

**Borough Council Meeting Minutes
Borough of New Cumberland
Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

The New Cumberland Borough Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 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 7:00 p.m. and the group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Council President Stone.

2. Roll Call

Borough Council Present

David Stone, President
Donald Kibler, Vice-President
Fred Miles
Gennifer R. Richie
Chad Wilson

Borough Officials Present

Michael McLaughlin, Police Chief
Jeff Gouldy, Fire Chief
Michael J. Cassidy, Solicitor
Thaddeus G. Eisenhower, Mayor
Nathaniel Dysard, Borough Manager/Secretary
Stacy Black, Billing Admin./Treasurer
Tara Sue Myers, Accounting Admin.

3. Approval of October 25/November 6, 2023, and November 8, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Vice-President Kibler, seconded by Councilman Miles to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 25/November 6, 2023, and November 8, 2023. All were in favor. MOTION carried.
4. Approval of Disbursements for November 2023 — A motion was made by Councilman Miles, seconded by Councilwoman Richie to approve the Disbursements for the month of November 2023. All were in favor. MOTION carried.
5. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for November 2023 — A motion was made by Councilman Miles, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. All were in favor. MOTION carried.

General Fund	\$ 1,722,619.30 (ARPA \$40,352.92)
General Fund – Payroll	\$ 332.23
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 377,181.23
Revitalization Initiative	\$ 20,346.38
Capital Improvement	\$ 618,555.54
Capital Reserve Account	\$6,843,947.74

6. Hear Visitors —

Pam Morrow, 513 Park Avenue, wife of former Mayor Douglas Morrow, thanked Mayor Eisenhower for honoring Doug's wish for him to step into the role of Mayor. He has had a huge impact on the community with his presence and enthusiasm and has continued the vision, goals, and love for New Cumberland Borough.

Kara Templeton, 334 Third Street, asked questions regarding the rate for 2024 Trash/Recycling Rates. She also had concerns with a few sections of Ordinance #718 Recycling Ordinance, and she felt that there are things in the ordinance that may not be the intent of the Borough and would like them to consider reviewing the ordinance again before approving it. She gave each member of the Council a copy of her concerns to review.

Joan Erney, 613 16th Street, addressed the Council regarding the proposed 5% tax increase associated with the 2024 Budget. She feels that this will put an undue burden on the residents and that there should be more information going out to the public to help them understand why the increase is needed.

Mickey Minnich, Vickie's Angel thanked Council for the opportunity to have the 21st Angel Walk and the Turkey Trot in the Borough. He thanked the New Cumberland Fire Department for their assistance and will be donating \$1,000.00 to them to help with the Children's Christmas Party.

Christine Leukus, NCOTA, and representing N.C. B-&-PG presented a \$5,075.89 check from the Accents on Bridge event to the Borough. This is in addition to the previous \$10,900.00 donations for a total of \$15,975.89 for new planters, trash cans, and benches throughout the Borough.

Frank Kelly, 240 Poplar Avenue, on behalf of the National Night Out Committee presented a check for \$198.78 to start a fund for new playground equipment.

Harry Jenkins, 601 5th Street, thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their services. He addressed Council regarding the vacant Council position and that when selecting a new person please be sensitive to the needs of the Borough residents, elderly, and disabled.

7. President's Report

-Council President

- A. Accept Council Member Letter of Resignation — A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Miles to accept the Letter of Resignation from Councilwoman DJ Landis. All in favor. MOTION carried.

President Stone announced that the Council vacancy will be filled in 30 days and that any resident may submit a letter of interest by December 22, 2023.

- B. Consideration of Special Events Application for MLK Day of Service Community Clean Up — A motion was made by Vice-President Kibler, seconded by Councilwoman Richie to approve MLK Day of Service Community Clean Up on January 15, 2024. All in favor. MOTION carried.

- C. Consideration of Special Events Application for Cruise-In Car & Cycle Show — A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Miles to approve the Cruise-In Car & Cycle Show on August 10, 2024, in Borough Park. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- D. Consideration of Conditional Use Application Fee — A motion was made by Councilman Miles, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to approve the Conditional Use Application Fee structure. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- E. Consideration of Recycling Ordinance #718 — A motion was made by Councilman Miles, seconded by Councilwoman Richie to table the approval of the Recycling Ordinance until additional review by the solicitor in light of previous comments, and then the ordinance will be readvertised. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- F. Consideration of Resolution Setting Trash/Recycling Rates for 2024 — A motion was made by Councilman Miles, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to approve the trash/recycling rate increase to \$94.00 per quarter for 2024. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- G. Consideration of Library Policy Statement — A motion was made by Councilwoman Richie, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to approve the Library Policy Statement. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- H. Consideration to Adopt 2024 Final Budget — A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to approve an amendment to the budget to remove the 5% tax increase and adopt the 2024 Final Budget. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- I. Consideration of Authorization to Advertise Tax Ordinance #719 (ratifying action from November 8, 2023, Council Meeting) — A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to approve ratifying the tax ordinance advertisement. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- J. Consideration to Adopt 2024 Tax Ordinance #719 — A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to reject the Adoption of 2024 Tax Ordinance #719. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- K. Consideration of 2024 Tax Resolution — A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Richie to approve the 2024 Tax Resolution setting the tax rate at 4 mills. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- L. Discussion/Consideration to Set 2024 Meeting Dates — A motion was made by Councilman Miles, seconded by Councilwoman Richie to approve the 2024 Meeting Dates. All in favor. MOTION carried.

- M. Consideration of 2024 Paid Holiday Dates — A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Kibler to approve the 2024 Paid Holiday Dates. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- N. Discussion of Boards and Commissions Vacancies - A discussion was held regarding the vacancies for all the expiring Boards and Commissions positions. Appointments will need to be made in January and open positions will be advertised on the website.
- O. Consideration of Police 12-Hour Shift Policy – A motion was made by Councilwoman Richie, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the Police 12-Hour Shift Policy. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- P. Consideration of Request to Maintain Elkwood Park Flower Beds – a motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Richie to approve the Request to Maintain Elkwood Park Flower Beds. All in favor. MOTION carried.
8. Engineer’s Report — Engineer Derolf provided a report for the month of November 2023.
9. Mayor’s Report — Mayor Eisenhower thanked the Council and residents for allowing him to step into Doug Morrow’s vacancy. He is grateful that he could be part of the leadership for the betterment of the Borough and hopes to be able to serve again.
10. Police Chief’s Report — Chief McLaughlin provided a report of the Police Department’s activities for the month of November 2023.
11. Fire Chief’s Report — Chief Gouldy provided a report of the Fire Department activities for the month of November 2023.
12. Library Report — Library Director Andrea Black provided a report of the library’s activities for the month of November 2023.
13. Solicitor’s Report — Nothing to report.
14. Manager’s Report — Manager Dysard summarized the activities within the Borough for the month of November 2023.
15. Adjournment — A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Miles. All were in favor. MOTION carried. The New Cumberland Borough Council meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathaniel J. Dysard
Borough Manager/Secretary