

**Minutes of Borough Council Regular Meeting  
Borough of New Cumberland  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

The New Cumberland Borough Council held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 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 and he 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 January 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – Councilman Hall noted that the minutes need updated to reflect that the executive session was for real estate and personnel issues. A motion was made by Councilman Kibler, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously voted 5-0, with Councilman Hall abstaining due to not attending the entire meeting, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2021 adding the executive session was for real estate and personnel issues.
4. Approval of Check Lists for January 2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Stone, and unanimously voted to approve the Check Lists for January 2021.

Councilman Wilson questioned the server install with moving to the Cloud. Manager Penksa explained that the cost was for our base server and that not everything was going on the Cloud.

Councilman Stone questioned the amount spent on highway maintenance so far in this budget year. Manager Penksa explained this is for snow removal but also for the sinkhole. Councilman Stone also questioned the amount spent on streets and sidewalk repairs. Manager Penksa explained this includes the payment to EK Services for street projects.

5. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for January 2021 –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 \$1,249,677.60)

Capital Improvement Fund  
(Investments of \$224,132.51) 500.00

Liquid Fuels Fund  
(Investments of \$4,501.98) 500.00

Capital Projects Account  
(CD Investments of \$1,482,000.00)  
(Term Investments of \$3,000,000.00)

6. Hear Visitors –

Joni Shenck was attending as a Representative of State Representative Sheryl Delozier's office. She looks forward to working with the Borough Council.

Joan Erney, 505 Park Avenue, first wanted to thank Council for approving the Anti-Discrimination resolution. Questioned if we are working with any emergency management sites in Cumberland County to have the Covid site information for our New Cumberland residents. Also questioned if Council has been working with the Claremont Nursing Home with the closing issues.

President Kline noted that he has been in communication in reference to Claremont Nursing Home.

Robert Hasemeier, 1612 Bridge Street, lives on the corner of Bridge and Bailey streets. He has concerns for the people who are disobeying the speed limits as him and his wife almost got hit in the crosswalks on separate occasions.

President Kline noted that the police need to be informed as soon as these things occur.

Drew Lawrence, 1009 Oak Lane, was attending on behalf of a few residents who would like to attend these meetings but feel uncomfortable with Covid happening. Are there any plans of taking the meetings virtually as other neighboring municipalities have?

Mayor Morrow questioned if Mr. Lawrence was aware of other platforms that the area municipalities are using. Mr. Lawrence knows of Zoom. President Kline and Councilman Stone both commented that the Borough has been in discussions about this.

Rachel Henry, 310 Market Street, wanted to thank the Highway Department for the snow removal this past storm on Market Street. Questioned what is being done in the alleys as far as snow removal and salt.

Manager Penksa explained that the alleyways have been reviewed and they have been salted. Alleys are not the first streets to be taken care of.

7. President's Report

-Council President

- A. RACP Grant for West Shore Theatre – The Governor released \$650,000 funding for the West Shore Theatre. The Borough took on the responsibility of being the Grantee for this grant. With the requirements of this grant, it would make sense to take the burden from the Borough and have the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority the Grantee. A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously voted to authorize President Kline to send a letter acknowledging that we will remove the Borough as the Grantee and that a new one will be appointed for the RACP Grant for the West Shore Theatre. It will be noted that the Grantee will be someone from the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority.
- B. Community Garden Discussion – The Community Garden is moving forward but to have it available in time, President Kline is asking for some special consideration. There is funding that has not been received yet from potential grants and donations. There are some funds that have been set aside in the Revitalization account. A motion was made by Councilman Kibler, seconded by Councilman Hall, and unanimously voted to approve the Community Garden project to access the Revitalization funds as a temporary loan to allow the completion of the garden project.
- C. New Cumberland Apple Festival – A special events request was submitted from Olde Towne Association for the New Cumberland Apple Fest on September 25, 2021. Set up would be on September 24th and tear down would be September 26th. A motion was made by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously voted to approve the use of the New Cumberland Borough Park for the Apple Festival on September 24, 2021 thru September 26, 2021.
- D. Vicki's Angel Walk – A special events request was submitted from Vickie's Angel Foundation for the Vickie's Angel Walk on October 9, 2021. Set up would be October 8th. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously voted to approve Vickie's Angel Walk on October 9, 2021. A special events request was also submitted for the SMT Turkey Trot on November 25, 2021. Set up would be November 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stone, and unanimously voted to approve SMT Turkey Trot on November 25, 2021.
- E. BPG – Food Truck – A special events request was submitted from New Cumberland B&PG for the use of Market Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Alley on the second Thursdays from March 11<sup>th</sup> thru December 9<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 9PM. There will be around 7 to 10 food trucks participating. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously voted to approve New Cumberland B&PG Food Truck Rally from March 11 thru December 9, 2021.
- F. Appointments to Board and Commissions – There was a number of terms from various boards that expired the end of 2020. President Kline spoke to all individuals affected and they were all willing to continue for another term.

A motion was made by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Kibler, and unanimously voted to reappoint Fred Miles and Barbara Sunderlin to the Planning Commission Board for a 4-year term.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Richie, seconded by Councilman Kibler, and unanimously voted to reappoint Maria D'Agostino to the Zoning Commission Board for a 3-year term.

A motion was made by Councilman Kibler, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously voted to reappoint Blair Lawrence to the Library Board for a 3-year term.

A motion was made by Councilman Kibler, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson, and unanimously voted to reappoint Gerald Ahnell to Police Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term.

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 initial contact with the landowner was not productive. We are in the process of reaching out again to set up an introductory meeting with the property owner.
  - B. 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.
  - C. Borough Office Building Renovation Assessment Report – The building site evaluation occurred on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The final assessment report will be available soon.
9. Mayor's Report – Would like to know if the Borough Council would have interest in the fully funded Code Red Program. It would give notification to the residents for emergencies through their cell phones. President Kline feels that it is worth looking into and requested any information on it be forwarded to the Borough Council for their review. Mayor Morrow also noted the Theatre project is moving along. They will be applying for the building permits in 3-4 weeks.
10. Police Chief's Report – Chief Spadaccino provided a written report of the Police Department activities for the month of January 2021. The New Cumberland Borough Police Department has gotten involved with Crime Watch which is a social media platform. They are still developing it. You can access it at [www.newcumberlandpolice.org](http://www.newcumberlandpolice.org).

Councilman Kibler questioned the mental illness numbers on the report. Is this something frequent for the police to deal with? Chief Spadaccino explained this is anything to do with behavior health issues. We try to direct these residents and their families to the most appropriate resources we can.

11. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Benson provided a written report of the Fire Department activities for the month of January 2021. The Fire Department will do some trainings at the Theatre as arranged by Mayor Morrow. The ambulance memberships are going out. Please make sure fire hydrants are shoveled out during the snow. Chief Benson requested that the Fire Department and EMS be involved with the planning of the Special Events.

12. Solicitor's Report – Requested an executive session for real estate issues.
13. Manager's Report – The Highway Department utilized the park to hold snow that was moved off the street. The park is closed during heavy snow until it can be plowed. The Borough is looking for some part time help at the Highway Department. 2020 audit has been completed and the report should be available at the next meeting. We received our Covid expense and the remainder of the Keystone grant.
14. Executive Session – was requested by the solicitor for real estate issues.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Kibler, and unanimously voted to direct the solicitor to proceed with pursuing acquisition of real property with a lease agreement as discussed in executive session.

15. Council Members

Councilman Wilson – wanted to Thank everyone for coming out. It seems like every month we are getting more and more people coming out. Thanks to BP&G and the Olde Towne Association for having positive minded inclusive community events.

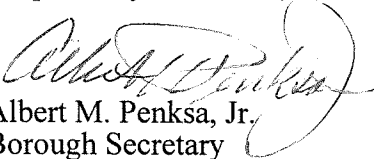
Councilman Hall – wanted to provide an update on the Code Enforcement meetings. They have been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6PM and the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 1PM. Rental inspections have started. It appears with being proactive, the complaints have slowed down.

Councilman Kibler – We received early today the Iron Bridge Music Fest Special Event details for August 29, 2021. A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Kibler, and unanimously voted to authorize Council President to approve the Iron Bridge Music Fest Special Event on August 29, 2021 subject to review by staff for scheduling conflicts and review of the overall plan.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Albert M. Penksa, Jr.  
Borough Secretary