

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2023

President Lou Little called the meeting to order. Mr. Lemmon was on vacation and excused and Ms. Harker will be arriving late. All other members were present.

A Heaton/McNeely motion approved the June meeting minutes.
A Tate/McNeely motion approved the officers' reports.

Correspondence – A possible recall on Ford F550 was received having to do with steering.

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

Stacey Tate 335 Brook Street requested a forgiveness from taxes for a property being bought in repository. Mr. Budicak explained that this is a common request for council and a motion needs to be made and approved. Mr. Kosanovich moved to accept a request for exoneration of taxes and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion passed all in favor.

Robert Tate, 3631 Ann Street asked if a mower was kept in the garage at the park. He has seen employees riding the mowers down to the park and this should not be necessary since there is a mower at the park. Mr. Little will make sure that there is one at the park so that this doesn't continue to happen.

Linda Burns 1010 High Street, the 15 mph speed limit on High Street is still not being adhered to. The chief explained that it is difficult to control speeding but he did have a detail at the Village. There were 6 traffic violations listed in the police report. He is still going to put the the digital sign that is used on 37th Street on High Street. She also asked who needed to be contacted regarding tree branches on the power lines. That is something that Duquesne Light is responsible for and Mr. Little will contact Duquesne Light with the location.

Brian Covalt, 101 Boyd Street had complaints about anti-ski still remaining on the streets that needs to be cleaned up, grass along the creek and under guardrails needs to be cut and there is garbage all over the ground near the middle pavilion. There is no trash receptacle there. Mr. Little stated that there were garbage cans at all of the pavilions so it must have been moved or taken. Mr. Covalt also requested that the boom mower be sent to a licensed person to repair to insure that it is properly repaired.

Janet Helbig, 3601 Orchard Street has other issues about the park – the electrical boxes are a mess, gravel needs to be spread in the parking lots, garbage needs to be picked up and there is lots of painting to be done. Where are the keys to the park? Mr. Little responded that he just had all of the locks changed and Jake Tate was given keys to everything at the park. When is the boom mower going to be fixed? Mrs. McNeely said if the mower isn't working, the employees should be weed wacking. We really need to look into hiring an equipment operator. Jake has keys to the park now and we all need to work as a team to get things done there.

Bob Tate, 3631 Ann Street asked about the removal of a dead deer on the road. PennDot has been contacted to remove it. He also asked about the jobs of the laborers. He has seen them in Beaver Falls driving the borough truck. Mr. Little explained that they had to go through Beaver Falls to get to Craig's Hardware in New Brighton to get keys. He also questioned why 2 employees had to go to

pick up keys. The employees need to be supervised to make sure they are doing the jobs they are supposed to be doing.

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

Old Business

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment – Mr. Kosanovich discussed the purchase of chain saws and had obtained some more prices for saws that were better suited to our needs. He obtained prices for a Husquevarna from Sawsalvage Co. at \$1169.99 and D & G Rent-Alls for 1178.99. Mr. Tate moved to authorize the purchase of the Husky for \$1169.99 and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely. The motion passed all in favor. Mr. Kosanovich recommended buying 43 octane zero ethanol to operate the saw.

In reference to the drainage problem at Mayfield Village he recommended big stones to fill the holes and standard rif-raf at \$35-40 per ton. Mr. Tate recommended 6 tons to do the job. A motion to permit Mr. Kosanovich the authority to purchase the stone was made by Mrs. McNeely. Mr. Tate seconded the motion that passed all in favor. Upper High Street can be used to put the stone. Mr. Tate is doing the job next week and will place the PA One Call.

Sewers & Sanitation – Mr. Heaton – the paving contracts were signed and dropped off at Widmer Engineering. He would like to hold off for 30 to 90 days for beginning the project until we decide what to do with the storm drain and underground spring on 43rd. Street. He is having Tru Plumbing to look at the project (AJ is on vacation next week but his crew will do preliminary look. When Youngblood does begin the paving work we need to have them look at their job on Shutte from last year that is already breaking up.

MS4 project – we are still waiting on final approval from DEP. The job is supposed to be finished by August but we don't have the permit to start the work. We are still waiting for the permit on the Brook Street job.

The sewer line that is running through the creek could be a major problem if the clay pipe breaks. We need to redirect the water and put stone in to rebuild the bank. He has an estimate from Tru Plumbing for \$4500.00 to do the job. Mrs. McNeely moved to have Tru Plumbing do the sewer line work on the line running through the creek and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion passed all in favor.

For Emergency Management- Regarding the oil leak at Standard Steel. All DEP requirements have been met and the issue is closed.

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert - none

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely reported that Zayne Priestas-Kish who had previously been interviewed for the position is still interested in the job and she will call him to let him know that the position is available. We still need to hire an equipment operator. Should she advertise this on Indeed? – Yes. Mrs. Lansberry will also put an ad in the paper as required by borough code. We should also initiate background check for all new employees and random blood testing.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Tate introduced Amanda & Justin who were representing the baseball organization to discuss what has been done at the ball fields. They have totally redone the bathrooms and they are now functional. They have been re-plumbed and need some fittings and painting. They also spoke with Jim Riggio at the municipal authority to find out where the water leak was outside the meter. They cut lines and put a shark bite cap on it as a Band-Aid. The outside buildings and concrete should be power washed. Mr. Tate said that the bridge roof will be replaced and the hole in the roof. The big maple by the bridge will be pruned after the leaves fall off. Mr. Tate would like to meet with the baseball board to determine what is separated from baseball and

the park. We need to find out exactly who is supposed to do what. He thanked them for all of the work that they did. We want to work together with baseball, council and the borough employees. Brick dust needs to be put on the fields and the pony league field needs dugouts. The siding blew off on the concession stand. Also, the dumpster is paid for by the baseball organization and is emptied on Monday. It is being used by park rentals and anyone walking through the park. It has been overflowing. It was suggested that they try to get a locked dumpster so that no one else can use it.

The boom mower needs to be repaired by a licensed company. There is a mobile mechanic who will come to you so that the equipment doesn't have to be shipped out to Stephenson Equipment. We should definitely look into this so that the repairs can be made.

Mr. Tate is going to create a list of things that need to be done at the park. Street sweeping should not be done in dry conditions because it just spreads the dust all over. It should be done after a rain. The area in front of the guardrail on Rock Avenue is terrible and needs to be weed wacked. The zero turns cannot be used for this type of trimming – only weed whackers should be used.

We also need to make an agenda for the borough workers of the work that needs to be done so that they know what they should be doing every day. The streets committee should create this and have it put where the employees can see it and mark off each job that has been finished.

Mr. Tate purchased weed killer that is legal but it has to be mixed correctly. Please make sure that the instructions are followed when mixing the weed killer.

George Wilttrout's bench still needs to be replaced after it was damaged during grass cutting. Bob Tate thinks that he can find the exact one in Florida for about \$200. He will be taking a trip down in a week or so and will look into that.

The gravel in the parking lots had been removed but someone is till dumping it there. We need to install a sign that says no dumping any time. Our workers should start going to Harsco when they have time to get slag and spread it on the parking areas.

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert - prepared a list of all the violations and turned it in to Chris. He asked that Mr. Lemmon stay at the meetings to provide a report on what has been done and to find out about any new violations.

President Lou Little – none

Mayor Cogley – The Oven Pizza sign is going to be moved to the other side of West 4th onto the Kozur property. That should eliminate the visibility problem when turning onto 37th Street Extension from West 4th Avenue.

Mr. Budicak – will discuss litigation in an executive session after all business has been taken care of.

New Business

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment - Mr. Kosanovich – none

Sewers & Sanitation - Mr. Heaton – will check into the possible recall on the Ford F550.

Streets, Bridges and Lighting – Ms. Harker – the flowers have been placed on the Veteran's Memorial.

Fire & Police – will be having a one on one meeting with the police chief.

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – none

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert – there are junk cars all over the borough and still high grass that is not being taken care of. Ms. Harker said that there is one at the intersection of High Street and 37th

Street that has been reported numerous times but still nothing has been done about it. If there is action to be taken, the violation has to be turned in to the magistrate to allow fines to be assessed.

Finance & Litigation – Mrs. McNeely – Requests executive session at the end of all business to discuss personnel issues.

Parks & Recreation- Mr. Tate – asked about the park shelter rentals and why they are cash only. It was explained that too many people were writing bad checks. The deposits are returned in cash to the renter if the shelter has been properly taken care of. He would like to see the contracts reviewed and a waiver needs to be signed by all park rentals. Mr. Budicak will write up a waiver.

The cameras have been removed from the park and we really need to get some cameras reinstalled so that the vandalism can be controlled. Ms. Harker will bring that up at the fire department meeting. He is having the electrical boxes redone and there will be one central location on a switch with breakers.

Mr. Tate also asked about the two-year term for his seat on council. Council apologized for not bringing this up to Mr. Tate but we had never had this happen before and thought that once he was appointed to take Mr. Sepp's seat, that was all that needed to be done. Mrs. Lansberry called the courthouse and provided Mr. Tate with instructions that needed to be followed to get his name on the fall ballot.

Mayor Cogley – There was an issue regarding some damage to the stove in the kitchen of the fire hall after election day. It is all okay.

Mr. Little – none

Mr. Budicak - none

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

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

Mr. Kosanovich moved to enter into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss litigation regarding the sale of the sewage treatment plant. Mr. Heaton seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

At 8:59 Ms. Harker moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely. The motion passed all in favor.

A motion to settle on the compromise offered by Aqua for the sale of the sewage treatment plant was moved by Mr. Kosanovich and seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion passed all in favor. There is the matter of resolving the bulk user agreement which Mr. Budicak will be working on.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Heaton moved to adjourn at 9:03pm; seconded by Mr. Kosanovich with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary