

**Borough Council Meeting Minutes
Borough of New Cumberland
Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

The New Cumberland Borough Council held a special meeting scheduled on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Borough building located at 1120 Market Street, New Cumberland, PA.

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag — The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and the group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Council Vice-President Donald Kibler.

- 2. Roll call

Borough Council Present

Donald Kibler, Vice-President
David Stone
Fred Miles
DJ Landis
Gennifer R. Richie

Borough Officials Present

Michael McLaughlin, Police Chief
Ed Erlsten, EMT Coordinator
Thaddeus G. Eisenhower, Mayor
Nathaniel Dysard, Borough Manager/Secretary
Vanessa Dettrey, Admin. Assistant

Councilman Wilson, Engineer Derolf, and Solicitor Cassidy were absent.

- 3. Hear Visitors — No one addressed Council.

- 4. President's Report —

- A. Discussion of 2024 Draft Budget — Borough Council reviewed the 2024 Draft Budget wherein various items were discussed. Manager Dysard presented the General Fund, Liquid Fuels, Capital Reserve, and Capital Improvement Funds. An overview of revenues and expenses took place and Council engaged in a discussion regarding deficit spending over the last several years. Deficit spending is budgeted to continue for 2024. Following the conversations and input from the Borough Council regarding efforts to increase revenues, Manager Dysard has been asked to revise the draft budget to explore increases in Earned Income Tax (EIT) and Property Tax. It was decided that the meeting will be recessed to Monday, November 6th, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

- 5. Other Officials and Committee Reports — Nothing to report.

- 6. Adjournment — A motion to recess the meeting was made by Councilwoman Landis, seconded by Councilman Stone. All were in favor. MOTION carried. The New Cumberland Borough Council meeting recessed at 3:24 p.m. and will reconvene on Monday, November 6th, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

- 1. Reconvene Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag — The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. and the group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Council Vice-President Donald Kibler.

- 2. Roll Call

Borough Council Present

Donald Kibler, Vice-President
 David Stone
 Fred Miles
 Gennifer Richie

Borough Officials Present

Thaddeus Eisenhower, Mayor
 Mike McLaughlin, Police Chief
 Jeff Gouldy, Fire Chief
 Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager/Secretary
 Vanessa Dettrey, Admin. Assistant

Councilwoman Landis, Councilman Wilson, Engineer Derolf, and Solicitor Cassidy were absent.

- 3. Hear Visitors —

Harry Jenkins, 601 Fifth Street, wanted Council to give serious thought to the number of workers on the maintenance crew to handle the amount of projects planned around the borough. He explained that a baseball safety net would be nice to have installed at Memorial Field. This will help keep the baseballs from going out of the park and destroying private property. Lastly, he asked Council to re-address an issue from years ago regarding the codification of the approved ordinances and to have them posted on the website.

Mayor Eisenhower advised Harry that he spoke with George to bring a plan for the safety nets to the borough building for Manager Dysard to review.

- 4. President's Report —

- A. Discussion of 2024 Draft Budget — Borough Council reviewed the 2024 Draft Budget wherein various items were discussed. Council engaged in a conversation regarding limited opportunities to reduce expenses. Manager Dysard explained to Council that the borough is limited in our ability to raise EIT, but real estate taxes can still be raised if desired. Council provided direction to work on the process for raising real estate taxes to 4.2mills.

- 5. Other Officials and Committee Reports — Nothing to Report.

- 6. Adjournment — A motion was made on Monday, November 6, 2023, by Councilman Miles, seconded by Councilman Stone to formally adjourn the October 25, 2023, meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathaniel J. Dysard
 Borough Manager/Secretary