

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021

President Bill Heaton called the meeting to order. Ms. Harker was excused and Mr. Harris was absent. All other members were present including Mayor Farkas. The March minutes were approved unanimously by a McNeely/Sepp motion. The Officers reports were approved unanimously by a Little/McNeely motion.

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

Mr. Robert Kaib, 3782 W 5th Avenue had a complaint regarding garbage pickup. He had called to let the company know there was a wood pallet to be picked up with regular trash but it was not picked up. He had to call again. There also had to be 4 or 5 calls made to have trash on Craig Street picked up. Mr. Heaton explained about the citizen's complaint form on the website and also that Mrs. McNeely was the contact person for trash pickup complaints.

Mrs. Linda Alberti, 301 Boyd Avenue was present to follow up on the status of paving Boyd Street. Mr. Heaton explained that we are in the process of securing bids through our engineering firm and the work will be completed as soon as possible.

She also had a complaint about the litter at the park. There are signs prohibiting littering with a fine of \$300 if caught. The problem is that there has to be proof.

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

Old Business

Parks and Playground - Mrs. Sepp presented 2 bids to council for the repair of shelter roofs at the park. She had expected a third bid but had not received it prior to the meeting.

Bradley Roofing – New Brighton submitted a bid of \$17,100 to remove and replace shingles on all three shelters. For a metal roof, the bid for all three shelters was \$20,020.00

Terry Rosinski – Ambridge submitted a bid of \$11,590 to remove and replace shingles on all three shelters. The shingles have a 30 year warranty and drip edges will be installed.

A discussion followed regarding shingles vs. metal roofing. If there is damage to a metal roof, the entire section has to be replaced, shingles can be replaced individually so the cost is less for shingles. Prices are also subject to change due to supply and demand costs of the vendors. Following the discussion Mrs. McNeely moved to accept the low bid from Terry Rosinski for \$11,590.00 to replace all three shelter roofs at the park. Mr. Little seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Sewers and Sanitation - Mr. Kosanovich reported that Insight Pipe will begin the relining of sewer lines on High Street Tuesday morning. They will notify all residents on Monday of the work beginning.

Ordinance – none

Streets, Lighting and Bridges – Mr. Little looked at the bucket truck discussed at last month's meeting to assess the needed repairs and to possibly convert it to a regular pick-up truck. Brakes are needed but he was unable to raise the bucket because he can't get fuel to the generator to raise the boom. He would like to have someone look at it to see how he can get the boom raised.

Mr. Heaton then went over the estimated paving price list and streets (with their width) that are to be paved and provided a list to all members present. He discussed the differences of the street widths and it was decided that all streets on the list will be kept at 18 feet wide with the exception of West 3rd Avenue. At this point, asphalt is \$92 per ton, and milling and tack coat prices have increased from last year. This increase has been included in the plan. He would like the project divided into two – one to be paid from Liquid Fuels and the other from the General Fund. He spoke with Tony Ryan and PennDot and found out that if the project is under \$100,000 prevailing wage does not have to be paid. He would like the right to remove and add streets based upon the pricing for both projects. West 10th Avenue has to have water leak repaired by BAR Residential before any paving can be done. A letter was sent to BAR documenting this and paving will not be done until the leak is taken care of. Mrs. Sepp moved to proceed with the paving project divided between the liquid fuel and general fund up to \$100,000 to include all streets provided on the list keeping the width at 18

feet with the exception of West 3rd Ave to be 24 feet with a little more width at 37th Street along with the option to remove or add any street contingent upon the price of the paving. The motion was seconded by Mr. Little and passed by roll-call vote as follows: Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mrs. Sepp – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Mr. Heaton – yes.

Regarding the streets, Mrs. McNeely asked about the leaves still at the side of the roads and also the gravel and stones at the intersections. Mr. Little said that this will all be taken care of.

Finance and Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none. She did start a spread sheet with all of the complaints on Young Refuse. The spread sheet should be sent to Young's so that they are aware of the complaints that are received by the borough regarding their lack of service. If they do not respond to the complaints, we may be forced to consider voiding the contract.

Mr. Budicak – none

Mayor Farkas reported that the parking lots owned by PTC Alliance across from the old B & W plant are being used as a dumping ground. He feels that the owners should be contacted about possibly fencing in the area. Mrs. Sepp will contact them to see what can be done.

Mr. Heaton - none

New Business

Parks & Playground – Mrs. Sepp was given a list of materials needed prior to opening the community park on the first of May. The swing seats need replaced; play sand is needed; volley ball net; basketball hoops; mulch (soft mulch needed for playground) top soil and trees trimmed. She asked council to give her an idea as to the amount of money that should be spent on these items. Council suggested expenses should not exceed \$2500 for everything. Mr. Little moved to allow Mrs. Sepp to purchase the above-mention items not to exceed \$2500.00. Mrs. McNeely seconded the motion which passed all in favor. The playground tubes and rock wall are in need of repair but it was decided that rather than repair, they should just be removed. Mrs. McNeely asked that they be returned to her because she had donated them to the park.

Sewers & Sanitation; Mr. Kosanovich reported that the sewers from Rock to Boden are clean and the house that has the problems need to get their drain check. Mr. Heaton will talk to the owner. The on-going problem in Orchard Alley is caused by a separation in the pipe and has to be dug up. Mr. Heaton has all of the information for location. This will be repaired by borough employees.

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 he had a call from Mr. Miller who was purchasing a lot on Patterson Avenue from Mr. Benden to be used as parking. As discussed at a previous meeting, he would like the no parking signs moved to the other side of the road. The sale has been completed so we will look at this and make a determination. Blades for the plow will not be purchased until fall.

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely asked if it was legal for a borough employee to run for council. Mr. Budicak responded that if the municipality has a population under 3,000 it is legal for an employee to be on council. However, the employee must abstain from any discussion or votes on issues that pertain to the street department.

Mayor Farkas - none.

Mr. Budicak – none.

Mr. Heaton reported that he had a complaint from a resident whose property is being infringed upon by vehicles who are driving too fast and taking the curve on Jean Street & Sand Alley too close. He suggested that perhaps we should put up a guardrail which would keep any vehicle from running onto his property. He will look at the property to make sure that the installation of a guardrail will not impede access by the fire truck in any way.

He also had a call from Mr. DeSanzo regarding a drainage problem on West 5th Ave and Foundry Alley. He has water coming into his yard and installed a pipe to defer the water but it's really not a solution. The road is so shallow that we really can't install a drainage pipe but something needs to be done to get the water out. Also, the Rock Avenue sink hole is singing again. We will have to do something about that as well. The main problem is that something has to be done about the hillside and we are not equipped to do that. Mr. Kosanovich suggested that we talk with Pro Shot who fixed the sink hole on Patterson to see if they have any suggestions.

The April bills were presented to council and Mrs. Sepp moved to pay the borough bills seconded by Mrs. McNeely after a correction to D & G Rentals for \$3360 to sharpen blades. The amount should be \$33.60. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Monica and Michelle passed around a copy of the first borough newsletter. This one will be mailed to all residents as well as posted on the website and will be written quarterly. The subsequent letters will be placed in pick-up boxes placed at several locations in the borough. The locations will be posted on the website.

With no further business to discuss Mrs. Sepp moved for adjournment at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Mrs. McNeely. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary