

Regular Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2022

President Lou Little called the meeting to order. All council members were present with the exception of Mrs. McNeely, Mr. Kosanovich and Attorney Budicak who were excused. A Harker/Seybert motion approved the June meeting minutes. The officers' reports were approved by a Harker/Seybert motion.

Mrs. Lansberry read the letter of resignation submitted by Mr. Bill Sepp due to his relocation to Florida and a letter from Mr. Jake Tate expressing his interest in filling the council vacancy of Mr. Sepp. Ms. Harker moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Sepp and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion passed all in favor. Ms. Harker moved to appoint Mr. Jake Tate to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Sepp. Mr. Seybert seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mayor Cogley administered the oath of office and Mr. Tate was welcomed as a new council member.

Mr. Seybert moved to listen to citizen comments and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion passed all in favor.

Cheryl Meador, 3606 Craig Street thanked council for having the problem on Craig Alley (Craig Street) that has been brought up at several meetings taken care of.

With no other citizens wishing to comment, Mr. Heaton moved to return to the regular order of business, seconded by Ms. Harker and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Prior to the committee reports, President Little told council that he will be assigning new committees and will have them ready for the next meeting.

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Ms. Harker – the street committee interviewed candidates who had applied for the laborer position and they hired Hayden Boniphant to fill the position. He is 23 years old and has been to work every day since his hire. He is very eager to learn and they believe that things are going to work out well. He will be paid \$12 per hour and after a 90-day probation period, the salary will increase to \$13 per hour.

Mr. Seybert has given Mr. Lemmon all of the properties that are in violation of high grass and are making an effort to get that cleaned up. The Russell property has sold and will close in a couple of weeks.

Buildings and Grounds – none

Fire & Police – none

Sewers and Sanitation Mr. Heaton – 37th Street – he talked with PennDot and we are permitted to hold off on the repaving until next year. The sewer on Harbison needs dug out.

Regarding the train issue – He called the federal administration of railroads and left messages about parked trains but never got a call back. He drove down to Conway Yards and found an office but no one was in it. He went to the NFS Police office on the second floor and no one was in it, the same with the managers and superintendent's office. He called and left messages. Nothing. He will see if Jim Marshall can do anything about this. The trains have been pulling up further. He talked to one of the engineers who was particularly annoying. He also talked to Standard Steel about crew changes being done on their property. They can change crews on Wallace Run Road and it would not be an annoyance to any resident.

Drain at Mayfield Village needs to be tapped in and the sewers on W 8th & W. 6th need checked out.

He had another call from Mayfield Village requesting speed limit signs. There is a sign at Shutte & High Streets and one at the beginning. A couple more should be bought and put on West 10th.

He also addressed the overgrown grass and weeds on various properties in the borough. The ordinance states that anything 6" or higher (grass, weeds, shrubs) are considered a public nuisance and needs to be addressed. A notice can be given (15 days) on habited properties and on unoccupied properties notice should be posted on property and a letter sent to the last known address. After the summary notice is given the owner can be

fined \$100 per day beginning on day 16. Second offenses \$300 with a max of \$1000 per day. If we have the property cleaned up we have to keep track of expenditures to make sure we are reimbursed. We need the solicitor's opinion. If we choose to go with work release, we need to make sure that all properties have been given to the code enforcement officer.

He received 2 MS4 DEP compliance complaints regarding Craig Alley. A final report is due by August 10th. He also addressed citizen complaints received on the website – trench in yard from neighbor's property which is not legal. The owner of the property did show up but nothing was heard about the problem being resolved. It would be between the two property owners because the borough cannot do anything about it. He will check it out to see if it was taken care of. The other complaint was about garbage – lids not being put back on and small bags being thrown on the ground and not picked up. Mrs. Lansberry talked to Young's and was told that the reason lids are not replaced is because they received many complaints of garbage not being picked up because the lids were still closed. The complainers never checked to see if the trash was removed. They will speak to the driver about the small bags not being picked up.

Mr. Little is going to have another storm drain put in on Craig to solve the problem. Mr. Heaton is against that solution.

Mr. Lemmon received a call from the cell tower owners about doing some work on the cell tower. There is no permit required. Mr. Lemmon will be on vacation from July 28th through August 13th or 14th.

Parks & Recreation – none

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert – none

Finance & Litigation - none

Mayor – Reported on Clean Up Day. There were 10 people who showed up to help and 30 bags of trash were collected. A special thanks to Wendy and Hayden was given for their help – vests provided for the volunteers and signs to alert people that work was being done. Also a special thanks to the Berkfelt family. She would like to have another cleanup day at some point.

New Business

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Ms. Harker received a complaint from a resident on Ross Avenue – the road is not paved far enough and the water is going into his basement. 2-3 inches of old pavement in the alley up above – maybe dig a trough and put gravel and then put up railroad ties to keep the gravel from going into his yard.

Another complaint was received about a drain at a resident's driveway – dig a trough and try flushing it out and let her know if it's not clear.

Ford truck is out for inspection.

An electrician needs to be hired to check out some safety issues at the park. The box is falling off by the men's bathroom.

The roof of the covered bridge is in need of replacement. After a brief discussion it was decided to get bids for a metal roof.

The parts needed for the boom mower have still not been received. Mr. Seybert said that he could fabricate a part that would fit but Mr. Heaton feels that we need to have factory parts for the mower, not fabricated ones. It was also suggested to rent one until the parts are received to get the work done. Lou will look at it with Jeff to see what might be done to fix it.

The lines on Norwood have to be repainted – request from Jim Marshall's office.

Bill Sepp never gave her the paperwork for the paving. She will try to get it.

Buildings & Grounds – the utility closet in the borough building needs cleaned out and the front door replaced.

Mr. Heaton informed council that during one of the storms the circuit breakers were tripped. The battery back-up for emergency management was fried. Luckily all of the computers were plugged into six outlets and were not damaged. He asked permission to purchase a new battery back-up for about \$180. The money will be taken from the emergency management fund, not the borough general fund.

Fire & Police – none

Sewers & Sanitation – Citizen Complaints 3518 W. 3rd Ave – abandoned house; 3710 W 6th Ave – high grass in back yard – Mr. Lemmon said it had been tagged and has until July 29th to have it cut; 3608 Orchard – garbage in carport.

Fire department had a tree down on Lenore – water in the yard and running down. The garbage trucks are tearing up the street and it was suggested to block it off except– leave it open for residents living there. The garbage can be put out on Ann Street for some and 37th Street for the house at the bottom of Lenore. Reminded council that the MS4 reports need to be completed.

A written list of areas needed sprayed for weeds is necessary to obtain bids.

Ordinance – none

Finance & Litigation – none

Mr. Little – Sunday the entire park is rented out from 11-8 for a West Mayfield Reunion.

Mayor – requested copies of fire department lady auxiliary pictures and any other documentation for the second history day for the Centennial. She would also like to have some type of fundraiser at the car cruise to raise money for the Centennial.

Mr. Heaton asked permission to dump some 8x12 slabs of cement from a shed that he removed from his yard. Permission was granted to allow him to dump the concrete at the ash pile.

Mrs. Lansberry spoke with First National Bank about what is necessary to change signatures on the checking accounts. Our past protocol has had the two signatures required be that of the secretary and the council president. Documentation in the minutes of the change and the person who will be signing checks must do so in person at the bank with Mrs. Lansberry. Ms. Harker moved to approve the change of signature on checking accounts from Mr. Heaton to Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. Seybert and approved.

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

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

Ms. Harker reported that an emergency 911 was received this afternoon that a cement belonging to Castle Cement Co. truck traveling up 37th Street Extension was pouring cement out of the truck near the water tank. PennDot sent trucks to remove the cement. The chief addressed it quickly and cited the company. Thank you to the chief for his quick response.

Mr. Tate moved to adjourn at 8:02 pm; seconded by Mr. Seybert with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary