

Council Work Session  
February 8, 2012  
Council Chambers

The regular monthly Work Session of Newtown Borough Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, by President of Council Robert Walker.

Present were Councillors Auerweck, Burke, King, O'Malley, Walker, and Warren; Mayor O'Brien and Solicitor Bolla.

### **Public to be Heard**

Julia Woldorf asked Council to consider writing a letter to PennDOT regarding repairs to the pedestrian walkway on the Centre Avenue Bridge. Ms. Woldorf attended the recent PennDOT meeting and was concerned that PennDot was not planning to make any repairs to the walkway.

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

Solicitor Bolla referred to the recent Solicitor's Report he sent to Council members updating them on the status of several outstanding legal matters. Mr. Bolla noted that he would be speaking to Chief Wojciechowski regarding changes to the Alarm Ordinance and he was looking at possible changes to the Noise Ordinance.

### **Budget & Finance – Robert Walker and Gerard O'Malley**

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Walker, and carried unanimously, to approve the Professional Services invoices for the month of December, including the Jacobs Engineering invoice for their final payment.

### **Traffic Calming – Gerard O'Malley**

Mayor O'Brien said that he had spoken to Chief Wojciechowski in the past about the possibility of installing speed bumps to address speeding issues and recently residents of Edgeboro Drive and Penn Street have again raised the speed bump issue. Mr. O'Malley reported that the Traffic Committee would discuss other possible alternatives, based on recommendations from the recent Pedestrian Circulation and Integrated Traffic Study. Chief Wojciechowski spoke to several other police chiefs in communities with speed bumps and found that they can create problems with snow plowing and, in addition, can be a liability issue. Although portable speed bumps/humps can be removed for plowing, they often redirect the flow of water creating drainage issues. Mr. Walker reported that the police department borrowed traffic monitoring equipment from Newtown Township and the Chief will report on the findings. In addition, the police increased their ENRADD speed enforcement.

## **Personnel – John Burke**

Mr. Burke announced that there were two applications for the Planning Commission position and he asked Council to review the information before the Council meeting next week.

Council received one application to fill an unexpired term on the Joint Historic Commission, but since the opening had not been formally announced, it was decided to give additional applicants a chance to apply before making an appointment.

Mr. Burke received an application to fill the Vacancy Board position, but Mr. Burke said he would contact the current Vacancy Chair to see if she also wished to apply.

## **Old Business**

Mayor O'Brien reported that he contacted Delaware.Net, the firm hired by the Borough to create a new Borough website. Although having some internal issues, they assured Mayor O'Brien that they are working on the site graphics.

## **New Business**

Mr. Walker referred to Ms. Woldorf's earlier request to send a letter to PennDOT regarding the Centre Avenue Bridge project. He added that the project would take four months once the work starts, but the schedule has not yet been set. The arches under the bridge will be resurfaced and the existing stone cut and replaced.

## **Public to be Heard**

No one wished to be heard at this time.

There was a motion to adjourn at 6:48 P.M.

Council then entered into an Executive Session to interview candidates for Borough Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Scull  
Borough Secretary

## **ATTENDEES**

Julia & Warren Woldorf  
Jeff Werner  
Paul Salvatore