

Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2019

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

Correspondence was read which included a Claims Form from Progressive Insurance for a stop sign damaged in 2018. Mr. Heaton asked that the solicitor review the claim prior to accepting the settlement offered

Mr. Tate moved to hear the citizens present at the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed.

Everett Blakely, Code Systems Code Enforcement was present to answer any questions regarding the firm's representation for the Uniform Construction Act. We were given misinformation that Code Systems was no longer going to represent municipalities so we contracted with a different company. Mr. Blakely met with Mr. Heaton, Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Bovalino to see exactly what was going on. Code Systems is still listed with the state as our code enforcement system and they are still very interested in representing us. Since Mr. Bovalino was excused from the meeting tonight no action has yet been taken.

Mr. Jerald Weatherly, 3608 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue questioned the name plaques missing from the Veteran's Memorial. Mr. Tate responded that they will be restored to the monument.

Mr. Richard Pegg, 3812 High Street Extension expressed his thanks for the replacement of the pipe that had been damaged. Mr. Little said that the catch basin will be repaired next week. The water run-off has been located.

Mr. John Beres, 705 Lenox Avenue said that the water run-off problem has not been resolved. Mr. Little replied that they believed the problem was on Knappe Street and the water running down onto Lenox Avenue originated there. They repaired the problem on Kanpe and thought that would resolve the issue. He asked Mr. Beres to contact him and he will personally check it out and try to resolve the issue completely. Mr. Beres said that there is no storm drain on Lenox and Mr. Little will check into that.

Mr. Barry Emge, Traveling Baseball League was present to discuss the maintenance of the fields and to also express his desire to extend the contract that the league has for the fields at our community park until 2024. He spoke of all of the improvements to the fields and his love of our park. There are some repairs that are needed such as the dugout area. The heavy rains have caused erosion on field 2 and it was recommended by an engineer to leave some of the grass on it to stop the erosion. He also said that much of his revenue source is gone due to Wright Fields in Chippewa and indoor practice facilities that are now being used. He provided copies of the electric bills that he pays at the park so that we can make sure that they are not the same as the ones that the borough pays at the park. No decisions were made as to contract renewal but we are thankful for all the improvements that have been made.

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

Old Business

**Fire and Police** – Ms. Harker - none

**Parks and Playground** –Mrs. Sepp spoke with Hudson and they will invoice us for \$387.50 for trimming the incorrect tree. They gave a quote of \$1650 for removal of the correct tree. Mrs. Sepp was asked to obtain more bids for both trimming and removal. She will make sure that the correct tree is designated this time.

**Streets and Lighting - none**

**Sewers and Sanitation** – Mr. Kosanovich reported that the Chapter 94 report that was returned by Beaver Falls had questions about the overflow at the railroad underpass. He added to the report that the overflow was increased only after excessive rainfall.

He also reported that he had talked with Holly Vogt and there is no news yet on the recycling grant. He will now be taking the recycling to the county because he does not want the recycling to cost the borough and Brunner charged us after we were led to believe there would be no charge.

**Ordinances - none**

**Building and Equipment** – Mr. Harris none

**Streets, Lighting and Bridges-** Mr. Little said that all the complaints that were received from citizens at last month's meeting have been taken care of. There is dumping High Street Extension. The property is owned by Reverend Manypenny.

**Finance and Litigation** – Mr. Tate – none but he again reminded council that the salt shed roof needs to be repaired.

Mr. Heaton discussed the meeting with Code Systems and reported that Mr. Bovalino is looking into what can be done.

He also reported on the DEP compliance inspection for the MS4 Storm Water Ordinance. The main issue discussed were the MCM's (minimum control measures and more detailed BMP's (best manage practice) plans. DEP liked what we've done so far but we need to step it up. They found some areas on site that need to me addressed: an open drain with oil seeping needs to be taken care of to avoid a fine from EPA; drums stored in the garage need to be put on a containment pallet with a spill kit for any leaks that might happen; employee training needs to be done and we need to track where our drains are coming out (find the end point). Next year we will have to provide a percentage of sampling and 260 feet of creek restoration has to be completed by the end date of the permit. A complete report will be sent out in September.

New Business

Ms. Harker reported that the fire department answered 54 fire calls. There was a tractor trailer that jackknifed on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street with some damage to property. The driver was cited. The department also flushed out and unclogged sewers from Boyd Avenue to Patterson Avenue and also High Street Extension.

Mrs. Sepp asked about drain & catch basins. The Sudano's property has water just lying there and it could be that the drains are not where they should be.

Mr. Kosanovich reported that we will be getting our salt through CoStars this year at a cost of \$80.59 per ton which is less than we paid through COG last year. We are obligated to purchase 44 tons with an additional 66 tons for a maximum of 110 tons. He is checking with CoStars and other companies on prices for a wood chipper. He also is checking into prices for a concrete saw. Mr. Tate will see what he can find out as well. He discussed the need to purchase a time clock with time cards to avoid hours being missed on the spread sheet. He said the price is around \$300. Mr. Harris moved to allow the purchase of a time clock not to exceed \$500 and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harris reported that there is a dip in the road on West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the Thellman property caused by a water main break. Mr. Little will look at it and contact the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority.

Mr. Little – none

Mr. Tate – none

Mayor Farkas – none

Mr. Heaton – none

The bills were reviewed and Ms. Harker moved to pay the borough bills and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Little with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry  
Secretary