

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022

President Lou Little called the meeting to order. All council members were present with the exception of Mrs. McNeely and Mr. Lemmon who were excused. A Harker/Tate motion approved the August meeting minutes. The officers' reports were approved by a Heaton/Tate motion.

A letter informing all taxing districts that a new Tax Collector Act had been signed by Governor Wolf and that action will need to be taken. The letter was given to the solicitor for review.

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

Mr. Dan Muir, 3601 Short Street was checking on the progress of his request for a variance on the former Christian School. We will have to create a zoning hearing board to hear the request and we are still working on the application process and fees to be charged.

Mrs. Linda Alberti, 301 Boyd Avenue asked about the possibility of installing a stop sign at Boyd onto Harding. She is afraid that there is going to be an accident. There is a big bush that blocks the view also. Mr. Little will look into it.

Mr. John Beres, 705 Lenox asked about the removal of a camper trailer on Mayfield & Harbison. The trailer is on private property but the registration expired in 2018. We are not permitted to go onto private property but will check with Mr. Lemmon to see what can be done. Mr. Beres provided the owner's name and other pertinent information to forward onto Mr. Lemmon.

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

Mr. Little informed all present that if there were any questions during the meeting, he would answer them if a hand was raised.

Old Business

Streets, Lighting & Bridges- Ms. Harker spoke with Tony Ryan our PennDot representative. It is too late this year to try to do any paving but he will help is next year to get a DOT grant to help with the paving costs. He will send out all of the information.
The little dump truck needs a new marker light.

Fire & Police – Ms. Harker – none

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment – Mr. Kosanovich – the remaining grant funding from last year (\$60K plus) will be sent out next month. The funds must be used for infrastructure.
The inventory has never been finished and has to be completed. Mr. Tate offered to help with the inventory.

Sewers & Sanitation – Mr. Heaton – Harbison Road – playground was fixed. Ray Evans videoed it – roots all the way up. He will cut them out. Bill will call him about that.
Ann Street plugged up again – got bids. Tru-Plumbing worked on it, manhole on Ann Street is done. Tri-State called to camera and clean out. Lining might need done – pipe at manhole is cracked. We need to have it videoed to see what needs done.
West 10th Avenue is done and tapped into the storm drain.

Ordinances – Mr. Seybert – none

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Tate reported that there was a random guy at the park with a metal detector and they may have found the time capsule.

Mr. Little still - is in need of MS4 information. Mr. Heaton will try to find what he has from last year.
Ray Evans will start work on the boom mower next week. The clutch is gone.
The Fire Department car cruise was a big success – there were 65 cars.

Mayor Cogley reported that there was a nice turn out for the Centennial committee meeting. More help would be welcomed. Calendars for 2023 are for sale.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 1-3. There will be free coffee, hot chocolate and donuts. Eli will check on traffic.

The committee will be holding a bake sale with fresh baked goods and pepperoni rolls at the election poll to raise money for the Centennial.

Next year they will be selling ads for booklets. \$1400 dollars has been raised so far for the Centennial Celebration. They are planning a parade beginning at the Honor Roll and ending at the Vets Club – with bands from Geneva, Blackhawk and Beaver Falls. There will be a 21 gun salute. Food trucks will be available at the celebration also.

Mrs. Cogley asked for help in locating businesses in the borough who might be willing to make a donation of some type to the committee.

The Centennial Committee is willing to sponsor the Borough Christmas Party – see if and when the fire hall is available. She is going to check with the Vets Club to see about plaques on the honor roll.

Mr. Budicak – we need three borough residents who will be willing to sit on the Zoning/Hearing Board. They cannot be members of council. Mr. Bob Tate, Mr. Rich Cogley and Mr. John Beres volunteered to become members of the board.

Chief Johnson - none

New Business

Mr. Heaton reminded council that the refuse contract will be up at the end of this year.

Brian Covalt, 101 Boyd Avenue requested that we lift the no-burning ordinance since we are no longer doing recycling. Mr. Kosanovich said that the reason we were no longer doing the recycling is that there were only 4 or 5 people bringing recycling and that it costs more to recycle than we would receive in grant money. Mr. Budicak said to check to make sure that we would not have to pay back the recycling grant money that we received before we rescind the ordinance.

Taking the leaves and brush to the recycling center is also costly. Mr. Tate suggested that we take the leaves to Beaver Falls as we have done in the past.

Mr. Kosanovich noted that the new Costars salt contract is out and the Beaver County again has a higher rate than surrounding counties. We have to stockpile at least 22 tons minimum from August 1 to November 1. The SDS (Safety Data Sheet) will have to list chemicals that we have. We can set up a sheet to scan and download. Eye wash and first aid kits have to be stocked and kept in all vehicles and the garage. He would like to propose a record-keeping change – back to pen and paper. He would like a weekly report of preventative maintenance using the whiteboard to mark down. He will have a board to list all projects.

Ms. Harker – the garage door needs seals all around and the front door should be replaced. Prices need to be gotten.

The leaf machine will be ready to go by October 1. There is a park rental for the 25th and after that will be closed by the end of the month.

She would like to have boots, raincoats and hoodies for the borough workers. She should bring prices back.

The wiring needs done in council chambers.

West 8th & West 9th need risers on drains; need stop signs and grates.

There is a new house being built on West 4th Avenue – did not notify PA one call – no permit issued. Chris needs to be contacted. This is located next door to the Sye residence.

The workers will be working on drains.

It will cost between 2 & 3 thousand dollars to replace the cluster.

Fire department breakfast will be the second Sunday of every month from 8-1.

Mr. Tate reported that the parks have not been maintained. Roofs need repaired – materials will be donated and Jake & his brother will do the work

Tree limbs need to be removed from the bridge. Weeds around the flagpole. We need to budget for next year for landscaping.

He also noted that no one with the baseball organization wants to do anything. We need to insist that they sign a contract and if they are not accountable for their part, we will not permit them to use the fields.

Rich Cogley said that Michelle's daughter has someone to take care of the fields. We need to get that in writing as to what they are doing and when they are using the fields. They are supposedly using the fields for practice more than games.

As far as spraying the weeds, PA codes state that you only need to be licensed if using over 250 gallons or for profit. You can go and do the spraying where you are weed wacking.

There is also no water supply to the park at all. The pipes are broken. The netting is ruined.

Mulch needs redone; fence is broken behind the building.

He would also like to make a 4 spot parking area along the creekside in the big stretch of grass.

There is so much that needs done, hole in the garage roof needs repaired, hole in front of the bridge needs filled, mulch at Jubilee shelter, etc.

Wendy moved to allow Mr. Tate to spend up to \$5,000 for repairs and maintenance at the park. Mr.

Kosanovich seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Mr. Tate moved to pay the bills listed on the bill list and was seconded by Mr. Seybert. The motion carried.

Ms. Harker moved to ratify purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion carried.

Mr. Heaton moved to adjourn at 8:45pm; seconded by Mr. Kosanovich with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary