

## NANTICOKE CITY



### WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2018

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council William Brown  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, John Pietrzyk, Kevin Coughlin, Nicole Mackiewicz, Lesley Butczynski, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

**For the record**, President Brown apologized for starting the meeting a little late, they were in an executive session regarding a personnel matter.

#### **WORK SESSION-**

**A motion** to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2018, on the second reading , (Zoning Ordinance) authorizing the appropriate City Officials to amend Ordinance #15 of 2012 enacted on December 19, 2012.

**A Motion** to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the White Collar, Non – Professional Employees between the City of Nanticoke and the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401.

#### **Administrative Updates-**

- **An Update by Northpoint** - Brent and Attorney Stahl clarified some confusion on issues raised at the June 6, 2018 Public Hearing relative to Zoning Map Change concerning truck traffic and background noise that will be heard by the neighboring housing developments. They gave some specifications on new signage that will be posted to control the truck traffic from driving in prohibited areas of town and the width of the roads that the truckers will be using to access the warehouses. They also gave noise specifications by decimals on the truck traffic and idling that will be heard by nearby communities. They stated how much area would remain as a wooded area to reduce noise heard by the community.

After their presentation, the floor was opened up to anyone with questions regarding the Northpoint presentation.

President Brown asked Northpoint how many miles is it from the roundabout in Hanover Twp to the first roundabout in Nanticoke and they replied about ¾ of a mile. Linda Gullatto asked who is going to stop the trucks from heading into Nanticoke and Chief Thomas Wall stated if they enter into a forbidden area, they will be heavily cited by the police department. Mr. Joe John asked what the advantages would be of not going through the town. Northpoint stated that the roads and roundabouts are designed to handle truck traffic and get the truckers back on the highways in an efficient manner. John Telencho asked if the car and truck traffic will be using that one roundabout to exit the warehouses. John commented that is a lot of traffic in one area. Northpoint replied that cars have the option to exit out onto Kosciuszko Street to reduce traffic jams at the roundabout. Linda Gullatto asked for signs to be posted “No Left Hand Turn” for the truck traffic. President Brown stated as the project moves forward that they would look into additional signage to deter the trucks from turning onto Kosciuszko Street. Joe Gullatto stated he is concerned that the trucks will be coming into

town up Kosciuszko Street to avoid the roundabouts because everyone knows that truckers hate roundabouts because they cause a shift or movement in the trailers. Gene Bojarski questioned that after the construction is over, and the college students are no longer diverted due to the highway construction, will the college students be using the same route as the warehouse employees or will they have a diversion. That is a lot of traffic out onto Kosciuszko Street. Northpoint answered that is a Penn Dot issue and Penn Dot will have to evaluate that when the time comes. He asked if there will be any public amenities added into this project to attract businesses and Northpoint stated they will look into it. Gene commented that we need to improve the quality of life in the city to deter the town from becoming just low income housing. He thinks this project has positive results. Patricia Herring stated her concern about the trucks heading in the wrong direction or down wrong streets. She asked if they will be educated on where they can and cannot drive. Northpoint replied they will work with Penn Dot for better signage. President Brown stated to the residents, that if they turn down this project, it is still moving forward in Hanover Township's end. Hanover has approved all zoning changes needed to allow this to happen. He stated this is good for the City. Gene Bojarski asked if the road from the roundabout to Cherry Dr. will be repaved and Northpoint replied yes.

**Donna Wall-** updated the council and residents that the recycling bins have been ordered and will be arriving and handed out to the public on the weekend of July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. They are 32 gal. bins, Donna stated.

**A Motion** was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Work session adjourned.

## **REGULAR MEETING** Comments from the Public agenda items only.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

**A Motion** to approve the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Coughlin second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

**A Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$276,097.43 was made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mr. Coughlin. Payroll (\$103,021.69) Payables (\$173,075.74.) Motion carried.

**A Motion** to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2018, on the second reading, (Zoning Ordinance) authorizing the appropriate City Officials to amend Ordinance #15 of 2012 enacted on December 19, 2012 was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

**A Motion** to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the White Collar, Non – Professional Employees between the City of Nanticoke and the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401 was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz and second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

Katrina Toporer asked if it is now official that the ordinance was passed and is the Northpoint project going to be completed and Attorney Finnegan stated “yes”. She asked if the advertising for the zoning hearing was advertised for 2 consecutive weeks like the ordinance states, Attorney Finnegan will have Attorney Stahl get her copies of the ads and it only had to run once not twice. Katrina asked what are all the explosions she is hearing and is it because of this project. President Brown said it is not Northpoint, it must be coming from the Highway or Hanover Twp. She asked what are the time limits for construction because she hears the explosions past 8 pm. Northpoint stated that is not them.

Theresa Sowa wanted to commend the new street put in and recognize that the City did a great job.

She wanted to bring to the Mayor's and Council's attention all the properties in town with tall grass and weeds and what is being done about them. Also, what can be done about people leaving their grass cutting in the street that looks dirty and clogs up the drains? Attorney Finnegan stated the new Storm water regulations will address the issue of grass

clippings left in the street. There will be a new ordinance coming out to prohibit this. DPW Foreman Wally Pavelitz commented that he and Jack are working hand and hand to cite and come down on people who are not maintaining their properties. She states she is ashamed of this town and it is looking like scum. President Brown does not agree with her that the whole town is scum, he stated many residents take excellent care of their properties. She stated some people just do not take pride in their properties. President Brown said most of them are the out of state landlords. She asked if something could be done legally and Wally stated Jack is citing them if they do not respond in a timely manner. John Telencho asked why we do not use the prisoners like Plymouth does and Wally stated that County and State prisons have said they do not have any to send out when we made our request. Wally will try to request the prisoners again.

Patricia Herring wanted to thank the City for the timely manner in fixing the drain by her house.

John Telencho wanted to know why no streets are being paved and it is the end of June and the COG has not been trained or out paving streets. Donna stated Hanover Twp. is in control of the COG scheduling and she is disappointed that it has not started yet too. She says we are first on the paving list.

Gene Bojarski stated some statistical facts about Nanticoke and he stated the Northpoint project is going to be good for the town if it is done correctly and he is all in favor of the warehouse project.

Linda Gullatto wanted a status on planting a tree in the park as a memorial to her deceased son. She has made many phone calls to three people and no one has given her the okay to plant the tree. If she cannot have a Weeping Willow, she inquired about a plum tree that gives off pretty purple flowers. President Brown said they will discuss that type of tree and Donna will get back to her soon.

#### **Correspondence –**

Jennifer read a letter addressed to Donna Wall from Timothy J. Derr thanking our City's crew who helped with traffic control and the funeral ceremony for Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Edward Slapikas on June 9, 2018. A copy of the letter is with the minutes.

#### **Announcements-** President Brown made the following announcements:

The Nanticoke City Council meeting for Wednesday, July 4, 2018 has been moved to **Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 7 pm** in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. City Hall will be closed on July 4, 2018.

The **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bang Celebration** is going to be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 with a rain date on Sunday July 1, 2018 at the GNA High School Football Field. Gates open at 4pm. Bring your family members out for some refreshments, entertainment, games and an awesome fire works display at dusk.

#### **Meeting Adjournment**

Ms. Butczynski made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Coughlin, roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Next Meeting, Thursday July 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM

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Jennifer W. Polito  
City Clerk