

**Minutes of Borough Council Regular Meeting  
Borough of New Cumberland  
Wednesday, June 09, 2021**

The New Cumberland Borough Council held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 09, 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 the Council President Robert P. Kline and 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  
Randy Watts, Borough Engineer  
Michael Cassidy, Borough Solicitor  
Albert M. Penksa, Jr., Borough Manager/Secretary  
Vanessa Dettrey, Admin. Assistant

Councilman Matthew S. Stoner and Fire Chief James I. Benson were absent.

3. Approval of May 12, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes — A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Stone, and unanimously voted to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2021.
4. Approval of Check Lists for May 2021 — A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Vice-President Kibler, and unanimously voted to approve the Check Lists for May 12, 2021.
5. Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2021 — A motion was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Vice-President Kibler, and unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented:

General Fund

(Investments of \$2,492,648.83)

Capital Improvement

(Investments of \$269,700.71)

\$500.00

Liquid Fuels Fund

(Investments of \$211,071.36)

\$500.00

Capital Projects Account

(Investments of \$1,504,303.74)

(Term Investments of \$3,000,000.00)

(Term Investments of \$2,000,000.00)

(Term Investments of \$1,000,000.00)

Revitalization Initiative

(Investments of \$258,395.81)

6. Hear Visitors —

Joan Erney, 505 Park Avenue, she thanked the police force for helping Mr. Murray in his time of need and thanks to Mayor Morrow for holding a group session for the Association of People Against Lethal Drugs (APALD) at the Borough Park. In April, the Borough will receive 700K due to COVID for relief. Will the Borough get guidance from the County, or will the Borough receive input from the community? What will the Borough do with this money?

Harry Jenkins, 601 5<sup>th</sup> Street, He thanked Police Chief Spadaccino and thanked the ladies in the Borough Office for swift responses and helpful advice.

7. President's Report

-Council President

A. Confirmation of Appointments —

1. A motion was made by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Hall, and unanimously voted to appoint Fred Miles from the Planning Commission and Richard Stewart to the Zoning Review Committee.
2. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously voted to appoint Dennis Derr to the Community Garden Advisory Panel.

- B. Code Red Notification System — This system is set up to alert the citizens of any emergencies, road closures, storm damages, etc. that have happened in the New Cumberland Borough. It takes \$3,500 per year to operate this system and residents must sign up to receive these alerts. A motion was made by Vice-President Kibler, seconded by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously voted to approve the Code Red Notification System setup.

- C. Proposed Resolution #4-21 — New Cumberland Olde Towne Association wants to apply for ‘Small Game of Chance License’ so they can provide a raffle at the Apple Festival, the Summer Cruisin’ Event, and the Iron Bridge Music Festival. In order to do so they must become a ‘Civic and Service Association’ and Resolution #4-21 will allow them to do so. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stone, and unanimously voted to approve New Cumberland Olde Towne Association to become a Civic and Service Association.
- D. Special Event Application(s) — Vickie’s Angel Foundation is holding a one (1) day flea market and crafts event at the Borough Park in Pavilion four (4). A motion was made by Vice-President Kibler, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously voted to approve Vickie’s Angel Foundation Special Event.
- E. West Shore Senior Center — The Borough was going to step in due to the Senior Centers VNA contract not being renewed, Messiah Lifeways has agreed to step in and be the new operator of the Senior Center. They have experience with the Mechanicsburg area and will help us in ways to upgrade the facility.
- F. Library Director — The Library Director Catherine Pursel is retiring September 3<sup>rd</sup>. President Reis sent a letter requesting Alana Bubnis to the opening position, her promotion will start September 7<sup>th</sup>. An advertisement will need to be made for the position Alana will be leaving. A motion was made by Councilwoman Richie, seconded by Councilman Wilson, and unanimously voted to approve the promotion of Alana Bubnis and retirement of Catherine Pursel.

8. Engineer’s Report

-Mr. Watts

MS4 project discussions are still going on with the owner on Poplar Ave. The Boat Launch project has a fully executed grant agreement and will be moving forward with the plans. Specifications for the new Fire Apron are currently being worked on and will be out for bid the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>.

9. Mayor’s Report

-Mr. Morrow

Thanks to the Borough for allowing a reservation in the Borough Park for A.P.A.L.D group get together. West Shore Theatre went out to bid last Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a full set of drawings. There is a grant of \$100,000.00 being worked on to use for the children’s program in the library. Once completed the grant will be given in the month of December. Mayor Morrow and President Reis will be scheduling meetings together to work on the grant.

10. Police Chief’s Report

-Mr. Spadaccino

The Memorial Day Ceremony was nicely done this year. Thank you to the Fire Department who helped with traffic control. New technology for the police cars has arrived and will be installed. If there is ever any suspicious activity contact the police, do not post on social media.

11. Fire Chief’s Report

-Mr. Benson

James I. Benson will be retiring June 30<sup>th</sup> with June 17<sup>th</sup> being the last day he takes on-call duties. His term will expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, until then Deputy Chief Jeff Gouldy will be acting Chief until the position can be filled.

12. Solicitor's Report

-Mr. Cassidy

Nothing to report.

13. Manager's Report

-Mr. Penksa

Community Garden plots are looking good. At least half of the plots are still available. Highway and Park Departments are having a busy season with the increase usage of the park, so Thomas Reilly has been hired for summer work. On June 10<sup>th</sup> Sherry Baker will start working part time at the library and June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the start of Elaine Holland's part time position. The Borough has been approved for \$762,829.22 from The American Rescue Plan Act. This money will be received in two (2) installments and can be used for storm water improvements. If there are any other improvements that are needed the Borough will honor and follow what is recommended in the contract. Interviews are scheduled for the Economic Officer on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Borough will work with Messiah Lifeways and make sure they get situated with the Senior Center. The Boat Launch Contract has been approved and is in the Borough's possession and work with HRG on this topic will continue while honoring the contract given with the grant so that the Boat Launch can be improved. As far as the fee structure for the Fish & Boat Club is involved, the prices are reasonable, however, consideration to add a percentage off for Borough Residents is being considered. Also, consideration by Council for designating or naming the river access and park.

14. Executive Session (Police Personnel Matter) — President Kline calls for recess at 7:57pm. The meeting resumes at 8:26pm and a motion is made by Vice-President Kibler, seconded by Councilman Stone, and unanimously voted to approve Jeffrey Freeze suspension of five (5) days due to a violation of sections two (2) and four (4) of the Borough Code. Councilman Hall votes no, the violation of sections two (2) and four (4) justifies termination.

15. Adjournment — President Kline ends the meeting at 8:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Albert M. Penksa, Jr.

Borough Secretary