

Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021

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

Correspondence was read including a notification that our Liquid Fuel estimate is \$49,441.93 for 2022 and a notification the Beaver Falls has sold its sewage treatment plant. Mr. Don Inman sent information regarding the fact that the joint sewer users all contributed to build the plant and he is looking into trying to recoup some of the money that each joint user municipality contributed to the construction of the plant.

None of the citizens present at the meeting had any comments, they were simply observing.

Old Business

Police and Fire – Ms. Harker reported that of the cars tagged by the police, four were removed and two are pending.

Parks and Playground – Mrs. Sepp – none. Mrs. McNeely told council that garbage from the dumpster is all over the place and has been there for over a week. The borough employees were instructed to pick up the garbage every week since the dumpster has been removed. Mr. Little reported that all of the trees were cut down at the ballfield but because the stumps were not removed we got money removed from the original quote. Jake Tate has offered to remove the stumps at no cost to the borough. The trees were removed to allow access to where the time capsule is buried in front of the memorial.

Sewers and Sanitation - Mr. Kosanovich reported that the sewer behind the school on Short Street was snaked out. The grant money that we received from COVID is federal money so we are required to have 3 verbal bids. If we could document that because of COVID we lost \$60,000 in revenue we would not have to solicit bids for the sewer work that we would like to have done. Mrs. Lansberry will check, but she does not believe that we lost that much revenue over the course of the pandemic. The work on the storm drains on West 5th (Craig Alley/Street) has been completed. Mr. Heaton had a pipe put in, and the alley had to be regraded to get the water to flow into the basin. He also moved them to the edge of the road.

Ordinances – nothing has been done on the ordinance that we discussed at the last meeting.

Buildings and Equipment – Mr. Harris reported that he called the camera company to cancel the repair of the cameras. Mr. Heaton purchased 8 cameras, power box and power supplies for \$231.89. We can keep some of them as spares. He would like to also purchase a 24 inch monitor and may have to buy a couple of jacks. He will have the monitor hung in the office. The cameras will be visible at all times and the control will be locked in the cabinet. Council will decide where the cameras should be placed. The old system will be installed at the park.

Streets, Lighting and Bridges – Mr. Little reported that the pick-up trucks have all been repaired as well as the bucket truck. He needs to get them inspected. He will need a generator for the bucket truck. There is a repair shop on 164 in Ohio that repairs generators and he was instructed to take the generator in to see what the repairs would cost before a new one is purchased. Because of the amount of work that had to be done on Walnut, Harding, West 6th and Sand Alley, the other two streets that we considered paving could not be done. The man-hole risers need to be placed to complete the paving project and Mr. Heaton requested that 10% of the invoice be held until the job is completed. The risers are on back order and as soon as they come in, the work will be done. Mrs. Sepp suggested that a white line be painted in the middle of West 3rd Avenue. Mr. Kosanovich said that he believes that before any lines are painted, they have to meet PennDot specifications. He will research that.

Finance & Litigation - Mrs. McNeely - none

Mayor Farkas complimented the job done on the roads and the roads that were selected to be paved this year.
Mr. Budicak – none

Mr. Heaton reported that property owner would have to request removal of the vehicles that are left at the foundry.

New Business

Police & Fire – Ms. Harker - none

Parks & Playground – Mrs. Sepp - none

Sewers & Sanitation- Mr. Kosanovich - none

Ordinances – Mr. Kosanovich - none

Grounds and Equipment – Mr. Harris – none

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Mr. Little reported that the park has been closed for the winter. The tables need to be chained. The trash in the park will be picked up every Monday.

Mr. Little informed council that Mr. Dick Klugh's son is selling the property but the ground between the creek up to the house belongs to the Borough. In 1991 an article of agreement to use the property was given to Mr. Klugh; however when the garage was built, a corner of it is on borough property. Mr. Budicak said that there would have to be an agreement between the property owner and the borough to allow an easement for the encroachment of the garage onto borough property.

Mrs. Sepp reported that the back water tower on West 5th is being drained on to West 5th and West 4th Avenues. If this continues, the roads are going to be ruined. She will have to contact the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority to discuss this. She will call Mr. Riggio tomorrow.

A complaint from a resident at 3607 Jean Street was received about a hole at the bottom of her driveway but it is on the road.

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none. She is going to email the inmate community service again to see when they are going to begin their community service programs to municipalities.

Mayor - none

Mr. Budicak – none

Mr. Heaton reported that he received a resident complaint requesting 15 mph speed limit signs be placed on Sand Alley. Especially since the road has been newly paved, there is a lot of speeding now and there are children in the area. Mr. Heaton would also like to have a 3 way stop sign installed at Matilda and Sand Alley. We will have to have a written resolution for this to occur. Mrs. Lansberry will send Joe the information so that the resolution will be ready for next month's meeting.

Since there are so many issues with vacant lots and abandoned houses with overgrown grass, can we hire a lawn service and lien the property? We would have to get the owner's name and property address and notify them that we are going to do this. We will also have to get a receipt listing delivery confirmation. We could lose out on a tax sale of the property but not a regular sale or a sheriff's sale.

The Budget Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4th at 6 pm.

Trick or Treat is set for Thursday, October 28th from 6 – 8 pm.

There will not be a borough Christmas Party this year but extra items will be purchased for the gift bags the kids get from Santa on the firetruck

A box will be put up at the borough building for the borough newsletters.

The October bills were presented to council and Mr. Little moved to pay the borough bills seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

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

With no further business to discuss Mr. Little moved for adjournment at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sepp. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary