

**Minutes of Borough Council Regular Meeting
Borough of New Cumberland
Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

The New Cumberland Borough Council held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Borough Building located at 1120 Market Street, New Cumberland, PA.

1. Open meeting and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Council President Robert P. Kline led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll call

Borough Council Present

Robert P. Kline, President
Donald W. Kibler, Vice-President
Kevin L. Hall
Gennifer R. Richie
David H. Stone
Chad Wilson

Borough Officials Present

Doug Morrow, Mayor
Joseph E. Spadaccino, Police Chief
James I. Benson, Fire Chief
Randy Watts, Borough Engineer
Michael Cassidy, Borough Solicitor
Albert M. Penksa, Jr.,
Borough Manager/Secretary

Councilman Matthew S. Stoner was absent.

3. Approval of December 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Councilman Kibler, seconded by Councilman Hall, and unanimously voted to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2020.
4. Approval of Check Lists for December 2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Kibler, and unanimously voted to approve the Check Lists for December 2020.
5. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for December 2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented:

General Fund (Investments of \$1,605,512.87)	
Capital Improvement Fund (Investments of \$62,253.69)	500.00
Liquid Fuels Fund (Investments of \$4,501.86)	500.00
Capital Projects Account (Investments of \$1,482,000.00)	

6. Hear Visitors –

Sheila Hubbard, 1006 Drexel Hills Blvd., expressed her concerns for the plowing in the Borough specifically Market and 3rd. She would like signs posted for vehicles to be moved when it snows for plowing. She would like to see an ordinance for the clean-up of leaves.

Christine Leukus, Olde Towne Association, happy to present the Community Kiosk located at the Town Clock Plaza in front of the post office. This informational bulletin board will list the activities and events in the Borough. This was purchased by the Apple Fest Committee with additional funds received by Cumberland County (Cares Act Grant) and New Cumberland Olde Towne Foundation. The New Cumberland Olde Towne Association will maintain and insure the kiosk. Thank you to the Borough Manager, Borough Highway Department and Office Staff for their help.

Rachel Henry, 310 Market Street, expressed her concerns on plowing in the Borough and why alleys are not property treated. It is a huge public safety risk.

President Kline noted that two complaints were received at the Borough during the last snow. The Borough Manager is re-evaluating the plowing process. If there are concerns during the bad weather about the plowing, please contact the Borough office.

7. President's Report

-Council President

- A. PA Fish & Boat Commission Grant for Borough Park – Resolution 1-2021 – The grant application was submitted to the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission for a Boating Facilities Grant on December 30, 2020. As part of the grant application, we are required to include Resolution 1-2021. A motion was made by Councilman Kibler, seconded by Councilman Stone, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution 1-2021 to request a Boating Facility Grant of \$47,000 from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to be used for the New Cumberland Borough Park Boat Launch.
- B. Hazard Mitigation Plan – Resolution 2-2021 – This resolution is to ensure that we are compliant with Cumberland County on the Disaster Mitigation Act. A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Kibler, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution 2-2021.
- C. RACP Grant for West Shore Theatre – The Governor released \$650,000 funding for the West Shore Theatre. Since this comes from the state, it must come through the Borough. This is an invitation to submit the formal application within the next 6 months. The Borough has 30 days to submit an acceptance letter. A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Kibler, and unanimously voted to approve the Borough of New Cumberland give noticed to the Office of Budget to accept the award of \$650,000.

Mayor Morrow thanked everyone involved to get the grant this far. The Theatre is entertaining quotes for the work that will be done with this grant.

Councilman Hall excused himself from the meeting at 7:17pm.

8. Engineer's Report – Randy Watts, Borough Engineer is currently working on the following three ongoing projects –
 - A. MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan Implementation Project – Evaluating a small stream on private property for potential to do additional stream restoration to meet the Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction requirements. A site visit was conducted, and the stream is a good candidate for a project. The next step is to see if there is cooperation from the property owner for a stream restoration project.
 - B. CDBG Phase I ADA Curb Ramp Project – Project is complete and final payment to the contractor is being processed.
 - C. Borough Park Boat Launch Preliminary Engineering – A grant application was submitted to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for a Boating Facilities Grant on December 30, 2020. The Borough should hear from the Fish & Boat Commission on a potential award in April of 2021.
 - D. Borough Office Building Renovation Assessment Report – The building site evaluation is scheduled for January 13th. A report will be submitted to the Borough at the completion of the assessment.
9. Mayor's Report – Would like to thank Council and the citizens for their patience. He is back working on a full-time basis. There are two police officers whose probationary periods end before next Council meeting. The first one is Officer Kim whose probationary period ends on 1/21/2021. A motion was made by Councilwoman Richie, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously voted to approve Officer Kim's status to be made permanent upon satisfactory and successful completion of his probation period on 1/21/2021. The second is Corporal Vickroy who was promoted to Corporal on 2/6/2020. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Kibler, and unanimously voted to approve Corporal Vickroy's status to be made permanent upon reaching his anniversary date of his promotion 2/6/2021.
10. Police Chief's Report – Chief Spadaccino provided a written report of the Police Department activities for the month of December 2020. Thank you for earlier approving the probationary periods of the two officers.

Councilman Wilson – On the report, are the school checks just checking on the activities at the schools? Chief Spadaccino stated that school checks are normally done at night checking to make sure doors are closed and locked. Also checking to ensure there are no suspicious vehicles on the school property.

Mayor Morrow wanted to add that there have been several vehicle thefts on open vehicles along with items on porches being stolen. There have been two arrests. If you see anything suspicious, please contact the police immediately.

11. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Benson provided a written report of the Fire Department activities for the month of December 2020. The Fire Department had the equipment donated for the trucks to operate the traffic lights. Ambulance membership information for 2021 will be sent out in February for this year. It's highly recommended that you join as it is very beneficial.

12. Solicitor's Report – Requested an executive session.
13. Manager's Report – The CDBG has final payment processed for a successful project. We are starting to review the park on spring details and repairs that should be undertaken with the gazebo and pavilions as weather permits. Highway Department has finished leaf pick up and is now working on the tree pick-up. We are waiting for the HATS direction for Brandt and Simpson Ferry project. The garden project invoices have been paid and waiting for the next phase in the Spring. The sink hole project on St Clair has been completed.

Councilman Kibler noted that Jon Crum, who has been working on the Community Garden was in attendance of the meeting. President Kline noted that the Borough Manager and Jon Crum will work on the details going forward.

14. Executive Session – as requested by the solicitor.
15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Albert M. Penksa, Jr.
Borough Secretary