

Newport Borough Council
September 20, 2011 – Special Meeting
Newport, Pennsylvania

President Ehrhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with Borough Council Members Thomas Fitzpatrick, Barbara Hart, Tami Halstead, and Andrew Blair present. Council Members Lorrie Nulton and Douglas Beatty were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT – Mayor Mary Hetrick, Engineer Peter Fleszar and Secretary Patricia Bowers.

GUESTS – Luke Roman

DOCK STREET – Engineer Peter Fleszar reported on the Dock Street Project in regards to the CDBG monies. Eliz Wommer notified the Borough Secretary and the engineer that there is no contract in hand for the CDBG grant and therefore the Dock Street Project should not be started. We do not have the contract in hand so we cannot start the project until we have the contract in place. They will not pay for anything that has been done before the contract is in hand. This year the funds flowing through the state have been slower than usual therefore this contract is slower than usual. We do not have to rebid the project because of the multiple funding. CDBG monies will not be available until November 2011. The trouble is the CDBG funds are for the lower part of Dock Street from Pine to 4th Street and that's where they need to begin because they need to proceed up hill. The CDBG money cannot be used to reimburse for this project either. You cannot do the project and then get reimbursed. Cl'm Halstead questioned Peter about possibly using liquid fuels money that has been earmarked for this project. The problem is the Safewater Grant can only be used for the upper part of Dock Street from 5th to Pine Street. The CDBG money can be used anywhere because of the way we bid the project. If the borough proceeds with the project we would be possibly paying out more borough funds than what was anticipated. Mainline has already started the project (delivery of pipe and other supplies for the project). Because of the time frame for paving the borough needed to make a decision as to starting the project and would it be done in time in order to get the paving done. Peter commented it will be awful close. Cl'm Halstead commented we have everything in place to do 5th to Pine Street but we don't have everything in place to do Pine to 4th Street. Why can't we do 5th to Pine Street? It is doing it backwards but there will be no holdup with the project. Then do from Pine to 4th Street in February. Cl'm Halstead moved, seconded by Cl'm Blair to authorize Engineer Peter Fleszar to talk to Mainline and change the scope of the Dock Street Project to Pine to 5th Street for completion of this section by November 2011 and do from Pine Street to 4th Street in the new year starting February 13, 2011. Motion carried with Council Members Jason Ehrhart and Barbara Hart opposed. Peter will get in touch with Mainline immediately.

FICKES STREET INLET REPAIR – Engineer Peter Fleszar reported on the inlet that needs repair on Fickes Street below Fourth Street. It has been verified it is the Borough and not the Township that gets the liquid fuels for this section. We have (3) inlets sitting at the garage and potentially the oldest of the (3) might work to repair that inlet. There is a worse one on Market Street in the alley between 4th and 5th Streets that needs to be fixed. Fahnestock can repair that one for \$500.00. This inlet is on a state road and has to be done per state specifications. We will get Fahnestock to look at the inlet boxes. Tabled until the next meeting.

President Ehrhart called for an Executive Session at 8:13 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

President Ehrhart called the meeting back to order at 8:35 P.M. No action taken.

The next meeting will be October 4, 2011.

There being no further business to come before Borough Council, Cl'm Hart moved, seconded by Cl'm Halstead to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bowers
Secretary