

**NEW ALBANY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 17, 2017**

New Albany Borough Council held their monthly meeting at the New Albany Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall on May 17, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Michelle Dunham. All present observed a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Michelle Dunham, Robert Manahan, Dave Manley, and Carson Turner.

ABSENT: Rodney Lee and Phillip DeLong

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Mayor Daniel Dunham, Secretary/Treasurer Rhonda McCarty, Interim Secretary/Treasurer Duane Clark, Borough Employee Jeff McIntire, and Ordinance Enforcement Officer John Harkins

**PUBLIC:**

Laura McIntire, Mike McGroarty, Margaret McGroarty, Carolyn Harkins, Sharon Ashby, Charles Burke, Virginia Hugo, and Sidney Hugo

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the May 3, 2017 Council meeting were previously reviewed by the Council members as they receive the minutes via email prior to the meeting. A correction to the meeting minutes was noted. Robert Manahan made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Dave Manley seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Approval to pay bills was presented to Council. Carson Turner made the motion to pay the bills. Michelle Dunham seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all responded "yes", motion carried. Council Members reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted by the President and it was placed on file for audit.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Mike and Margaret McGroarty expressed dissatisfaction that their 90 Main Street tenant's water was not shut off several months ago when the account balance was sixty days past due. Currently that location's balance is \$1,245.50. Interim Secretary/Treasurer Duane Clark apologized to the McGroarty's stating that the water service should have been shut off several months ago. The McGroarty's do not want the water reinstated until the past due balance is paid in full. The McGroarty's were informed by Council that going forward all of their rental properties' water/sewer accounts will be put in their name not their tenant's name.

Virginia and Sidney Hugo inquired to Council as to when repairs will be done to Lawrence Street and Fawcett Avenue. As Council has discussed many times in the past, the drainage issues coming from the properties on Lawrence Street need to be addressed by the homeowners and corrected. Council has been working on acquiring a grant to fix these streets; unfortunately, there has not been much success with this.

There was, also, a lengthy discussion about barking dogs, properties with accumulated garbage and junk in their lawns, and the problem tenants that live in the numerous rentals in the Borough.

Many of the Borough Ordinances were discussed; such as, curfew and property maintenance. Several of the attending residents stressed that the Borough Ordinances need to be enforced.

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:** Ordinance Officer John Harkins will be fining property owners in violation of the Borough Ordinances.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Nothing to report.

**BOROUGH MAINTENANCE:** Nothing to report.

**HIGHWAY/STREETS:** Council discussed purchasing a load of gravel to fill pot holes on Lawrence Street. Unfortunately, any gravel put in these pot holes will be washed away by heavy rains and end up in the drain at the bottom of the hill.

In preparation for the street sweeping project, Council decided additional cones and vests are needed. Michelle Dunham made a motion to purchase six vests and up to six cones. Dave Manley seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**PARK:** There has been more vandalism at the Borough Park. The surveillance cameras will be viewed. The concession stand will be open for Memorial Day and be staffed by two high school seniors fulfilling their Senior Project.

**SEWER:** John Robinson is considering building a new home on Railroad Street. He has contacted Council seeking approval for water/sewer hook-up. Michelle Dunham made a motion to supply water and sewer services on Railroad Street to John Robinson should he finalize plans to construct a home at this location. Carson Turner seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**WATER:** Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rhonda McCarty, Secretary