

Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2022

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

A letter from the State estimating the 2023 Liquid Fuels disbursement as \$49,746.43 was read and a letter from Diamond Communications offering a buyout of the cell tower lease agreement for \$300,000. We receive approximately \$17000 per year in revenue and that would no longer be received. After some discussion it was decided to not accept the buyout.

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

Nora Soos, 102 37<sup>th</sup> Street Ext. questioned not accepting the buyout for the cell tower. What if the company decides to remove it, then what happens? Mr. Budicak said that before a final decision was made we should look at the original contract.

Suzanne Toy, 3513 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue had concerns about the property on the corner of Rock Ave and W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The bushes are overgrown and there are a lot of critters on the property. The building itself is in disrepair. Mr. Lemmon will continue to monitor the property.

Christine Barkfelt, 1015 37<sup>th</sup> St. Ext complained about the condition of Rock Avenue. Her mother lives at 914 Rock Avenue and the road has so many ruts on the side of the road that it is causing the road to wash away. Mr. Little will take a look at it.

Mr. Brian Covalt, 101 Boyd Avenue questioned the removal of the stop sign at Boyd and Harding. There were so many complaints from citizens that the sign was removed. Mr. Covalt felt that the people complaining should have come to a meeting before the sign was removed. There is also a large bush blocking the intersection that should be taken care of. LTAP can do a study for free and explain the criteria for legally installing a stop sign. Lou will get the number and talk to them.

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

Mr. Lemmon informed council that he made an error in issuing building permits for the solar panels being installed on roofs. The permits should have been issued by Code.sys because of the inspections required for the electrical work involved. This is being handled now.

The complaints about the overgrown grass at 3711 W. 6<sup>th</sup> have posed an issue in getting something done.

The owner is deceased and the property is in the hands of an attorney in Toledo.

There have been complaints about building permits not being posted on the property. Mr. Lemmon explains to the residents that the permits must be visible and posted where people can see them. He tries to make the permits in a color that will be visible to others if properly posted.

Chief Johnson said that he has placed a detail to watch for cars passing school busses after receiving complaints.

**Streets, Lighting & Bridges-** Ms. Harker - none

**Fire & Police –** Ms. Harker ISO insurance required all kinds of records and we were given a top rating after the records were reviewed. Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be October 31 from 6 until 7:30.

**Sewers & Sanitation** – Mr. Heaton – Manhole on Ann Street is done. Camera got plugged by Bob's house but the water is flowing. Called Insight Pipe about relining. They will camera and jet as part of the billing. Root cutter wouldn't go through but finally did. Didn't cut 175 feet on top of the hill – went further down to a manhole on the bottom. Can't get a backhoe in so will have to dig. The job can't be done until the manhole is found so we need a good metal detector. Robinson & Tri-State won't do the job and Insight will charge about \$3820 per day. Jake tried to call other companies but no one returned his calls. A contract was signed with Insight because the job has to be done. Bob's pipe was full of roots. It's approximately 300 feet of lining. Since the job can't be done until the manhole is found we need to rent a good metal detector and perhaps budget to purchase one next year.

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment** – Mr. Kosanovich – asked if the ARP money had been received. It was and just a reminder that the funds must be used for infrastructure.

Doors by Ike had been approved in June for the repair of the garage door. They will be coming to repair on 10/20.

Salt dug out on the right side. New order must be delivered by the end of October. Anti-skid does not equal ½ of the salt – must be a 50/50 mix. Kids have been playing in the anti-skid.

The concrete barriers from the park were brought back to the borough building. They should not have been moved. Jake should not be giving work orders to the employees – they should come from Wendy only as head of the streets.

A daily work log has to be completed every day and all 811 emergency calls need to go through Wendy.

Mr. Little wants to know when the work on the creek by Jake's house can begin. We need to get that done. The trees on Aley Hill Road can't be touched by us because they are on railroad property. Bill called Duquesne Light and Comcast – doesn't belong to them. He will call Verizon to see if it's theirs. Wendy went to see Mr. Marshall but he wasn't in.

Mr. Budicak – reviewed the resolution on taxes which waves any penalty if certain conditions are met – buyers have not received the bill within 12 months and only face value will be paid. The tax collector will not be held liable for any errors made in good faith. Ms. Harker moved to adopt the tax resolution as reviewed and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. A roll-call vote passed the resolution as follows – Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Heaton – yes; and Mr. Little – yes.

Council will need to set fees for variance – this will include hearings, advertising; notice to adjacent property owners by mail. The zoning & hearing board will be required to have a solicitor and a stenographer is required also. Other municipalities' fees range from \$500 - \$1000. These fees are paid by the applicant, not the borough. Ms. Harker moved to set the fees for applying for a variance at \$800 and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. The motion passed all in favor.

Mayor - none

#### New Business

Ms. Harker – the furnace needs repaired again. We also need a drum of oil, hydraulic oil and Blue DEF additive for the Ford. Auto Zone carries the blue DEF. Hold off on drums till next year and budget for them. The bobcat needs a wiper blade unit for the door. Lou will look into that. The chain saws bars are bowed. The leaf machine has holes in the salvage cover. Has to be a canvas tarp 10x12. Eli will go to Rural King and check on that. Pole saw – battery – next year. We also need a new drill. Lou is going to have a meeting to get all of this straightened out. We will rent what we have to until next year.

Ms. Harker – nothing on Fire & Police

Mr. Heaton – nothing on Sewers

Mr. Kosanovich – there is a seminar sponsored by the PA Association of Townships on MS4 – some are introductory – MCM#2, traffic control through LTAP.

He also stated that when going past storm drains with the leaf vac to take a rake and clean off the top of the storm drains.

MS4 community clean-up can tie into the centennial committee at the park in the spring.  
IS100 & IS700 still need to be completed by all new elected officials. He will help with them. 1 ½ - 3 ½  
hours should do it in the evening,

Mr. Little – Mr. Heaton found the MS4 information and will make copies.

Mr. Budicak – none

Mayor – there are two time capsules – Jim Toy 1999. Chris marked it and no one should be digging them  
up. The vets Club will pay for another new plaque at the War Memorial for any residents of West Mayfield  
serving after the Viet Nam War.

The Centennial Celebration will include honor guards and a 21 gun salute on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please check to make  
sure there are no park rentals for the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of August. Lou will do that.

Barb Gordon – chief of elections has okayed the bake sale and chili sale for election day. Eat-in should not  
be considered – take out only.

The Centennial Committee would still like to have a Christmas Party on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of December at our  
fire all but if not, they will hold it elsewhere. The candy money has already been budgeted for the Fire  
Department for Santa on the fire truck. The committee is not asking for money, just a place to hold the  
party.

The committee was asked to make sure that trunk or treat be held completely on the gravel at the park  
because the ground is too wet.

Mrs. Lansberry will put an ad in the paper requesting for bids for refuse collection.

A budget workshop will be held on October 24 at 6 pm.

Ms. Harker moved to pay the bills listed on the bill list and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion carried.  
Ms. Harker moved to ratify purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. The  
motion carried.

A question was asked of Mr. Budicak regarding a “yard sale” that has been going on daily for months. There  
is no ordinance limiting the number of yard sales but if the property owner is running a business in a  
residentially zoned area, he can be cited. Someone should talk to the property owner.

Mr. Heaton moved to adjourn at 8:39pm; seconded by Ms. Harker with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry  
Borough Secretary