

**MINUTES
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Second Monthly Meeting
October 21, 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
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Sean Lam, Police Chief
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor
Allen Dalrymple
Dave Herman
Mike Dunlavey
Paul Crowe

PUBLIC HEARING:
Ordinance No. 934 – Borough Cable Franchise Agreement
Borough Council President A. Belson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing ended at 6:01 p.m.

The second monthly meeting of North East Borough Council will be held Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER:

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, Borough Council President A. Belson called the meeting to order at 6:01 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:

H. Jones – Route 89/Route 20 Parking Concerns

H. Jones stated that she has received letters from local business owners regarding parking concerns near the intersection of Routes 89 and 20. P. Gehrlein stated that PennDOT painted the center yellow lines incorrectly after repaving the road, leaving it up to Council to decide how to correct it. H. Jones motioned to remove the first two parking spaces on the east side of North Lake Street, between Main Street and the alley. 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>

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:

Ordinance No. 934 – Borough Cable Franchise Agreement

R. McGregor motioned to approve Ordinance No. 934 – Borough Cable Franchise Agreement 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>

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 10212024-1: SRO MOU North East School District

Chief Lam stated that the resolution being presented is an agreement with the North East School District to provide a School Resource Officer through the North East Police Department. He stated that the proposed MOU outlines the duties and responsibilities of each party and represents an 85/15 cost-sharing agreement. The proposed MOU will be in effect for five years, to be renewed yearly thereafter. H. Jones motioned to approve

Resolution 10212024-1: SRO MOU North East School District 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>

Resolution 10212024-2: CDBG Application FY 2024

P. Gehrlein stated that the proposed funding application allocation will be used for streetscape improvements to the Wall Street area. B. Beardsley motioned to approve Resolution 10212024-2: CDBG Application FY 2024 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 10212024-3: North East Police Department Chief’s Act

Mayor Morey stated that the proposed resolution is in regard to salaried police officers, defining salaries and benefits to protect the officers and the Borough. T. Luke motioned to approve Resolution 10212024-3: North East Police Department Chief’s Act 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>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Freeport Beach/Halli Reid Park – Operations and Maintenance Agreement

P. Gehrlein stated that the collaborative ownership and maintenance of Freeport Beach/Halli Reid Park has been based on a handshake agreement for over twenty years. He stated that the proposed agreement outlines maintenance schedules and responsibilities regarding plowing, grass mowing, beach clean-up, garbage collection, etc. N. Anderson motioned to approve the Freeport Beach/Halli Reid Park – Operations and Maintenance Agreement 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>

Gibson Park: The Skunk and Goat Tavern – Miller Mistletoe Mile (December 22)

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the request for Gibson Park: The Skunk and Goat Tavern – Miller Mistletoe Mile (December 22) 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>

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

M. Dunlavey, 11034 Highland Avenue, submitted a letter of intent for the North East Community Marina Authority Board vacancy. He also stated that he believes the School Resource Officer is critical for schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:29 p.m. N. Anderson motioned to adjourn. R. McGregor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Bliss (October 22, 2024)

Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager