

Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2022

President Lou Little called the meeting to order. All council members were present.

At this time the bids for refuse collection were opened. The first bid from Valley Waste is as follows: Option A (Unlimited): \$22.72 per month for the first year; \$23.63 per month for the second year; and \$24.58 per month for the third year of the contract. Addition of Bi-weekly recycling, and additional \$5 per month. Back yard pick up \$20 per month (free to handicapped)

Option B: 2 can limit – bulk items picked up at an additional charge. \$18.48 per month for the first year; \$19.22 for the second year and \$19.99 for the third year of the contract. Can rental available for an additional \$3 per month. Back yard pick up \$20 per month (free to handicapped)

Option C: 2 can limit with bi-weekly recycling – bulk items picked up at an additional charge. \$23.48 for the first year; \$24.22 for the second year and \$24.99 for the third year. Back yard pick up \$30 per month (free to handicapped)

The second bid is from Aiken Refuse: Option A (Unlimited): \$22.00 per month for the first year; \$23.00 per month for the second year; and \$24.00 per month for the third year of the contract. Addition of Bi-weekly recycling, and additional \$5 per month. Back yard pick up \$10 per month (free to handicapped)

Option B: 2 can limit – bulk items picked up at an additional charge. \$18.00 per month for the first year; \$18.00 for the second year and \$18.00 for the third year of the contract. Can rental available for an additional \$3 per month. Back yard pick up \$10 per month (free to handicapped)

Option C: 2 can limit with bi-weekly recycling – bulk items picked up at an additional charge. \$22.00 for the first year; \$23.00 for the second year and \$24.00 for the third year. Back yard pick up \$10 per month (free to handicapped)

Following a discussion, Mr. Heaton moved to accept the bid from Aiken Refuse – Option A, Unlimited pick-up with no recycling added. Mrs. McNeely seconded the motion. A roll-call vote approved the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes and Mr. Little – yes.

A Heaton/McNeely motion approved the November meeting minutes.

A Heaton/McNeely motion approved the officers' reports.

The only correspondence was a letter from Widmer Engineering requesting to be reappointed as the borough engineering firm.

Mr. Heaton received a letter offering pipeline safety classes. Anyone interested can contact him for details.

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

Susan Wood who resides on West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was walking on West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the former Sepp residence when 2 hunters approached her and asked if she had seen a wounded deer. She was concerned about her safety to walk in the borough during hunting season. Mr. Heaton noted that our ordinances do not permit the discharge of firearms or bows within the borough.

Mr. Daniel Muir, 3601 Short Street asked if his application for a variance had been approved. Mr. Budicak said it had been and as soon as he pays the \$800 fee it will be forwarded to the zoning & hearing board.

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

### Old Business

Mr. Lemmon will be continuing his efforts to contact owners of property on West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (4 housed) to correct the issues with overgrown grass, shrubbery, etc. He will also check into a question about the vacant house across the street from the DeAngelis residence being for rent.

**Streets & Bridges** – Ms. Harker purchased a stop sign for the Boyd & Harding intersection - continuous right turn with caution. She also said that the recent closing of 37<sup>th</sup> Street brought up the question about our workers being certified to direct traffic. She will look for a class to certify our workers. The streets to be paved are 37<sup>th</sup>, West 8<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street. Bill has not heard from PennDot to see if it does have to be repaved where the sewer work as done. He is questioning why the utility companies do not have to pave from berm to berm after a repair has been done, but we are told we have to. Wendy also reported that the trucks are ready for snow, the little truck needs rocker panels to pass inspection and the chain saw is getting fixed. There has been no action on the culvert and the trees on Aley Hill or the Conrail bridge.

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment** – Mr. Kosanovich – Wendy told him that the furnace won't stay lit. Mr. Tate said it could be the thermos-coupler & the filter is filthy. Mr. Kosanovich will look for some other repairmen to look at the furnace. He is also working on a small water grant again. We didn't receive it three years ago. A resolution is required along with the application. He is applying for \$200,000 and we are responsible for 15%. Since this is a federal grant we will have to obtain bids and prevailing wages are required. Approval of the grant will be awarded on July 23<sup>rd</sup> but the application has to be submitted by December 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Harker moved to adopt a resolution for the small water grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system project. Mrs. McNeely seconded the motion which passed all in favor.

**Sewers & Sanitation** – Mr. Heaton - The Ann Street relining should be finished. He is still working with DEP to obtain a sewer tap-in for the modular home on West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We were denied tap-ins because DEP sanctioned us for infiltration. A corrective action plan has been created and the paperwork sent to DEP. He has also supplied them with 6 months of progress reports. We have no flow meters in the borough so I will go to Beaver Falls to find out. One line goes out to Beaver Falls and we have water flowing in from White Township.

Hayden is the only one who has completed the NIMS 100 & 700. All new council members are required to complete this. I will be happy to come in and set up the computer so that this can be completed.

**Ordinance** – Mr. Seybert – Holly Vogt is going to come to the next meeting to explain how the recycling grant works.

**Finance & Litigation**- Mrs. McNeely – none

**Parks & Recreation** – Mr. Tate – 7 tractor trailer loads of gravel have been brought to the park for the parking lots and we still haven't reached the Jubilee Shelter. He has also checked on the new electric box. Wire Nut is too expensive. The old box has been removed.

Mr. Little called for a motion to accept the 2023 budget. Ms. Harker moved to accept the 2023 budget and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely. There were no changes from the preliminary budget which included 50 cent raises for the Street Department employees and a 3% cost of living raise for the code enforcement officer and secretary. A roll call vote passed the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes and Mr. Little – yes.

Mr. Heaton asked about the machinery and equipment auction at Rogers. It is an on-line auction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month until March.

Mayor Cogley asked when they Centennial Committee could get into the fire hall to decorate for the Christmas Party. Call Lou to schedule.

## New Business

Ms. Harker needs 2 truckloads of anti-skid. Mr. Kosanovich will call it in.

People have been asking about the police cars parked on 37<sup>th</sup> Street. They are there to monitor cars passing school busses when their stopped unloading children.

Mr. Kosanovich – none

Mr. Heaton – none

Mr. Seybert – none. Mr. Heaton brought up the question again about a system for taking care of uncut grass in the borough. Mr. Budicak will bring it back. It was also brought up to check into having work-release workers come in to cut the grass.

Mrs. McNeely – none

Mr. Little – Christmas bonus for employees and hams for council members. Ms. Harker moved to give Mr. Boniphant, Mrs. Lansberry, Mr. Lemmon, and Mr. Seybert a \$100 Christmas Bonus and to purchase a ham to council members including the tax collector and solicitor. Mrs. McNeely seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Mr. Little also thinks that Lenore Alley should be shut down. That discussion will be tabled till next month.

Brian Covalt, a borough resident is 100 percent opposed to having work-release workers in the borough to cut grass.

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

At this time Mr. Budicak asked that a motion be made to go into executive session to discuss the water treatment facility sale. Mrs. McNeely moved to enter into executive session and seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion carried.

Following the executive session a motion to retain the law firm of Hawk, McKeon and Sniscak LLLP to provide representation for the borough before the PUC regarding the sale of the wastewater plant to Aqua was made by Ms. Harker and seconded by Mrs. McNeely. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; and Mr. Little – yes.

Mr. Heaton moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. McNeely with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry  
Borough Secretary