

**MINUTES  
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Monthly Meeting  
October 7, 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  
Joel Morey, Junior Council Person  
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  
Eric Urbanowicz  
Debbie Meehl  
Denise Pekelnicky  
Doug Slater  
Dave Jelley  
Paul Crowe  
Dave Herman  
Mike Dunlavey  
Aaron Jelley  
Jennifer Seigworth  
Others present, not signed in

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council will be held Monday, October 7, 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.

**REVISED AGENDA:**

**Civil Service Eligibility List**

**North East Community Marina Authority: Resignation of Board Member – Kara Haas**

T. Luke motioned to approve the revised agenda 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>

**MINUTES:**

H. Jones motioned to approve the September 3, 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>

**EXPENSE REPORT:**

T. Luke motioned to approve the Expense Approval Report 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>

**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:**

**2024 Revised MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan**

P. Gehrlein stated that the revised amount presented on the 2024 Revised MMO for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan represents information from PMRS modifying the amount for the 2024 Fiscal Year. R. McGregor motioned

to approve the 2024 Revised MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan 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 10072024-1: Inter-Jurisdictional Service Agreement**

A. Belson stated that Resolution 10072024-1: Inter-Jurisdictional Service Agreement was removed from the agenda.

**Resolution 10072024-2: DCED Local Share Assessment Application**

P. Gehrlein stated that funding is available through the Gaming Revenue fund for the county through a statewide application. He stated that the proposed funding application of \$471,000 would be used for making improvements to the Route 89 underpass area, including safety and security measures, sidewalks, lighting, cameras, and other projects in the area. H. Jones motioned to approve Resolution 10072024-2: DCED Local Share Assessment Application 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>

**Ordinance No. 934: Borough Cable Franchise Agreement**

P. Gehrlein stated that the Borough has partnered with the Council of Governments and contracted with Cohen Law Firm to negotiate a Cable Franchise Agreement with Spectrum/Charter. N. Anderson motioned to advertise Ordinance No. 934: Borough Cable Franchise Agreement 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>

**Gibson Park: American Legion Post 105 – Veterans Day Ceremony (November 11)**

A. Belson stated that she supports the request of the American Legion to use Gibson Park for the Veterans Day Ceremony, with the addition of the use of the sound system. T. Luke motioned to approve the request for Gibson Park: American Legion Post 105 – Veterans Day Ceremony (November 11) 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>

**Civil Service Eligibility List**

Chief Lam stated that the Civil Service Eligibility List needs refreshed in order to start the process for advertising and accepting applications for future hiring needs as they arise. H. Jones motioned to activate the Civil Service

Eligibility List 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>

**North East Community Marina Authority: Resignation of Board Member – Kara Haas**

H. Jones motioned to approve the North East Community Marina Authority: Resignation of Board Member – Kara Haas 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>

A. Belson stated that letters of interest will be accepted at Borough Hall through October 31, 2024, to fill the position. She stated that the information will be advertised through the article in the North East News-Journal about the council meeting, as there was a writer present.

**Second Monthly Meeting – October 21, 2024, if needed**

P. Gehrlein stated that a second monthly meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Morey – North East Borough Trick or Treating Hours: October 31, hours 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

P. Gehrlein stated that Penelec will be performing scheduled power outages to over 3,000 customers in the area on October 12 and October 26 in order to complete repairs to the Grahamville power station.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

E. Urbanowicz, 9470 East Lake Road, speaking on behalf of the North East Community Marina Authority Board, asked for a show of support from the Council members for the Marina Board members. A. Belson stated that the council supports the marina board’s intentions and wants them to succeed, but that they are their own separate legal entity.

D. Pekelnicky, 36 West Main Street, referenced a recent medical emergency in which an ambulance did not arrive for close to thirty minutes. She stated that Crescent Hose has listed EmeryCare as it’s only allowable ALS unit, which bypasses a closer available service in East County EMS. She stated that this decision is irresponsible and should be changed by Council. H. Jones asked D. Pekelnicky to attend the next North East Public Safety Advisory Commission meeting.

D. Meehl, 61 East Division Street, asked for an update regarding her neighbor's property. P. Gehrlein stated that a building inspection and structural engineer assessment are next needed to prove structural deficiencies.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Rebecca Bliss (October 8, 2024)

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Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager