

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022

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

At this time the only bid for refuse collection was opened. The bid was from Valley Waste and is as follows: \$24.58 per month for the first year; \$25.57 per month for the second year; and \$26.60 per month for the third year of the contract. Mr. McWilliams explained the increase and that our specifications were for unlimited pick-up. He also explained that because of the increased cost for refuse companies we may consider other options for bidding. The other options would include using a can provided by the company and a once a month pick-up of large items; a 2 can limit (cans must have lids) and large items must be scheduled at a cost to the resident. There would be a charge for additional bags which would require a tag (\$1.00 per tag) provided by the company. After a discussion, council refused the bid and decided to re-bid with other options included in the specifications.

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

Janel Helbig, 3601 Orchard Street discussed the Christmas party being planned by the Centennial Committee. She wanted to know if the decorations from past borough Christmas parties were still stored in the loft and they are. She also asked about the \$900 left over from the last borough Christmas party. Since the party being planned now is not actually a borough party, the \$900 is not available for use by the committee. She asked if the borough would be willing to donate \$350 to the Centennial Committee for their party since it will be for borough residents. Mrs. McNeely moved to donate \$350 and was seconded by Mr. Seybert. A roll-call vote approved the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; and Mr. Little – yes.

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

Old Business

Mr. Lemmon will be continuing his efforts to contact owners of property on West 3rd Avenue (4 housed) to correct the issues with overgrown grass, shrubbery, etc.

Mr. Heaton discussed the recent issue with a new modular home being built on West 4th Avenue and the fact that there were no sewer tap-in available. He recommended that anyone building a new home should check to make sure that there are sewer taps available before beginning the construction. He explained that the borough was sanctioned by DEP because of issues with fractured pipes, infiltration and other issues. He is working with DEP and is hoping that the work that we have done with our sewer system will help to remove the sanction and allow the borough to issue a sewer tap.

He also explained that he contacted Tony Ryan from PennDot regarding grant money for the repair of borough roads. There are no grants available for Beaver County. When Ms. Harker spoke with him, he thought that she was from Lawrence County, thus causing the confusion about grant money.

Sewers & Sanitation – Mr. Heaton – Manhole on Ann Street is done and opened all the way down. Every capped off sewer tap was full of roots. Jeffrey dug it all out. Insight Pipe is going to do the relining discussed at the last meeting on the 22nd of November. Traffic control will be needed on 37th Street. The repair will begin around 7 am and will take approximately 4-5 hours.

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment – Mr. Kosanovich – all 811 emergency calls must be logged and documentation of the call-out must be included with the time cards for payroll. Auditors must have documentation for any overtime listed on time cards.

He does not want any leaves, yard waste, branches, etc. taken to the recycling center. He doesn't see the need to pay for dumping at the recycling center when we have a wood chipper and can use the wood chips against the guardrails and around trees at the park. The leaves can be put in the ash pile and used in the woods as compost. There are no laws prohibiting that. Mr. Seybert said that the man he spoke with at the recycling center said that there are grants for recycling. Mr. Kosanovich said that he did the recycling grant and every three years there is a large grant. Mr. Seybert is to get documentation from Rich at the recycling center explaining the necessary items needed to receive grant money.

He also said that the blocks that are falling over the hill need to be picked up; 2 truckloads of salt by the end of November is not needed to fulfill the CoStars contract. We only need 3 orders and he will place one soon. Doors by Ike repaired the garage door and the furnace was fixed. He suggested that a small window air conditioner unit be placed in the garage office for use rather than using the AC that services the entire building.

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert – none

Finance & Litigation- Mrs. McNeely wanted to let Mr. Tate know that if he needed a password to use on Municibid for listing the bucket truck, she has one that he could use. She also asked about the roads to be paved and said that she spoke with Widmer Engineering and we can contact them as soon as we have the streets that need paved and the necessary documentation (road width for each street, etc.) Mr. Heaton said that PennDot said 37th Street has to be done next year or we could be fined. He is still trying to have that changed because utility companies aren't paving the whole way across when they do a repair.

Mr. Little spoke with LTAP about the stop sign on Boyd and Harding to see if a traffic study has to be done. He is waiting for a call-back. Mr. Kosanovich said that if it's not a state road, a sign can be added or taken away. It was suggested that the stop sign should say except for right turn. The sign would be installed 50 feet from the intersection. Mr. DeAngelis will be contacted about removing the bush that is blocking the view at the intersection. After the discussion Mr. Seybert moved to place a stop sign except right turn at the intersection of Boyd and Harding, seconded by Mrs. McNeely. The motion passed all in favor. Christine Barkfelt informed council that the red light on the stop sign at Rock and Boden is not working.

Mayor Cogley updated the Centennial Committee news. The bake sale netted \$1494. She thanked the fire department to work there and to be allowed to sell at the breakfast. She would like to have new booklets to advertise the Christmas party.

Mr. Budicak provided a copy of the draft of the Waste Water sale from Beaver Falls to a private company. He just wants council to be in the loop of what is going on.
Mayor - none

New Business

Mr. Heaton – sewer backed up on West 10th at the first parking lot. Went through the woods and there were 2 manholes plugged. They had to go from the tap down and were jetted out. There were no lids on the manholes. Jeff will make cement lids.

The manhole at the end of Knape Street was clogged and the fire department hosed out and emptied the pipe all the way out.

He is working with Amanda at DEP regarding the sewer tap issue. There is paperwork at the end of every year that has to be completed. This was done and sent to Beaver Falls, but he wasn't aware that is had to go to DEP as well. He will send the reports to her. She is working on her end to get this resolved as soon as possible. It was suggested to put in a septic system but that is not permitted. Our ordinance states that all residences must connect to the public sewer system

Mr. Kosanovich – discussed the small water grant program which is from \$30,000 to \$500,000. In 2019 he wanted to replace the line on West 4th where in 17 or 18 locations there were problems. In 2007 the whole borough was videoed and fractures and collapsed pipes were noted. No restrictions from DEP. The grant was denied. He did some researching and found that prevailing wage must be used which increases the cost. It is CoStars approved. There is a fee to submit the grant application of \$100.00. He would like to submit a

grant application for \$300,000 for sewer repair. The money must be spent first and then it is reimbursed. The borough is responsible for 15% which would be \$45,000. The deadline for applying is December 21st. Mrs. McNeely moved to allow Mr. Kosanovich to apply for a grant of \$300,000 and was seconded by Mr. Seybert. A roll-call vote approved the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes and Mr. Little – yes.

Mr. Heaton reported that he spoke with Dan Sell from Widmer and MS4 work has to be completed by August 2023. He had been talking to Mr. Sell for the past few years about the work and was told not to worry. Now it all has to be done. The engineering fee alone would be \$20,000. He would like to add that expenditure to the 2023 budget. It was agreed by all members of council to add that expense to the budget prior to moving to accept the proposed budget.

Mr. Seybert – none

Mrs. McNeely informed council that there is a machinery auction at Rogers the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6 pm. They have bathroom units that would be very useful at our park.

Jake asked that replacing the cameras at the park be added to the minutes.

Mr. Budicak – none

Mayor – none

Mr. Little called for a motion to approve the proposed 2023 budget and a motion to approve the wages for the street department employees and Mr. Lemmon and Mrs. Lansberry for 2023.

Mr. Seybert moved to approve the proposed 2023 budget and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely. A roll-call vote approved the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton- yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; and Mr. Little - yes.

Mr. Heaton moved to approve a .50 cent per hour raise for Mr. Seybert and Mr. Boniphant and a 3% increase for Mr. Lemmon and Mrs. Lansberry. Mrs. McNeely seconded the motion. A roll-call vote approved the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – abstain; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Mr. Little – yes.

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

Mr. Heaton moved to pay the bills listed on the bill list and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely. The motion carried.

Mr. Heaton moved to ratify purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. The motion carried.

Mr. Seybert moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm; seconded by Mrs. McNeely with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary