

Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2020

President Bill Heaton called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Mrs. McNeely who was excused due to a family emergency. The solicitor was excused also.

The January minutes were approved unanimously by a Harris/Little motion. The financial report was approved unanimously by a Harker/Harris motion. No police report was available.

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

Mr. James Proya, 402 Brook Street and Mr. Jacob Tate 335 Brook Street discussed an on-going problem with one of their neighbors. They have caused a number of disturbances with loud music and obscenities and the police have been involved. Charges were filed by the police and the court fined the neighbors. This has not stopped the disturbances. They asked if we had any type of ordinance that deals with 3 strikes, you're out. We do not have any ordinance that addresses that. Mr. Heaton will talk to the police and review our noise ordinance to see if there is anything that the borough can do.

Mr. Tate also asked if any progress has been made with the erosion problem being caused by the creek. With the conservation district being banned from issuing permits, other avenues have to be investigated. Mr. Kosanovich has been in touch with an engineer who specializes in bridge reinforcement who may be able to help. Because the permit application will now only be handled by DEP, they require an engineering report and hopefully we will be able to get this completed this summer.

Mrs. Theresa Bergfelt, 4500 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue again brought to council's attention the deterioration of West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 43<sup>rd</sup> & 47<sup>th</sup> Streets. This is causing water run-off onto her property and damaging it. This will be added to the lists of streets that we are considering for repair through the liquid fuel fund. We would like to seal the cracks in the pavement and then tar and chip the roads.

With no other citizens who wished to address council, Ms. Harker moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion carried.

Old Business

**Code Enforcement** – Mr. Lemmon had nothing to report

**Fire and Police** - Ms. Harker reported that there were 78 fire calls answered in 2019. Engine 1 logged 412 miles, the squad vehicle 97 miles and Engine 320 miles. The fire department used 151 gallons of fuel.

**Parks and Playground** - Mrs. Sepp – none

**Sewers and Sanitation; Ordinances** -Mr. Kosanovich – none.

**Ordinances** – Mr. Bovalino requested that the 2020 Tax Ordinance which had been advertised be reviewed and adopted by council. Mr. Harris moved to adopt the 2020 Tax Ordinance with no increase in millage and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed unanimously.

**Buildings and Equipment** – Mr. Harris - none

**Streets, Lighting and Bridges** -Mr. Little reported that ball joints needed to be replace on the dump truck at a cost of approximately \$1200.00. The pick-up truck needs brakes. The employees have been patching potholes, cleaning and repairing sewer drains.

Mr. Little looked into the cost for the Bobcat repairs. The cost of the bucket is \$1263.56, valve repairs at \$400 and a cutting edge blade for \$273 totaling \$1874.08. Ms. Harker moved to authorize the repairs and was seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed all in favor.

Mayor Farkas - none

Mr. Heaton asked for a member of council to volunteer as the point person for Code Systems. Mr. Harris volunteered to be that representative.

Mr. Heaton discussed the need to begin a search for a new solicitor and suggested that an ad be placed in the paper to request resumes. Mr. Harris moved to authorize Mrs. Lansberry to place an ad in the paper requesting resumes be submitted to the borough no later than March 9, 2020. Ms. Harker seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Heaton will be meeting with Dan Sell from Widmer Engineering and DEP representatives to walk the creek at the park in preparation for the MS4 project. We are required to re-bank 260 feet of the creek.

Mr. Heaton is going to find out what would be required to participate in the Agility Program offered by PennDot. Mayor Farkas would like to have someone from PennDot attend a meeting to explain the program so that everyone understands the requirements. Mr. Heaton will see if that is something that they would be willing to do.

#### New Business

Ms. Harker reported that there were a number of car break-ins in the borough but the police only received 2 or 3 calls. Chief DeLuca stressed that if the police aren't notified, they can't do anything so he urged us to let our citizens know they have to call the police when something like this happens.

Mrs. Sepp told council that her neighbor, Pay Sye is still having a water issue in her yard. It will be taken care of when the weather breaks.

She also reported that the drain on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street is still not draining and if the water freezes, there will be an ice hazard on the road. They will see what can be done to fix that.

She informed council also that she observed the borough plowing on the wrong side of the road, rather than with the flow of traffic. That also will be taken care of.

She asked Mr. Harris if the inventory list had been completed and it has not due to some personal health issues at home.

Mr. Kosanovich had to contact Robinson Pipe Cleaning to jet and clean out a clogged sewer line on West Fifth from 37<sup>th</sup> Street toward the Foundry. They found a broken pipe so we need to think about having the line videoed to see how bad the damage is.

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Mr. Harris asked about labels for equipment.

Mr. Little thanked Mr. Harris for his work on the inventory.

The K-12 saw from Hamilton was gone and he located another one that had been used only 4 times at D & G Rent-alls for \$750. Bob Tate knows of one that is brand new for \$700 and he will see if it is still available.

Ms. Harker moved to give permission to purchase a K-12 saw spending up to \$800 and was seconded by Mrs. Sepp. The motion passed all in favor.

He informed council that Beaver Falls has finally cleaned out the underpass and their side of the tunnel on 24<sup>th</sup> Street Extension, and he has order salt, anti-skid and diesel fuel for the borough.

Mayor Farkas asked that someone look at the alley behind West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to see what can be done.

Mr. Bovalino has prepared the Tax Ordinance and it needs to be advertised before it can be adopted. Mr. Harris moved to authorize publication of the ordinance and Mrs. Sepp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

He also informed council that he has been given a promotion at work and will be submitting a letter of resignation at the February meeting. He is giving a 90 day notice with a maximum of 6 months to procure a replacement. He strongly recommends that our ordinance committee meet and review our ordinances, especially the pet and noise ordinances to amend them and bring them up to date.

Mr. Heaton said that Columbia Gas will be working on replacing lines on Collidge Avenue and Ross Avenue. He had to provide a street opening permit for them and it is evident that our Street Opening Ordinance needs to be amended to revise the pricing.

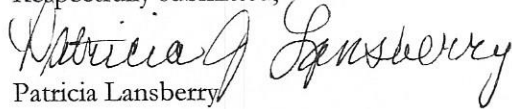
He reported that emergency management is inviting neighboring communities to merge with our team. He will be meeting with Big Beaver, Homewood, Koppel and New Galilee. There is a \$1000 fee to join and if they choose to not pay, they will not be permitted to use any of the equipment that we have.

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

Mr. Little moved to approve purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion carried.

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn at 7:45pm; seconded by Mr. Little with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia Lansberry