

**MINUTES
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Second Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amber Belson, President
Ryan McGregor, Vice President
Todd Luke, President Pro Tem
Nancy Anderson
Heather Jones
Bill Beardsley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bobbi Jo Morey, Mayor
Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager, via phone
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Sean Lam, Police Chief
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor
Joel Morey, Junior Council Person
Tom Huber
David Meehl
Diana Hanes
Dan Adamus
Dave Jelley
Eric Urbanowicz
Dave Herman
Kara Haas
Jack Di'Orazio

The second monthly meeting of North East Borough Council will be held Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER:

Borough Council President A. Belson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INVOCATION:

R. McGregor offered the invocation.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICERS:

There were no Reports from Elected Officers.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICERS:

P. Gehrlein stated that the Rental Registration is in process, as landlords have been notified by mail. He stated that approximately one-third of expected registrations have been completed to date. P. Gehrlein asked Council to consider extending the registration deadline to May 31, 2024, as the penalty for non-registration outlined in the Ordinance is extensive and he'd like to encourage as much participation as possible. He stated that he will also be submitting an article to the North East News-Journal to draw additional attention to the registration requirements.

H. Jones motioned to extend the rental registration deadline to May 31, 2024, as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

There were no Reports from Standing Committees.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

There were no Reports from Special Committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

North East Marina Authority – Articles of Incorporation

A. Belson stated that the Terms of Service dates need to be reviewed and corrected. P. Gehrlein stated that they will be updated correctly. P. Gehrlein stated that, once approved, the articles of incorporation will be advertised in the Erie Times-News as well as the Legal Journal and submitted to the state by the end of May.

H. Jones motioned to approve the North East Marina Authority—Articles of Incorporation. T. Luke seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-1. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>No</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

North East Fire Department – Act 172 Fire Fighter Tax Credit Program

N. Anderson asked J. Di’Orazio, Fire Chief, how many volunteer firefighters reside in the North East Borough who would be affected by the proposed tax credit program. J. Di’Orazio stated that approximately 10-15 firefighters live within the Borough, but that approximately 10 are currently property owners who would benefit from the program. B. Beardsley asked if the credit was automatically available. J. Di’Orazio stated that firefighters apply annually, submitting rosters of participation in drills, fundraising, call answering, etc. He stated that they currently receive a 20% tax credit, but that they are requesting a 100% tax credit. H. Jones motioned to approve the North East Fire Department – Act 172 Fire Fighter Tax Credit Program as presented. R. McGregor seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Heard Park: Crescent Hose Co. – Public Safety Showcase/Open House (New Date: May 19)

P. Gehrlein stated that Crescent Hose Co. had previously requested and been approved for the proposed event scheduled for May 18, but that they are currently requesting an extension for May 19 as well for a tentative rain date. T. Luke motioned to approve the request for Heard Park: Crescent Hose Co. – Public Safety Showcase/Open House (May 18-19, 2024) as presented. H. Jones seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:11 p.m. B. Beardsley motioned to adjourn. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Bliss (April 16, 2024)

Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager