

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021

President Bill Heaton called the meeting to order. With the exception of Mayor Farkas who was excused, all members were present. The January minutes were approved unanimously by a Harris/McNeely motion. The Officers reports were approved unanimously by a Harker/Little motion.

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

Mr. Robert Kaib, 3782 West 5th Avenue was present to voice a concern about the borough tar and chipping the roads. He feels that it is a waste of time and money since the roads are in such bad shape. Mr. Heaton replied that the only roads being considered for tar and chipping are the ones that have been pre-patched. Due to the expense of repaving, it is not possible to do all of the roads in the borough. Each year an inspection is conducted by the street committee and any member of council who wishes to participate to determine which roads are to be done for that year. The inspection results are brought to council and it is their decision to make as to which roads will be done.

Kathy Brewer, borough tax collector, suggested that council consider drafting a newsletter for the residents to keep them informed as to what is going on within the borough. Many don't have access to the internet to view the borough website and it is often not up to date with current events within the borough. Because of the cost of mailing the letter to residents, it was suggested that only the initial newsletter be mailed with information about where the newsletter can be picked up. There could be a pick-up box located at both the borough building and the fire department for the citizens to access. A notice could also be placed in the newspaper regarding the newsletter being planned. It was also suggested that the webmaster attend meetings so that current information can be posted to the website. Mr. Heaton will speak with Kevin to see if he would be willing to attend the meetings. Mrs. Sepp and Mrs. McNeely would consider working on the newsletter.

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 – none but noted the Foundry property was zoned commercial

Sewers and Sanitation - Mr. Kosanovich reported that the small water grant application was not yet available.

Ordinances – none

Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Harris - none

Streets, Lighting and Bridges –Mr. Little reported that Walnut Street could now be used and that the sewer line will be installed after the weather breaks. The furnace at the borough building went out, but Jeff Seybert donated the ignitor needed to repair it.

Finance and Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none.

Mr. Heaton spoke with Insight Pipe about repairing the sewer on High Street. The cost for repair will be between \$11 and 12,000 to do the job completely. He will get a price quote from them. Insight Pipe has an agreement with Costars so no bids are necessary. He will call to have the job scheduled.

No check has been received from Columbia Gas for their share of paving Coolidge Street. Mrs. Lansberry received a call from Columbia Gas requesting a W-9 form. The payment was not issued because we are not listed in their Vendor system. Once the W-9 form is received, payment will be remitted. Mr. Heaton is going to have the West 6th Avenue paving project bid by Widmer Engineering like last year's project. He has a list of all the roads that he would like to have tar and chipped and asked the street committee and any council

member who would like to participate to contact him to inspect the roads and come up with a feasible tar and chip plan. He wants to make sure that the roads that have been patched are still fixable.

Mr. Budicak- none

New Business

Fire and Police Ms. Harker - none

Parks & Playground – Mrs. Sepp will get bids for the roof repair on the park shelter by the April meeting. The windows in the restroom shelter will need replaced as well since someone broke them all out.

Sewers & Sanitation; Mr. Kosanovich reported that there is still a problem with sewer back up on Harbison Road. He will have to contact someone who has a push cable or small camera to go through the line.

Ordinances - none

Buildings & Ground –Mr. Harris – gave a list of stuff needed for equipment.

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Mr. Little – reported that the chain on the salt spreader broke again. He would like to get 2. The serpentine belt on the GMC broke and has been repaired. Blades are needed for the bottom of the plows. He will bet prices for both rubber and metal ones. The rubber ones only last for two years. Break away pins are needed and brakes and rotors on the GMC to pass inspection. He is also is ordering 2 loads of salt and anti-skid to hopefully get us through the winter. The stop signs need reflectors on them and some need to be replaced. Mr. Heaton reminded him that Pennsylvania is now requiring all stop signs be replaced with 30 inch signs.

On behalf of the fire department, Mr. Little asked if the fire department bus could be parked in one of the garage stalls. As long as none of the borough equipment is moved, he was given permission to use the garage for the bus with no objections from council members.

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none

Mr. Heaton received a citizen's request for plowing and salting the alleys in the borough. He explained that once all the other roads were plowed, the borough did plow the alleys but due to the cost of salt, they are not salted. He also reported that he had a request from Eastvale for help with plowing their roads because they lost their plow drivers. After discussing the request, there are just too many liabilities so we are not going to offer help for them.

Mr. Budicak – none

In other business, Mr. Kosanovich said that Signs by Sam will install the decals on the shredder (required because of the grant received) for \$100.

Mrs. Sepp said that there is a post on West 4th Avenue that doesn't have a sign on it (possibly a speed limit sign) and that all of the signs should be checked. There have been numerous complaints about Young's Refuse. They are not picking up all the trash, they don't come on the designated day and they don't empty the cans – only take the bags out. Is there any way that we can get out of the contract? Mrs. Lansberry will send Mr. Budicak a copy of the contract and he will review it.

The February bills were presented to council and Ms. Harker moved to pay the borough bills seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sepp moved to ratify all purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed all yeas.

With no further business to discuss Mr. Harris moved for adjournment at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary