

NEW ALBANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2024

New Albany Borough Council held a regular bi-monthly meeting at the New Albany Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall on January 17, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Sheena Pettitt.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Dave Manley, Allen Gregorio, Sheena Pettitt, Logan Robinson

ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING: Secretary/Treasurer David Hindman, Michelle Dunham, Matt Jennings, Warren Howeler

Secretary/Treasurer David Hindman acknowledged the receipt of A Bradford County Election Certificate that Michelle Dunham was elected Councilperson. He also received certification that she was sworn into office by Mayor Dan Dunham. At this time Council unanimously moved to Reorganize Council Officers. Michelle Dunham was nominated for President by Sheena Pettitt. The motion was seconded by Dave Manley and unanimously carried. Sheena Pettitt was nominated for Vice President by Michelle Dunham. The motion was seconded by Dave Manley and unanimously carried. Dave Manley was nominated for President Pro Tem by Michelle Dunham. The motion was seconded by Logan Robinson and unanimously carried. President Michelle Dunham took over running the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting, January 2, 2024, were approved as presented on a motion by Sheena Pettitt, seconded by Dave Manley, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bills to be paid were presented by the Secretary/Treasurer. A motion to pay the bills was made by Sheena Pettitt, and seconded by Logan Robinson, and unanimously passed on a roll call vote. David Hindman presented the treasurer's report.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ SUBDIVISIONS/APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Michelle Dunham to advertise Ordinance 2024-1 to manage On-Lot sewage facilities in the Borough. As noted last month, this ordinance is required by the Department of Environmental Protection to complete our Act 537 Sewage plan. This plan must be approved before we can start design work on our new wastewater plant. The ordinance will be brought up for adoption at our next meeting, February 7, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS TO ADDRESS:

SECRETARY/OFFICE: None

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT: Michelle Dunham discussed the situation with several owners wanting to have utilities turned on at condemned properties in the Borough. It was suggested she discuss this issue with our solicitor and other resources.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: None

BOROUGH MAINTENANCE: None

HIGHWAY/STREETS: There have been multiple complaints about snow plowing.

PARK: Closed

SEWER: We need to have Mt. Lake Electric come to the sewer plant and get electric run to the chlorinator building. We also need to have them check out the blower situation and see why it is not working. A motion was made by Logan Robinson, and seconded by Dave Manley to purchase a new blower if needed and have it installed and have the check valves in the manifold repaired. The motion unanimously passed on a roll call vote. A motion was made by Michelle Dunham to increase the hourly wage of Laura McIntire to \$17 per hour. The motion was seconded by Sheena Pettitt and unanimously passed on a roll call vote.

WATER: Nothing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was discussion about changing to another solicitor. We have one candidate interested. It was agreed that Michelle Dunham and Dave Hindman will meet with him.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Michelle Dunham called for an Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The executive session ended and the meeting was reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
David L. Hindman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2024