

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019

President Bill Heaton called the meeting to order. Mr. Harris and Mrs. Sepp were excused. All other members were present including Mayor Farkas.

Two bids were received for Refuse Collection in the borough. Young's Refuse bid was \$12 per month or \$36 per quarter. Valley Waste's bid was \$12.45 per month or \$37.35 per quarter. Following a discussion in which questions were asked and answered by both parties present, Mr. Tate moved that the borough accept the lowest bid from Young's Refuse. Mr. Kosanovich seconded the motion which passed by roll-call vote as follows: Ms. Harker – no; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Little – no; Mr. Tate – yes and Mr. Heaton – yes.

A Little/Tate motion approved the October meeting minutes. The Officer's reports were approved by a Little/Tate motion.

Correspondence was read which included a notification from the Commonwealth of PA that State Police Fines would be mailed on December 1, 2019 in the amount of \$395.92.

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

Mr. Regis Benden, 104 Ross Avenue asked again about the trailer on Railroad Street that was supposed to have been moved last month. Mr. Lemmon responded that he had not mailed the certified letter. He was instructed to do so giving a set time for removal. If the trailer is not moved by that time, the owner is to be cited.

With no other citizens present, Ms. Harker 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

Sewers and Sanitation – Mr. Kosanovich – there is grant money available for sewer. He had two jobs reviewed and they are both eligible. There is a 15% matching that would have to be paid by the borough along with a \$100 application fee. He is in the process of filling out the grant application. The deadline is December 5, 2019.

Ordinances – none. He is cutting back the hours for the 2nd Saturday Recycling since there has not been a lot of participation by residents.

Building and Equipment – Mr. Little – The owner's cards for borough vehicles are expired and he would like to know how to renew them. He will go to Representative Marshall's office and begin the process for renewal.

Streets, Lighting and Bridges- Mr. Little – The committee interviewed two candidates (Colton Beighley and Benjamin Langer) for the laborer position left vacated by the resignation of Mr. McNeely. Following a discussion of the qualifications, Mr. Little moved to hire Benjamin Langer for the position with a salary beginning at \$11 per hour for a 40 hour work week that will increase to \$12 per hour after a 90-day probation period and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; and Mr. Heaton – yes. Mr. Langer will begin work tomorrow, November 15, 2019.

No reply has been received regarding the broken manhole on 37th Street.

Finance and Litigation – Mr. Tate – none
Mayor Farkas - none

Mr. Heaton reported that the pallets that were ordered were sent to the wrong address. The company will correct the address and resend them.

He asked about the status of the repair of the salt shed roof. It will be taken care of next week according to Mr. Little.

Mr. Bovalino again discussed the water runoff problem from Mayfield Village through the Percic/McGraw property. He will be meeting with a representative from DEP tomorrow to discuss the complexity of the issue. The broken pipe was repaired and the problem seems to have been alleviated. He also has not had any more information regarding the Pegg complaint. The owner of the property involved has been notified. He addressed the code systems problem and reported that MDIA will let us out of the contract. He will notify Everett from Code Systems that we will be continuing to use Code Systems as our enforcing agent. He reviewed the changes to the Employee Handbook, including the time clock explanation and council agreed that the changes were correct to their specifications.

Mr. Bovalino also reported that the problem with the sirens from PMAC will have to be a private right of action.

New Business

Fire & Police – Ms. Harker reported an accident on 37th Street and that Halloween Trick or Treat was good.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Lansberry for Mrs. Sepp – the Borough Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Fire Hall from 3 – 5:30 p.m. This information will be posted on the borough website.

Mr. Little announced that there will be a pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by the Fire Department on December 8 from 8 until noon. Santa will be present.

On December 21, Santa will be making his rounds on the fire truck to distribute candy to borough children.

Mr. Kosanovich - Ordinances – none

Sewers & Sanitation – none

Mr. Tate received a donation of 5 red maple trees from Home Depot. It was decided to plant them at the last shelter.

Mayor Farkas - none

Mr. Heaton reminded council that the preliminary budget needed to be adopted. Mr. Tate moved to accept the preliminary budget and was seconded by Ms. Harker. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Lansberry will place an ad in the paper to let residents know the budget is available for inspection and will be formally adopted at the December 12 meeting.

Mr. Bovalino - none

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

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

Mr. Kosanovich moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Harker with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Secretary