

**Borough Council Meeting Minutes
Borough of New Cumberland
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

The New Cumberland Borough Council held its scheduled reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Borough building located at 1120 Market Street, New Cumberland, PA.

- 1. Swearing in of newly elected Officials- Mayor Joan Erney conducted the swearing in of Council Members:

Mr. Drew Lawrence
Mr. Gibby Parthemore

Mr. David Stone

- 2. 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 Mayor Joan Erney.

- 3. Roll Call-

Borough Council Present

Donald W. Kibler
David H. Stone
Gennifer R. Richie
Drew Lawrence
Gibby Parthemore
Fred Miles

Borough Officials Present

Joan Erney, Mayor
Michael McLaughlin, Police Chief
Andrew T. Kravitz, Solicitor
Nathaniel Dysard, Borough Manager/Secretary
Jeff Goudy, Fire Chief
Stacy Black, Billing Admin/Treasurer

- 4. Election of Council President – Mayor Erney called for nominations for Council President and a motion was made by Councilman Fred Miles, second by Councilman David Stone to approve nomination of Donald Kibler as Council President. Mayor Erney then passed the presiding responsibility to President Kibler. All in favor. MOTION carried.
- 5. Election of Council Vice-President- President Kibler called for nominations for Council Vice-President and a motion was made by Councilwoman Gennifer Richie, second by Councilman Fred Miles to approve nomination of David Stone as Council Vice-President. All in favor. MOTION carried.

6. Hear Visitors-

Linda Reis, 500 9th Street, commenting on the upcoming vote for the replacement of DJ Landis. She knows the entire history of New Cumberland and there hasn't been a person of color since 1832 on this Council. It's way past time for us to make a present and correct decision and choose Donna Johnson.

Harry Jenkins, 601 5th Street, thanking Council for accepting new positions and for all the work that's getting done in New Cumberland.

Lana Forconi, 512 Haldeman Blvd., thanking council for accepting Council positions. Appoint someone who is helping New Cumberland in more than one way with being on Council. There are many other ways to help the entire area and I just hope Council would look at that and appoint someone in this position who will continue to do that.

Frank Kelly, 240 Popular Ave, thanking the Council for volunteering for their positions. Person the Council is selecting tonight is someone who will do the best for the Borough and follow code not based on sex, creed, race, or religion. Needs to be someone who best fits the position and do what needs to be done for the Borough of New Cumberland.

Carly Seele, 347 Hillside Drive, most people can bypass us on the highway. They don't even need to swing down in our city if they don't want to. Which is why we're creating this as a destination spot. One for art, music, entertainment, and retail. So please keep in mind when you appoint someone that they have the same vision as that and will continue that so our businesses can thrive.

Nick Nichols, 114 Bridge Street, Thanking Thad for a good 20 months as Mayor. Speaking for Thad for Council as new Council person. Thad took time from his family. Nice progression from Mayor to Councilman.

7. President's Report

-Council President

- A. Consideration to Fill Vacant Borough Council Seat Vacated by DJ Landis (Term ending January 5, 2026)-Motion was made by Vice President Stone, second by Councilwoman Richie, and unanimously approved to appoint Thaddeus Eisenhower to fill the vacant Council Seat vacated by DJ Landis (Term ending January 5, 2026). The vote was 5 to 1. Councilman Lawrence voted no. MOTION carried.

Swearing in of newly elected official-Mayor Erney conducted the swearing in of:

Mr. Thaddeus Eisenhower

B. Consideration of 2024 Council Appointments

President Kibler explained the open Council appointments; with appointments being postponed until next meeting on January 10, 2024.

8. Executive Session, if necessary -Nothing to discuss.

9. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Richie, second by Vice-President Stone. All in favor. MOTION carried. The New Cumberland Borough Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathaniel J. Dysard
Borough Manager/Secretary