

Council Meeting  
June 10, 2014  
Chancellor Center

President of Council Robert Walker called the regular semi-monthly meeting of Newtown Borough Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Mr. Walker asked those in attendance to join him in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councillors Auerweck, Grunde-McLaughlin, Gusty, King, Walker and Warren; Mayor Swartz and Solicitor Bolla.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Swartz read a Proclamation recognizing Warren Gormley for his 30 years of service to the Newtown, Bucks County, Joint Municipal Authority and thanking him for providing his expertise in wastewater management and treatment. On behalf of the board members, Eric Johnson, Chairman of the Authority, presented Mr. Gormley with a mounted crystal eagle acknowledging his dedication and service over the past 30 years.

### **Special Events Reminders**

Movies in the Park – June 25, 2014, 8 PM – *Frozen*

Honor Flight Bucks County – September 22, 2014 – Invitation to WW II veterans to tour Veterans' Memorials in Washington, D.C.

Mayor Swartz reported that the Borough hired three new part-time officers who were sworn in last week.

### **Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda

### **Public to be Heard**

There was no one who wished to be heard at this time.

### **President of Council – Robert Walker**

Mr. Walker announced that the Department of Environmental Protection approved the Borough's Act 537 Plan.

Mr. Walker reported that he met with Allan Smith, the engineer and Scott Dengler of *Scott's All Seasons*, regarding a proposed new permit parking lot on the lower portion of

the old Stockburger property. An access road will be necessary and Mr. Smith asked that Mr. Dengler provide a price for doing that work. Mr. Walker will provide additional information at the July Council meeting.

Bid requests for the west side of the State Street Streetscape project were sent to Scott's All Seasons, Haines Paving and Landscaping, Concrete Mural Designs and McCarthy Masonry and Concrete with a response date of June 30, 2014. Mr. Walker will report at the July Council meeting.

### **Certificates of Appropriateness – Robert King**

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Grunde-McLaughlin, and carried unanimously, to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct President of Council to sign the following Certificates of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the application, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

#### **COA 2014-010-H Resident Nicholas Mancini, 111 East Washington Avenue**

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of vinyl picket fencing at the rear and the sides of the property, noting that the fencing would be Azek instead of vinyl.

#### **COA 2014-011-H Residents Philip & Linda Winn, 145 Liberty Street**

The applicants were seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a wood picket fence at the front and the side of the property noting that the fence would be of pressure treated wood, painted white, and that the pickets on the driveway side would be 1 x 6 and the pickets on the Liberty Street side would be 1 x 3.

#### **COA 2014-012-H Residents Carl & Laura Albrecht, 450 East Washington Avenue**

The applicants were seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a deck at the rear of the house.

#### **COA 2014-005-H Resident Eric Nicholl, 239 Court Street**

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for revised plans for an addition, and for renovations and alterations to the existing structure as presented in the revised plan dated May 12, 2014, noting that:

- The windows in the addition would be aluminum clad true divided lites
- Absent the ability to restore, new 6 over 6 true divided lite sash, which would operate in the existing window frames, would be installed in the front windows on the original house. Existing window frames and trim are to be restored.
- The trim on the addition would be Azek
- Downspouts would be round; gutters would be 1/2 round
- The exterior window casings on the addition would be 5/4 x 4; the sills would be 1 1/2"
- Any replacement of trim on the original house would be in kind.

### **Presentation of Minutes**

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Grunde-McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Warren, and carried with Councillor Walker abstaining, to approve the May 7, 2014 Work Session minutes.
- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Grunde-McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Gusty, and carried with Councillor Walker abstaining, to approve the May 13, 2014 Council Meeting minutes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Budget & Finance – Robert Walker & Perry Warren**

##### **Consolidated Report**

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Gusty, and carried unanimously, to accept, subject to audit, the consolidated expenditure report for the month of May 2014 totaling \$162,496.99.

##### **Quarterly Budget Update**

As reported earlier this year, the major budget variable was snow removal, which provided a \$245,000 variance to the snow removal budget. The rest of the budget is tracking on balance through May. The \$245,000 will catch up as Council begins the next budget cycle and particularly as it relates to the budget forward calculations. There was a small increase in the overtime budget for police resulting from two significant police events.

#### **Personnel Committee – Christopher Gusty**

Councillor Gusty announced that are seven openings on the Environmental Advisory Council and one opening on the Recreation Board. Mr. Walker reminded the public that

the board cannot meet until it has a quorum and only one individual has submitted an application, so he encouraged any interested residents to apply.

### **Solicitor's Report – William J. Bolla**

Mr. Bolla opened the hearing on proposed ordinance #738 which prohibits parking on the west side of Court Street near its intersection with South State Street and on the West side of South Lincoln Avenue near its intersection with South State Street. The hearing was duly noticed with proof of publication in the Advance of Bucks County and proof of filing with the Bucks County Law Library.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Warren, and carried unanimously, to adopt Ordinance #738 amending the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance for the addition of prohibited parking on the west side of Court Street and the West side of South Lincoln Avenue.

### **Old Business**

Council discussed the possibility of cancelling the August work session and the consensus was to wait until the July Council meeting to make a decision.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Public to be Heard**

There was no one who wished to be heard at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Scull  
Borough Secretary

### **ATTENDEES**

Julia & Warren Woldorf  
Ted Schmidt

Chris English  
Jeff Werner  
Phillip & Linda Winn  
Warren Gormley  
Eric Johnson  
Marty Sutton  
Jim McAuliffe  
Nick Mancini