

**BOROUGH OF NEW BRIGHTON
VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING
December 15, 2020 6:30 pm**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the President of Council, Robb Hartwick. Attending were council members Messrs. Campagna, Glover, Holaren, Lizzi, Mittner, Ramer, Sneed and Mrs. McElvy. Also in attendance were Thomas E. Albanese (Mayor), Thomas J. Albanese (Manager), Nicole Oliver (Assistant Manager), Peggy Griffith (Code Officer), Jim White (Public Works Street Foreman), Eric Bock (Deputy Fire Chief), and Ron Walton (Police Chief).

CITIZENS PRESENT

No Citizens Present

MAYORS REPORT

- Discussed COVID-19 issues in the police department
- Told council of an accident involving a police car
- Calls have remained average

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Peggy Griffith

- Planning commission met and approved the sign application for All That Glitters Boutique, owned by Melissa Mercure, at 1029 Third Avenue.
- Met with new owners for Mulberry Apts and they are excited to get in and make necessary changes.

Public Works: Jim White

- Nothing more to report

Sewage Plant: Evan Dixon

- Not present

Fire Department: Eric Bock

- Nothing more to report

Police Department: Ron Walton

- Discussed a few issues with motorbikes in the area.
- Working on a policy to include the use of bodycams on the officers.

AGENDA ITEMS & REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Mittner – Chair, Glover, Lizzi, Ramer, Hartwick

Agenda Items:

Resolution 2020.12-01: 2021 Real Estate Tax Resolution:

- A resolution has been drafted which will set the real estate tax millage for 2021 at 29 mills. This represents no change in the Borough's tax millage from last year.

2021 Budget:

- The 2021 budget was advertised on Wednesday, November 11 for the required ten day public inspection period in accordance with the Borough Code and can now be adopted by Council on Thursday evening. There have been no changes to the budget since it was presented in the November Manager's Report.

2021 Non-Union Salaries and Benefits:

- Borough Council will be asked to take action on Thursday to approve a 4% salary increase for non-union employees and amend the current Non-Union Employees Policy and Benefit Summary to include other changes in keeping with the public works collective bargaining agreement. The 4% wage increase has been included in the 2021 budget.

Year End Capital Fund Transfer:

- At each December meeting, Borough Council is requested to authorize a general fund to capital fund transfer for the capital project expenses. The transfer will be for an amount not to exceed the net income remaining in the general fund for 2020.

Council Committee Report: Mr. Mittner

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Glover – Chair, Campagna, Holaren, Sneed, Hartwick

Agenda Items:

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Council Committee Report: Mr. Glover

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PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE

Ramer – Chair, Lizzi, Haddox, Sneed, Hartwick

Agenda Items:

2021 Road Paving Program:

- The Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for December 1 to create a 2021 paving list was cancelled. Instead of reviewing the roads together as a committee, Jim White has recommended that the following streets be considered for next year's paving program:
 - Fourteenth Street, from Third Avenue to Sixth Avenue
 - Fourth Avenue, from Fourteenth Street to Sixteenth Street
 - Second Street, from Thirteenth Avenue to the mid-1500 block
 - Eleventh Avenue, from Fifth Street to Seventh Street
 - Eighteenth Avenue/Seventh Street - Grove Avenue to Fifth Street Extension
- Dietrick Lane, from Penn Avenue to 6th Street, is also being recommended for sealing after being recently paved with a cold mix paving course in 2018 and inadvertently omitted from last year's program. If Council is satisfied with this list of roads, the list will be provided to Widmer Engineering for the preparation of a cost estimate and feasibility study to determine how many roads can actually be paved next year. Once complete, Council can then take action to authorize the preparation of a bid package for award in early 2021. A request

has been sent to Columbia Gas inquiring if any projects are planned in town for next year where cost sharing can be achieved. Bob Lizzi requested that Sixth Avenue, from Eleventh Street to Twelfth Street, be added to the paving list.

Caterpillar Backhoe Loader:

- Bids for the sale of the 2011 Caterpillar backhoe loader were opened at 2:00 PM today. One bid was received. The bidder was Jim Shumar with New Atlas Construction in Waltersburg, PA with a bid of \$36,750. A revised quote was received from Cleveland Brothers for the new backhoe loader that reflects the addition of a quick connect device that increases the total of the equipment to \$117,942.00.

Council Committee Report: Mr. Ramer

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RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE

McElvy – Chair, Haddox, Campagna, Mittner, Hartwick

Agenda Items:

Holiday Wreath Auction:

- Council will be informed once all the money has been received from the wreath auction. Many outside donations have also been received. All food will be organized and distributed from Twelve Loaves on Second Avenue. All families will be pre-registered for their pickup time at Twelve Loaves. Arrangements have been made for those that are unable to pickup their food. Toys have also been donated for the families. Inventory will need to be delivered to Twelve Loaves before Tuesday. Members made arrangements for delivery and volunteered time during distribution.

NBASD Donation:

- Following past years' practice, Borough Council will asked to approve a donation to the New Brighton Area School District to be utilized in charitable programs for an amount not to exceed the proceeds from the wreath auction after the purchase of food for the holiday food baskets. Council will be informed once all the money has been received from the wreath auction.

Townsend Park Request:

- Mr. Dennis Brehany, 527 Third Avenue Apt #5, has requested permission to play Christmas carols on his keyboard on the stage in Townsend Park for a few hours. Mr. Brehany is unsure of the exact date, but it would be between December 18th and December 24th and he would inform the office once he decides the date. Mr. Holaren suggested offering BrightonUP parklet for this as well

Council Committee Report: Mrs. McElvy

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NB BUSINESS DISTRICT AUTHORITY : Mrs. McElvy

- Will be meeting virtually on Thursday. All new officers have been appointed.

NB AREA RECREATION COMMISSION : Mr. Mittner

QUESTIONS ON INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

- An amendment to the pandemic policy has been drafted to include COVID-19 procedures. Council will be asked to approve this amendment on Thursday.
- A resolution for a mutual aid agreement for winter road maintenance has been drafted and is to be considered for Council's approval at Thursday's meeting. The mutual aid agreement will allow New Brighton Borough employees to provide winter road maintenance to Daugherty Township, Pulaski Township, and Fallston Borough if needed. A similar resolution will be presented to the 3 other municipalities to provide help when needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Borough Council adjourned at 7:24pm.

Nicole R. Oliver, Assistant Borough Manager