

**MINUTES
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Monthly Meeting
August 5, 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
Dan Miller, Solicitor
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Sean Lam, Police Chief
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor
Tyler Simmer, Water Supervisor
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor
Allen Dalrymple
Joseph Schneider
Ray Schaff
Jack DiOrazio, III
Ronald Klepadlo
Eric Luke
Paul Crowe
Carolyn Ellsworth
Diana Hanes
Sue Wilson
Rosan Adkins
Jennifer Seigworth
Sherry Reed
Jake Jones

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council will be held Monday, August 5, 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:

B. Beardsley offered the invocation.

MINUTES:

T. Luke motioned to approve the July 1, 2024, minutes 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

T. Luke motioned to approve the July 15, 2024, minutes 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

EXPENSE REPORT:

H. Jones motioned to approve the Expense Approval Report as presented. N. Anderson 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

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:

There were no Reports from Appointed Officers.

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:

Resignation of Terry Thompson, Emergency Management Coordinator

Mayor Morey stated that T. Thompson retired earlier than expected and that a new Emergency Management Coordinator will need to be appointed. A. Belson stated that T. Thompson was appointed Emergency Management Coordinator in 1985 and thanked him for his years of service. H. Jones motioned to approve the Resignation of Terry Thompson, Emergency Management Coordinator as presented. T. Luke 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Resolution 08052024-1: Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator

H. Jones stated that the Public Safety Advisory Committee has been discussing possible appointments to the Emergency Management Coordinator position. P. Gehrlein stated that the Borough and Township are not obligated to appoint the same coordinator but are welcome to do so. H. Jones motioned to approve Resolution 08052024-1: Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator, Jack DiOrazio, III, as presented. T. Luke 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

College Woods Planning Committee Appointment

A. Belson stated that Vicki Stetson is heading up the College Woods project and has asked P. Gehrlein to sit on the planning committee to represent the Borough. T. Luke motioned to approve the College Woods Planning Committee Appointment as presented. N. Anderson 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Eaton Reservoir: PA Sled Dog Club – Two-Day Dryland Sled Dog Race (November 23-24, set up November 22)

A. Belson stated her support of the event, as long as it is not rescheduled during hunting season and that campfire regulations are properly enforced. R. McGregor motioned to approve the request for Eaton Reservoir: PA Sled Dog Club – Two-Day Dryland Sled Dog Race (November 23-24, set up November 22) as presented. T. Luke 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Second Monthly Meeting – August 19, 2024, if needed

P. Gehrlein stated that there would not be a second monthly meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Police Chief Report
- Code Enforcement Report
- Departmental Report
- Manager’s Report
- Commissions and Authorities

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Belson asked Jack DiOrazio, III to give an announcement regarding Shawn Giles Day. He stated that Shawn Giles Day will be held on August 20, 2024, in Gibson Park beginning at 10:30 a.m. He stated that the event will include a press conference, safety demonstration, monument dedication, and refreshments. He stated that it is Adele Giles’ desire to thank the community for their support over the last year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

S. Reed, 1700 North Pearl Street, asked for an update regarding her request for restrooms on the east side of Eaton Reservoir. T. Simmer stated that he is waiting for a response from the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

E. Luke, 38 North Mill Street, thanked the Borough and community for their support of the American Legion and veterans in the North East community.

R. Adkins, 80 Wellington Street, asked if cones could be set up to regulate parking during an event at St. Greg's School in October. Chief Lam stated that he would speak with her regarding PennDOT restrictions and possible temporary parking restrictions.

R. Adkins, 80 Wellington Street, asked if Borough Council meeting minutes were posted online. N. Anderson stated that minutes were posted online once they were approved the following month.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:18 p.m. H. Jones motioned to adjourn. B. Beardsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Bliss (August 6, 2024)

Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager