

NEW ALBANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2021

New Albany Borough Council held a semi-monthly meeting at the New Albany Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall on July 21, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Michelle Dunham.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Michelle Dunham, Dave Manley, Dawn Garinger, Sheena Pettitt

ABSENT: Rodney Lee

OTHERS ATTENDING: Mayor Dan Dunham, Secretary/Treasurer David Hindman, Jeff McIntire, Laura McIntire, Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier, Phil O'Dell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 21, 2021, were approved with a correction to add the the missing last names of councilpersons rather than just use first names, on motion of Sheena Pettitt, seconded by Dave Manley.

A motion was made by Michelle Dunham to correct the July 16, 2021 minutes to include the hiring of David L. Hindman as the new Borough Secretary/Treasurer effective July 7, 2021. Sheena Pettitt seconded the motion and it carried. Dawn Garinger abstained from the vote since she was not on Council for that meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bills to be paid was presented to council and Dawn Garinger made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Dave Manley seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed on a roll call vote. Council Members reviewed the Treasurer's report and it was accepted by the president.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input

FAWCETT AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & MAIN STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS TO ADDRESS:

SECRETARY/OFFICE: David Hindman asked for approval to purchase a new four drawer file cabinet to replace the current three drawer one which only has two locking drawers. The new one will have four locking drawers and is deeper to store more. Dawn Garinger made a motion to purchase the file cabinet and Sheena Pettitt seconded. It was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

David Hindman recommended Council hire Gavigan and Company to do the 2020 audit and prepare the DCED form. They have done the audit for the last two years for \$2900 each year. Michelle Dunham made the motion to retain Gavigan and Company, Dawn Garinger seconded the motion and it was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

During a discussion about the delays getting reimbursed for out of pocket expenses, David Hindman recommended establishing a \$200 petty cash fund that would be maintained at the Borough office and he could reimburse out of pocket expenses upon the presentation of a receipt. Dawn Garinger made a motion to establish a \$200 petty cash fund, Dave Manley seconded the motion and it was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT: There was no report. Michelle Dunham noted that Jim Canning has been around and is working on some issues. She noted that the dog warden has been around also.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: There is a lot of storm damage from the flooding of June 12, 2021. Dan Dunham has been working on preparing a list to submit to County Emergency Management.

-Overton Road-Water main has been exposed again.

-Rt. 220 across from the old library had to be filled in again

-Lawrence Street is in bad shape-the drain line from Lawrence Street that goes down the hill and empties into the line by the old pizza shop is clogged and the water is finding other ways to get down to Rt. 220. Estimates begin at \$10,000 to replace the drain line from Lawrence Street down to Rt. 220.

-Water coming out on the road across from Wyalusing-New Albany Road.

-The manhole in Ladds Creek that contains the valve where the water line crosses the creek has been completely exposed and undermined. There is also a blow off in the creek that has been bent and is leaking. The estimate is we are losing 25,000 gallons of water per day. Emergency engineering has already been done to bore under the creek to place a new water main. The estimate is that it will cost around \$40,000. Permits have been requested and emergency bids are expected soon.

Michelle Dunham noted that an Emergency Declaration for the Borough was made on July 13, 2021, and it will expire in 30 days. Michelle Dunham and Dan Dunham have been contacting county and state emergency management officials and the Bradford County Commissioners, letting them know we don't have funds for these emergency repairs.

HIGHWAY/STREETS: There is a washout on Pelton Hill Road just before Thal's farm which is going to be a major undertaking to repair.

PARK: It has been too wet to mow

SEWER: The sewer plant only had minor problems with the flooding, but the flow during and immediately after was excessive. The belief is that many people are using sump pumps that are flowing into the sewer system. There are also some instances of storm water drains going into the sewer system. It was noted that both these violations are illegal and the Borough has the right to inspect basements for illegally connected sump pumps. The secretary was instructed to cover this on the next newsletter.

WATER: It was noted that options are being looked at to abandon the water main along Overton Road past Fawcett Street. This line is in the ditch and it gets uncovered with every heavy rain and it is expensive to cover back up.

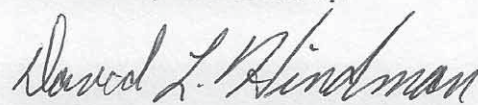
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Michelle Dunham to purchase a new pair of work boots for Jeff McIntire, with a maximum of \$175, as has been an annual purchase by the Borough. Dawn Garinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Michelle Dunham noted that during the storm and flooding, Chris Pettitt had supplied three reflective jackets to be used. She made a motion to reimburse Chris Pettitt \$75 for these jackets. The motion was seconded by Dawn Garinger, and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Michelle Dunham made a motion for adjournment at 6:50 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:



David L. Hindman, Secretary