

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2022

President Lou Little called the meeting to order. All council members were present. A Heaton/Sepp motion approved the March meeting minutes. The officers' reports were approved by a Harker/Sepp motion.

Ms. Harker moved to listen to citizen comments and was seconded by Mr. Sepp. The motion passed all in favor.

Mr. B.J. Giangulio, president of HA Thomson Company was present to review our insurance policies. At council's request, the bucket truck will be covered for liability insurance only because it is not being used. He explained that social members of the volunteer fire department are not covered under our liability and work comp insurance. The anticipated increase in premiums are \$772 for Liability and \$612 for work comp.

Mr. Ron Patterson, 3625 W 4th Ave told council that Craig Street Alley is the only access to his home and the road is awful. He asked that we pave the road and we are not permitted to pave alleys by law. He also said that they can't see coming out of the alley on the Harbison side because bushes and brush are blocking the view.

Cheryl Meador, 3606 Craig Street complained about the same issue. Her garage is in the alley. We will see what we can do – tar & chip, needs milled. Jeff will check it out She also notified council about the empty lot across the street. The owner is out of state and the property is listed by Howard Hanna – Wendy is the realtor.

Robert Tkacik, 3619 W 4th Avenue said that his house sits on the alley as well. The trees on the 37th Street side are blocking the view and something needs to be done. In regards to alleys not being paved he noted that West 3rd Alley and Mayfield Alley are paved.

Mr. Daniel Muier asked if any decision has been made about the property he owns at 3601 Short Street. Mr. Budicak will check into it and apologized for the delay.

Brian Covalt, 101 Boyd Avenue – regarding the Norther & Southern train complaint. Mr. Heaton explained that he has talked to the train police and they said they couldn't do anything about parking behind Standard Steel. He has been keeping up with it. Mr. Covalt spoke with a non-union supervisor rep Leetsdale North & Leetsdale toward Pittsburgh and to Gene from Standard Steel and said the crew changes have to be stopped. Once that is done there will be no more problems. He'll give the names of the people he spoke with to Bill so that he can follow up.

He also noted that the grass is high at the park and told council that trees should not be trimmed in June.

Lori McNeely, 3809 High Street Ext. inquired about what council expected from West Mayfield baseball. They pay for the porta johns and the dumpsters. Right now there is only one team – no little league or pony league teams because they couldn't get enough kids. They are trying to get more kids involved and are seeking help. They are going to fix the net over the backstop on the pony league field. Phillip Woodley coaches a team on the field on Wednesdays for practice only. They do not collect any money from him. We still need to hear from Brian Smith and Kip Richeal, who is in charge of West Mayfield Baseball and does all the scheduling will contact him. The borough will cut the grass until they can get a tractor. Shelter 1 has been vacated.

Monica Sepp, 4307 West 4th Avenue said the borough owns the park and that the baseball league has the netting to fix the backstop but needs a cherry picker or something that will reach the top. She suggested that the borough rent one from D&G Rent-Alls to help them out. With no other citizens wishing to comment, Ms. Harker moved to return to the regular order of business, seconded by Mrs. McNeely and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Streets, Lighting & Bridges— Ms. Harker – the garbage trucks have damaged the repair on 37th Street going across Lenore. The borough should request that the residents move their garbage to Ann Street to avoid any more damage to the roads. Bill will contact PennDot about what needs done on 37th Street where the sewer lines were replaced. He said that we will not be doing any repairs requested by them until next year to give the patching that was already done time to settle. Ms. Harker said the streets to be paved this year are W. 4th, 44th and 43rd streets and Walnut. Harding will be finished. We should get some proof of what was not acceptable from last year to aid in accepting any bids received.

Mr. Miller requested that the no parking signs be removed when he purchased the property from Mr. Benden. The deal has been completed for a while but the signs are still up. After a discussion, it was decided to remove one of the signs.

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Sepp said the brushes for the bobcat should run about \$966. Mr. Heaton moved to permit the purchase of the brushes, was seconded by Mrs. McNeely with unanimous approval. He got two bids for the repair of the garage door. Dave Evans - \$1920 and Doors by Ike - \$1940. Following a discussion on the work to be done and the fact that Doors by Ike has provided service in the past, Ms. Harker moved to accept the bid from Doors by Ike. Mr. Seybert seconded the motion that carried. He reported that the No GPS Route signs have been installed and the brush cutters, weed-trimmers, etc. have all been serviced and all the nuts and bolts have been restocked.

The bucket truck should be advertised on Muni-bid for a \$2000 minimum, no reserve.

He also again mentioned the 5 tax parcels owned by PMAC. Alberts in Texas should formally be contacted about them. He would like to have them donate the property behind the borough building to be used for dumping. He suggested that we barter for the property for blocking off where illegal dumping is going on. Mr. Budicak will meet with them regarding this.

The tie rod for the brush hog is back-ordered and should be in in July. 2 were ordered.

Fire & Police – Ms. Harker – Someone has cut off the locks to the electric boxes at the park. She heard that someone is living in the dugout.

Sewers and Sanitation Mr. Heaton – 37th Street sewers have finally been cleaned out and relined. Insight Pipe had to clean out root balls before they could reline. -only 1 piece between Matilda & water tank and W 4th to W 3rd. We will still need to pave but hopefully can put that off till next year as stated before.

The main pipe at the edge of Harbison needs dug out and fixed. On Jean Street a home owner has disconnected pipe and they have been told to fix it.

A Lady on Ann Street had water in her basement. Tri State maintenance jetted backwards – 36th & Ann – manhole should be there. There is also a hidden manhole on 43rd Street. We should have the fire department run water & go to Home Depot to get copper metal sulfate to kill the roots.

Mr. Heaton is documenting all sewer issues and keeping track of lining.

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none

Parks & Recreation – The roof on the covered bridge is in bad shape. We should get some bids on spraying the park's weeds because we don't have an employee who is certified for that job.

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert – none

Mayor – On behalf of the mayor, Kevin Farkas reported on the meeting of the Centennial Committee. They are planning a borough cleanup day on July 9th or 16th and would like to ask council for a donation of \$125 to provide refreshments for the volunteers and purchasing trash bags. Ms. Harker moved to donate \$125 to the Centennial Committee, seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion carried. They would also like to have permission to begin fund raising for the Centennial. Council has no issue with that. Mr. Heaton suggested that Mr. Farkas put the West Mayfield Baseball organization on the website so that residents know that we have one and are looking for players.

Solicitor Budicak – none

Mr. Little –The issue on Craig Street (Craig Alley) has to be resolved. There is a pipe coming straight out onto the road on the corner house that the garbage trucks have run over. Mr. Heaton would like to see what he is talking about. There is water coming down from the houses. I will bring this back up at the next meeting so that we can decide what needs to be done.

We also need to put up the concrete barriers at Jake’s house.

Mrs. McNeely was not feeling well and left the meeting.

New Business

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Ms. Harker we need to repair the roof on the covered bridge.

Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Sepp the Chevy dump truck is out for inspection and should be back next week.

The tie rods needed for the boom mower won’t be in until late July. Jeff might be able to repair it but Mr. Kosanovich said that modifying borough equipment should not be done. Mr. Heaton suggested going to parts store to see if we could find something.

The bumper on the pick-up truck has to be replaced. Mr. McNeely could find one for \$25.

The skid filters need replaced.

We should look into purchasing a hammer drill with bits. Suggested to check prices for purchase compared to rental. We need to chip out Mayfield Village. Mr. Little may have one that would work.

We should also look into purchasing a trailer for moving equipment instead of driving it to locations down the road.

We also need 2 flat shovels with long fiberglass handles. Okay to purchase.

Fire & Police – Ms. Harker – none

Sewers & Sanitation – Mr. Heaton had a complaint about a resident on West 4th Avenue dumping water onto a neighbor’s property by digging a trench.

He again brought up the issue of having a company come in to cut the grass on vacant lots. Mr. Kosanovich said that Chris would have to send a letter to the owner of the property and if nothing was resolved it would have to go through the magistrate’s office. We would need to compile a list of all the properties and give it to Chris and give them 10 days to respond before it could go before a magistrate.

He mentioned the Quality of Life Ordinance that Monaca has adopted and suggested that we think about that. This ordinance supplies a ticket with a fine.

If we have a company come in to mow the grass, the solicitor said that we can lien the property.

We should also look into seeing if there are work release inmates available to cut the grass.

Mayfield Village requested speed limit signs – West 10th Avenue and High Street.

Patterson Avenue also needs speed limit signs.

Ordinance – address with Chris about the grass. Mr. Seybert also talked about the wood on Mr.

Kosanovich’s hill and thought it might be a danger to fall on the road. The pieces are actually too heavy to be moved without assistance so the likelihood of that happening is not an issue.

Finance & Litigation – Ms. Harker discussed the pay for a new employee and it was decided to set the pay rate at \$12 per hour and increase it by \$1.00 after a 90 day probation period. The street committee will be interviewing candidates and asked that if a candidate was selected that he would be able to start as soon as possible. That was okayed.

Mr. Little – none

Mayor - none

Mr. Budicak – requested moving into an executive session to discuss possible litigation.

Mr. Heaton moved to enter into executive session, seconded by Ms. Harker and approved unanimously.

Ms. Harker moved to pay the borough bills as presented on the bill list and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion carried.

Mr. Seybert moved to approve purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. The motion carried.

Mr. Seybert moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kosanovich with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary