

NEWVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Public Work Session
OCTOBER 2, 2018 AT 7:00PM

The Newville Borough Council conducted a public work session on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Newville Borough Office, 4 West Street, Newville, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Vice Chairman Robert Over. The invocation was offered by Solicitor Marcus McKnight, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call, the following members were present: Kristina Keebaugh, Joey Diehl, Mike Fry, Bradlee Rickabaugh, and Robert Over. Russell Gould was absent due to an illness. Also present: Mayor Randy Finkey, Borough Solicitor Marcus A. McKnight, III, Esquire, Chief Todd Koser and Local Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Barrick. Visitor; Robert Mellinger.

Committee Matters:

-Public Safety: Mr. Barrick suggested that Borough Council consider establishing a parking restriction on the north side of East Main Street from the Laughlin mill bridge to North Corporation Street. He noted East Main Street in this area is wider than at any other location between Springfield Avenue and the bridge. Mr. Barrick observed just how difficult travel on Main Street is when a school bus and tractor trailer attempted to pass at the same time. He pointed out that Main Street is a primary access route for tractor trailer traffic existing the Blue Mountain interchange of the PA Turnpike, enroute to the distribution center at SR 465, Allen Road in North Middleton Township. It is a primary route for school buses and serves as a secondary haul route to the Cumberland County Landfill. Mr. Barrick noted that commercial vehicle traffic will only increase due to the buildout of distribution centers in Penn and West Pennsboro townships. Attempts by the borough to limit the truck traffic with the help of PennDOT have failed. Mr. Barrick suggested that from North Corporation Street to Springfield Avenue a limited parking restriction should be considered Monday through Friday, between the hours of 6:00AM to 6:00PM. The goal of these parking restrictions would be to ease the flow of traffic on Main Street, and improve public safety. Council members stated they would consider the proposal only after receiving comment from the Main Street residents. The Borough Manager will send a letter to all residents inviting them to attend the November 6, 2018 monthly work session at 7:00PM, at which time the parking changes will be presented and discussed.

Chief Koser presented a budget for the purchase of a new K-9 dog. The Chief suggested a budget of \$15,000 may be adequate, but a more reasonable goal appears to be \$18,000. He reviewed the costs involved including the purchase and training of the dog, special patrol car equipment, food, veterinary services, a kennel and training supplies. The department is considering a drug detection and tracking dog from Castle's K-9 in Monroe Township. The police calendar fund appeal for 2019 will focus on raising money for the K-9. Other fund-raising options were discussed including foundation grants. The borough will provide \$6,000 in the 2019 budget toward the K-9 program. A motion was made by Mrs. Keebaugh, seconded by Mrs. Rickabaugh to authorize the police department to begin a fund-raising program to purchase a K-9. All were in favor. Motion was passed with five (5) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Executive Session: At 7:40PM the borough council adjourned to an Executive Session for the purpose of conducting an employee interview and personnel matters. Mr. Over announced a vote may follow the Executive Session. Council returned to regular session at 8:10PM.

A letter was received from the Newville Borough Police Civil Service Commission to confirm that Shawn Gutshall and Matthew Keller have met the requirements for Civil Service Certification, according to the Rules and Regulations of the Newville Borough Police Civil Service Commission.

The Zoning Officer will resign on December 31, 2018. Borough Council discussed options to fill the position.

Community and Economic Development: Mrs. Diehl reminded the members that a tour of the former Newville Ribbon Mill will be conducted on October 11, 2018 at 6:00PM.

Revitalization Committee: Mrs. Rickabaugh informed the members she has been in contact with an individual interested in painting a mural near the intersection of Main Street and High Street.

Announcements:

- 2018-2019 Salt Bids received by Capital COG show Morton Salt the low bidder at \$59.14 per ton delivered.
- The borough has completed the NIMS Certification process for the Cumberland County Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Newville Borough Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM on a motion of Mrs. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Fry. All were in favor. Motion was passed with five (5) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

The next meeting of the Newville Borough Council will be held on October 16, 2018 at 7:00PM to discuss the 2019 budget. Borough Council will meet in regular session on October 30, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Minutes recorded by:



Fred A. Potzer, Borough Manager/Secretary