

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2019

President Bill Heaton called the meeting to order. Code Enforcement Officer Lemmon was excused. All other members were present including Mayor Farkas. A Harris/Little motion approved the August meeting minutes. The Officer's reports were approved by a Harker/Harris motion.

Correspondence was read which included a notification from the Liquor Control Board of an automatic \$200 deposit into the general fund account.

Mrs. Sepp moved to hear the citizens present at the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed.

Mr. Jerald Weatherly, 3608 West 3rd Avenue asked if yard waste could still be dumped at the borough building and was told that it could. He also asked about the status of the name plaques at the Veteran's Memorial again. Mr. Tate responded that he had met with a brick layer and ordered new caps and slabs to repair the damage caused by the fallen tree. The work should be completed within a couple of weeks and the plaques will be put back up.

Mr. Regis Benden, 104 Ross Avenue asked when the trailer on Railroad Street will be moved and was told that it should be moved by this weekend.

With no other citizens present, Mr. Harris moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed.

Old Business

Fire and Police – Ms. Harker - none

Parks and Playground –Mrs. Sepp obtained two bids for the removal or pruning of the tree at the park.

Marshall Tree service – remove dead branches and prune - \$1500

Leatherneck – Remove dead branches and prune - \$1200

Mr. Tate is worried that the tree will continue to deteriorate and thinks it should be cut down. The majority of council members think that only the dead branches should be removed because the tree provides shade. Mr. Heaton asked if the borough employees could do the work since it only involves cutting out dead branches, not removing the entire tree. Some discussion followed and it was decided to table the issue until next month's meeting.

Streets and Lighting - none

Sewers and Sanitation – none

Ordinances – still working on the amendment to the burning ordinance.

Building and Equipment – Mr. Harris looked at the roof that needed repaired and asked Mr. Little if the borough employees could make the needed repairs. That can be done.

Streets, Lighting and Bridges- Mr. Little said that he spoke with Mr. Beres who has attended several meetings regarding the water running off onto his property. Mr. Little explained that they took care of a problem that originated on Knape Street which has stopped the runoff. The water pooling in his property is caused by springs located about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up. They also added a small curb to direct the overflow. The problem that was reported by Mrs. McGraw regarding the runoff going through the Percic property and hers has been investigated. There was a water main break at Mayfield Village and the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority repaired it. It was not known how long the break had gone undetected. Mr. Bovalino and Mr. Heaton checked out the complaint and could find nothing running down the hill. Mr. Bovalino will address it.

Mr. Little also reported that the boom mowing had been $\frac{3}{4}$ completed.

Finance and Litigation – Mr. Tate – none but he said that he will also make sure that the area around the flag pole at the Veteran’s Monument will be cemented also.

Mayor Farkas again lodged a complaint about residents taking their animals to the fire department parking lot to do their business and not cleaning up afterward. He suggested a sign be installed prohibiting animals in the parking lot.

Mr. Heaton reviewed a report from DEP regarding the Wilson Avenue water runoff problem. The DEP reported there were no violations found and no further action was required. The resident who filed the original complaint did not sign off on the report.

All council members were given a copy of the financial report the Mr. Emge provided for the traveling baseball league. There were no questions regarding the report. Mr. Kip Richeal did not endorse the gentleman who approached council desiring to take over the ballfields. He did not feel that he had the proper qualifications to perform the job. He would like to see Mr. Emge continue.

The Code System’s Issue was also discussed by Mr. Heaton. As Mr. Blakely discussed at our last meeting, Code Systems is still listed on state records as our UCC representative. Mr. Bovalino is still working on contacting MDIA (with whom we signed a contract) to find out why that information was not forwarded to the state.

Mr. Bovalino discussed the water runoff problem from Mayfield Village through the Percic/McGraw property. There are 2 pipes and a concrete basin that exits into the woods below the Mayfield Village. He would like to know who the storm water system belongs to. He would like to meet with a surveyor or someone who does title searches to further investigate this issue and determine ownership of the system. Mr. Joseph Budicak performs title searches. A discussion followed and Mr. Harris moved to allot up to \$1,000 for Mr. Bovalino to research the ownership of the storm water system in Mayfield Village and was seconded by Ms. Harker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bovalino also discussed the complaints from Mr. Pegg regarding the neighbor’s drain pipes running onto his property. Mr. Bovalino sent a letter to Mr. William Pullman, the property owner, regarding this issue and that he should contact him as soon as possible. He cited the nuisance ordinance as documentation of the complaint.

New Business

Ms. Harker reported that the fire department needed to purchase three batteries and a switch for the fire truck. The price is \$519.77. They used the borough’s Auto Zone account and will reimburse them for \$519.77

She also had a complaint about the Black property on Ross Avenue with animals in and out and an empty house on Rock Avenue. Mrs. Sepp will let Mr. Lemmon (code enforcement) know.

Mrs. Sepp – none

Mr. Kosanovich reported that the time clock has been installed in the borough garage and all punch-ins will be recorded on camera. Any failure to clock in and out will result in a reprimand. Each employee will be required to clock in at 7 a.m. and clock out for a half hour lunch. They will clock back in after lunch and clock out for the day at 7:30 p.m. An option for a one-hour lunch was discussed making the work day from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. but the 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch was agreed upon. A meeting was held on September 5 with Eli, Bill, Lou and Monica and rules regarding the time clock were established. A copy of these rules was handed to all council members and reviewed. There were no negative responses to them. The employee handbook will be amended to accommodate these changes. A copy of these notes is attached to the minutes and listed as an addendum to the minutes.

Mr. Harris reported that there was a complaint about property on West 4th Avenue (double-wide home) with the grass too high. It will be turned over to Mr. Lemmon.

Mr. Little reported to council that PennDot had donated millings from the work that was performed on 37th Street to the borough. The drain on West 3rd Avenue has been cleaned out and the grass cut. He would like permission to run 15 inch pipe down from Rock Avenue (approximately 228 feet) and plant grass as an improvement not to exceed \$2,000. Since this was not a budgeted item for 2019, it should be considered for the 2020 budget.

The stop sign on Craig Street needs replaced. A 30" stop sign must be used because it is at the intersection of a state road.

The clutch on the lift of the big dump truck needs repaired.

Mr. Tate – none

Mayor Farkas – none

Mr. Heaton reported that when PennDot paved 37th Street they paved over a man hole on Short Street. They will repair that.

He asked Mr. Kosanovich about the status of the recycling grant. Initially the amount would have been between \$500 and \$1000, but because this is the year for larger grants, Mrs. Vogt said that we could be eligible of up to 50% of the cost of the new truck, 90% toward the cost of a wood chipper, 90% of the cost of blocks for the creek project and 90% of the cost for the trench. Any grant money received must be used for only the items listed.

Mr. Heaton contacted PennDot again regarding the catch basin on 37th Street at the end of Lenoir Alley. He would like to redirect the water downhill and trench across the alley to avoid the runoff onto 37th Street which causes icy conditions in the winter.

Mr. Heaton also reviewed the MS4 report from DEP. They need to know where every drain in our building comes out. We are also required to have spill kits and prevention kits on hand. All oil containers have to be placed on pallets that will hold a 66 gallon capacity at a cost of approximately \$281.00. Drain plugs are also needed for the buildings. The cost of duffel bag spill kits at approximately \$90 per bag. He would like to order 2 spill kits – one to keep in the building and the other to carry on the truck. Mr. Heaton requested permission to purchase these. Mr. Harris moved to permit the purchase of the spill kits and was seconded by Mrs. Sepp. The motion passed all in favor.

Mr. Bovalino - none

The bills were reviewed and Mr. Tate moved to pay the borough bills and was seconded by Mrs. Sepp. The motion carried.

Mr. Kosanovich moved to approve purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mrs. Sepp. The motion carried.

Mr. Little moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Sepp with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Secretary