11 or Maple Street. Teri said he's working on the permit for the junkyard. Teri said Greg got a request from Tommy Thomas for the borough's permission to manufacture ammunition on the property at 728 Main Street. Teri said Greg recommends approving this request because he has supplied all of the required information. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by D. Button to do a letter for Tommy Thomas approving the request to manufacture and sell ammunition at the facility at 728 Main Street. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by K. Welch to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with L. White abstaining.

Amy added a bill from Precision Power for the installation of the lights in the back parking lot, \$1,200, to be paid by check number 7856. The new total of bills to be paid is \$, 15,703.60. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by L. White to accept the treasurer's report as presented and pay the bills as listed with the addition of the bill from Precision Power for \$1,200 to be paid with check number 7856. Motion carried.**

PRESENT TO SPEAK

Nathan Place said he wanted to open dialogue back up with the borough about the old school property. Nathan said he still has some concerns about the property and he just wanted to know what the borough's idea is of what the use of that property will be in the future; what they expect the use of that property is going to be in the borough. Nathan said about a year ago he came to the council looking for guidance on the property. Nathan said he thought we were all on the same page as far as what the building is and what it has been used for. Nathan said as long as nothing has changed as far as those things are concerned that we are all looking for the same thing as far as what the use of that property is and should be continued to be used as. Teri advised Nathan that because this is in litigation, any request he has should be put in writing to the borough so we can pass it on to our solicitor. Nathan said he came back to the borough level to have a discussion. Nathan said all he needs from the borough is some kind of guarantee that says you as the property owner that is going to make this very large investment is going to be able to occupy the property. Teri said we are not going to discuss it; it needs to be put in writing so we can pass it on to the borough. Nathan said he is stuck until he gets some kind of guarantee from the borough. Nathan said he is having issues with his largest tenant and hasn't been able to secure a long term lease with her. Teri said we can't help with a tenant; that's between him and his tenant. Nathan said he is looking for direction. Teri said we are not going to discuss it; put something in writing.

COMMUNICATIONS

The council received a flyer from Columbia Hose Company seeking donations. The council agreed that we budget 1 mill of tax for fire every year.

The council received a flyer from Susquehanna County Interfaith seeking donations. **A motion was made by L. White and seconded by D. Cosmello to donate \$100 to the Susquehanna County Interfaith. Motion carried.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Scott said he spoke with Councilman Button about the cannons. We usually put them away after Veteran's Day. Lawrence said he thought about covers for the cannons. Chuck said we have enough people to help put them away.

Donna said someone asked her again why we took the Veteran's banners down before Veteran's Day. Amy said it is stated in the order form that they will be up from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COG: There is nothing to report.

Streets: Amy will work with Briechele on the no parking ordinances. We've heard nothing about Foran's catch basin. We are waiting on the estimate from Ron Kowalewski for the ditch on Church Street. Nathan Place asked if something could be done about the frog pond at the end of Cobb Street. Chuck said he can take some millings down to fix it.

Planning Commission: There is nothing to report.

Buildings & Equipment: We are waiting on Ron Kowalewski to do the back parking lot. The generator will be addressed in next year's budget. Don said he has some calls in to contractors about the gutters on the concession stand. Teri said a former president of the Triplets organization asked if a huge picture of the organization from years ago can be hung in the concession stand. The council said it would be okay. Chuck will find a place for it.

Parks & Recreation: Simon said they haven't met. Simon said some of the resident members don't want to be on it anymore. Teri said MaryAnn will help remotely. Teri said we should start looking for grants. Amy will contact Bobbi Jo and ask her about grants. The bank at the park and the memorial project are waiting on Cooper.

Economic Development: The council received emails from Bobbi Jo about the sidewalk project. Teri said the borough's share could possibly be 30% more than what it was last year, so instead of the \$45,000 match it would be \$67,500. Scott asked when the Church Street Bridge would be done. Teri said we are way down on the list. Scott said he was just considering the budget. Donna asked if we can get a grant for the additional money. Donna said she will check on it. Amy said Bobbi Jo has asked for two new resolutions. The first is Resolution #1015202001, requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$145,000 from PennDOT to be used for a pedestrian and vehicular safety project. The second is Resolution #1015202002, entering into a cooperation agreement with the Susquehanna County Housing/Redevelopment Authority for administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Transportation fund program. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by L. White approving Resolutions 1015202001 and 1015202002 and signing of the cooperation agreement. Motion carried.** Donna said she hasn't heard from Jonathan about the SR 492/SR 11 intersection. Amy is working with PSAB on the website.

Police: The council received the new agreement which would increase from \$36 an hour to \$39 an hour. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to authorize the signing of the new police agreement with Great Bend Borough. Motion carried.** Lawrence asked about the speed limit signs coming in to town. Amy said the township is working on it.

Personnel: Teri said we need to do reviews soon.

Ordinance: Teri asked council to continue to review the IPMC and write down any issues/concerns so we can send it on to Mike. Teri said we should try to get this done by the end of the year.

Insurance & Fire: There is nothing to report.

Finance: Teri said they started working on the budget last week and are trying to coordinate schedules for another work session. Teri said they will have it done to present to council at the November meeting. Teri asked council about changing the date of the December meeting to December 10 so it's not so close to Christmas but still enough time to advertise the budget. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by L. White to change the date of the December meeting from the 17th to the 10th. Motion carried.**

New Milford Beautification: Scott said Eleanor Lempke said she will do the greenery in the window boxes and will do the Christmas tree in the gazebo in Midtown Park. We got new lights last year. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by K. Welch to authorize up to \$100 to purchase a Christmas tree for the gazebo in Midtown Park. Motion carried.** Don said the Maple tree that was cut down by the street was donated by Bill Decker's mother when his son was killed in a car accident. Don said he was fine with us putting in another tree farther away from the street.

Zoning: There is nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We are working with Cooper VanCott on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Teri said we already changed the meeting date for December.

Chuck said we need to order spacers for the skid steer tires. The cost is \$525 and \$100 to ship them. Chuck said the cost will be split with the Municipal Authority. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to purchase the spacers and split the cost with the Municipal Authority. Motion carried.**

FYI

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

A motion was made by L. White and seconded by D. Cosmello to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Motion carried.