

Regular Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021

President Bill Heaton called the meeting to order. All members were present including Mayor Farkas. The February minutes were approved unanimously by a Little/McNeely motion. The Officers reports were approved unanimously by a Harker/Harris motion.

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

The citizens present were only there to observe so Ms. Harker moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely. The motion passed.

Old Business

Fire and Police - Ms. Harker - none

Parks and Playground - Mrs. Sepp – will have bids for the repair of windows and shelters at the park by next month's meeting.

Sewers and Sanitation - Mr. Kosanovich reported that here have been repeated problems with the sewer line on Harbison and Orchard Street. The offset PVC pipe to the clay pipe doesn't match up and will have to be repaired later. There was a large grease ball clogging the pipe. Maybe we should consider lining (102 feet) to see if that can be done and perhaps that will help to alleviate the problem. The problems on Jean Street and Sand Alley might be alleviated by a manhole inside the playground. High Street lines have been flushed in preparation of re-lining that sewer line. The water company wants notified when we use hydrants so that we can pay a deposit.

Ordinance – Mr. Kosanovich would like to have an ordinance enacted that covers companies who dig up our roads and holds them responsible for returning them to their original condition. Rochester has such an ordinance. The Mayor suggested that we also make sure that it is concreted prior to blacktopping.

Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Harris - none

Streets, Lighting and Bridges – Mr. Little reported that both trucks have been inspected. A decision needs to be made as to whether to repair the 2004 truck for approximately \$6500 or sell it. He suggested that the bucket truck could be converted to a regular pick up or that he and the street department crew could repair the 2004 on rainy days when they cannot engage in any other borough work. He needs to give a quote on the cost of repairs for next month's meeting before a decision can be made. He will wait to replace the blades for the plow until next year.

Finance and Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none. She did however ask about the garbage contract from last month's meeting. Mr. Budicak reported that he reviewed the contract and the 3 years does not end until 2022. There is really no method to disengage from the contract because it states that there must be a material breach (which is a significant breach) of contract. It is risky to back out from the contract but we can officially notify Mr. Young of the problems and complaints. One person should be designated as the contact person and a log of all complaints received. Mrs. McNeely volunteered to be the contact person. Kevin Farkas who takes care of the borough website does have a citizen's complaint form on the site and will forward any garbage complaints to Mrs. McNeely along with Mr. Heaton and Mrs. Lansberry who already receive copies of the citizens' complaints. It was suggested that Kevin attend the council meetings and he will attend when he can.

Mayor Farkas – none

Mr. Heaton reviewed plans for street paving for 2021. Most of the roads need to be replaced – tar and chip would be a waste of time and money but some of the streets could have cracks filled and possibly be seal coated. Major holes will be patched until we can actually pave them. He reviewed the bids and contract from last year's paving project and came up with some preliminary costs for what he would like to see accomplished this year. Asphalt costs \$88.86 per ton; 254 sq. yds. of milling and approximately 15 containers of tac coat. Would like to finish Ross, Boyd and Harding. It's 1170 linear feet and would cost approximately \$27,000.00 to pave. He would also like to use some of the additional money in the general fund, create a capital project and repave West 6th Ave from 43rd to 37th Street or pave about 4000 feet of roads. The cost would be approximately \$100,000.00 for both. We should pick the worst to pave and seal what we can.

Following a discussion, Mr. Harris moved to pave Ross, Boyd and Harding to finish the Hollow paving through Widmer Engineering for between \$26 and \$27 thousand dollars. Mrs. McNeely seconded the motion. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mrs. Sepp – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Mr. Harris – yes and Mr. Heaton – yes. Mrs. McNeely moved to request bids through Widmer Engineering for the paving of 4000 feet of roads for approximately \$80 thousand dollars. Mrs. Sepp seconded the motion. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mrs. Sepp – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Mr. Harris – yes and Mr. Heaton – yes.

Mr. Budicak had no business to report other than the review of the garbage contract that was already discussed.

New Business

Fire and Police Ms. Harker – none. She did have a complaint about property on Short Street to report to Mr. Lemmon who had already been excused.

Parks & Playground – Mrs. Sepp asked about shelter reservations at the park and if we were going to be renting them out this year. The shelters can be rented but anyone renting the shelter must follow CDC Guidelines of social distancing. Mr. Little said that repairs need to be done, mulch spread around the playground equipment and general cleanup of the park prior to rental. He hopes to have this done by May. Council had no objections to opening the park shelters for rental as long as the guidelines are followed.

Sewers & Sanitation; Mr. Kosanovich reported that 43rd Street is getting worse and he needs to contact the municipal authority to see what can be done.

Ordinances - none

Buildings & Ground –Mr. Harris reported to council that a spill kit is not necessary at the diesel fuel tank as long as there are absorbing mats in place in case of a spill of fuel.

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Mr. Little – reported that all of the lights on the plows have been repaired, salt and anti-skid ordered and should have enough left over to start next winter. The Bobcat drive shaft had to be repaired at a cost of \$863.64. Might want to consider budgeting for a new one next year. The drain at the borough building has been repaired. Once the snow is completely gone, they will begin sweeping the streets of excess residue from the salt.

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none

Mayor Farkas suggested that reflecting stop signs be installed on West 3rd Avenue. They cost about \$700 and we would probably have to contact PennDot regarding their guidelines for stop signs.

Mr. Heaton reported that Insight Pipe will be lining High Street soon. He has had no status reports or information from DEP regarding the MS4 Ordinance requirements.

Mr. Budicak – none

The March bills were presented to council and Mrs. McNeely moved to pay the borough bills seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

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

With no further business to discuss Mr. Little moved for adjournment at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary