

Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2023

President Lou Little called the meeting to order. Mrs. McNeely was excused. All other members were present.

A Harker/Tate motion approved the August meeting minutes.  
A Tate/Heaton motion approved the officers' reports.

Correspondence: Estimated Liquid Fuel Allocation for 2024 - \$49,923.70 and a thank you from Sandy Egley for including her in the borough's Centennial celebration.

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

Brian Covalt, 101 Boyd Avenue requested that the stairs leading down to Patterson Avenue be cleared off as there are a lot of students using them to catch the bus.

Paul O'Hara, 3619 Short Street asked if there was going to be any recycling or if any recycling dumpsters were going to be placed at the borough building. Mr. Kosanovich replied that nothing was going to be done as far as recycling was concerned. When we operated the recycling at the borough building, only four or five residents participated and dumpsters require a cost to provide them. Bob Tate asked if guidelines were being followed for yard waste and leaves. Leaves are being transported to Brighton Township for processing. Right now the wood chipper is out for maintenance service but yard waste will be taken care of once it is back in service.

Rhonda Rainaldi, 729 Rock Avenue was present to discuss property next to the woods. She has been taking care of this property for over twenty years. Mayor Tom Brozich had told her years ago that the property would be hers after seven year if she took care of it since it was an eyesore to the community. In 1984 it was taken back. She has used tons of dirt to clean this up, installed a fence and added trees. She has a shed and the deck to her pool on this triangle of land. There are no deeds but the property is listed as borough property. Randy Hayward of 810 Lenox Avenue has no problem with it. Jake asked if we could just give the property to her or sell it to her for a dollar. There is also a paper road. Mr. Budicak will look into this and get back to us. No one can take this away from her so everything that she's done will stay.

Nora Soos, 102 37<sup>th</sup> Street Extension said that a young kid is riding a little motorcycle and a go kart up 37<sup>th</sup> Street. This is very dangerous. The police will look out for this.

Renee Norton, 600 Sand Alley reported that there are apple trees that really need to be cut down at the end of Matilda where the bus is parked. We will take care of it, but will have to have a company do it. We are required to get three bids and they will be brought back to council. Also, the oak tree has branches that are over her roof.

Christina Barkfelt, 1015 37<sup>th</sup> Street wanted to thank council for taking care of the speeding problem on Rock Avenue. The cars are actually stopping but the school bust is still running the stop sign. She got the bus number and reported it. The trees on 37<sup>th</sup> Street need trimmed. Duquesne Light needs to be called to take care of that.

John Beres, 705 Lenox Avenue wanted to express what a good job was done for the Centennial Celebration. Thank you to the Mayor and the Centennial Committee.

Linda Burns, 1010 High Street – wanted to thank the police for being more present on High Street. There are still cars exceeding the 15 mph speed limit on High Street. A blue Nissan is driving around slowly late at night. She has the plate number and picture of the car. The police chief said that any vehicle should be reported to them and they will at least make contact with the person. Any time a strange vehicle is seen in the area, they need to be called. The borough has no jurisdiction for this and they can't help at all. Also, BAR Residential should be notified because this vehicle is owned by someone in the development.

Frank Bathgate who just purchased a home on 3607 Orchard Street reported that there are ruts on the road in front of his house that could use some patching.

Phillip Woodley 2459 Rochester Rd Sewickley, addressed council about the baseball organization. Right now there are no West Mayfield teams using the field. They may have some in the spring. Legends Traveling League has folded and perhaps now free baseball can be offered because of the money made from the team that was given to West Mayfield. Adam Liberatore is interested in taking over the traveling league and would use the fields for practice on Sunday. The restrooms were renovated but nothing can be done with the fields until while softball is still using them. They are hoping to be able to get more kids to play for West Mayfield. Jake Tate responded that he has no issues with baseball using the fields. He asks that everyone be mindful that there is no parking on the street. The Standard Steel parking lot is available for excess parking is there is a large tournament. He also asked that the fields be maintained as well as you can and the net on the first field backstop needs replaced.

Bob Tate, 3631 Ann Street reported that everyone worked together and pulled their own weight to make the Centennial Celebration a success. After the celebration they cleaned all the picnic tables and put them away. If any were broken, it wasn't by them.

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

#### Old Business

**Streets, Lighting & Bridges** – Ms. Harker – the zero turn mower that went into the creek last year had the engine blow up. It will cost 2360.03 for the repairs. Jake said the make sure that the zero turn mowers aren't driven on the streets – they are to be used only on the grass being cut.

The bearings (casters) in the big zero turn were replaced.

Bill Heaton reported that the paving had been completed last week. He had showed the paving company work that they had done last year on Schutte was broken up. The company patched it.

The speed bump on Rock Avenue will be installed in a couple of weeks. The new pavement has to settle for 2 weeks for that to be done. He met with the LTAP engineer to find out exactly how to place the speed bump. The stop bar is in and the painting has been done but the engineer said the hump needs to go the entire width of the road. It was only scheduled for half. A new stop bar must now be placed on the other side and more painting will need to be done. They have run out of paint so more will have to be purchased.

It was suggested that a no parking sign be placed on Jean Street by the guardrail at the Christian School. This will have to be revisited and a resolution will need to be enacted. There is water coming out at the end of Short Street. The water company will be called.

**Fire & Police** – Halloween Trick or Treat will be on Tuesday, October 31 from six until seven thirty.

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment** – Mr. Kosanovich reported that the 2-year warranty is almost up on the wood chipper and it was recommended that maintenance work be done. The cost is about \$520.00. Mr. Heaton moved to authorize the maintenance work be done as soon as possible and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion passed all in favor. The Ford F550 has had steering issues and should be taken to the dealership because of the recall notice. The Chevy truck has an exhaust problem.

**Sewers & Sanitation** – Mr. Heaton – He can't find a cause for the water coming down into the yard on West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There is no storm drain or sanitary sewers on West 6<sup>th</sup>. He called the municipal authority to have them come and take a look.

Work will begin on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street next week. Ray Evans is going to do the work on West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the same issue for a very reasonable rate.

The bucket truck has been bought and is gone from the borough parking lot.

MS4 – Dan Sell from Widmer is not able to attend the meeting tonight but will answer any questions. He estimates the breakdown sheet at \$120,000. Jake wants to look at the breakdown sheet to see what we might be able to do ourselves and what will need to be bid out. The permit for the project has not been finally approved.

The IC 100 & 700 still needs to be completed. Those who need it done (you know who you are), please get it done and get me a copy of the certificates.

**Ordinance** – Mr. Seybert – A letter was written to Patty at BAR Residential (Mayfield Village) from the fire department requesting the building be torn town and will be given to her.

**Parks & Recreation** – Mr. Tate – a lot has been accomplished at the park – crushed brick placed, flagpole slabs, and plaques, electric by the bathrooms done (rebuilt). The old box could not be disconnected. If anything needs done it's going to cost a fortune.

The borough workers are still not doing their work at the park. If they see garbage, sticks, etc. they need to pick it up. The grass needs to be cut and not thrown on the ballfields or monuments – they can turn the mower in a different direction. Wendy works with them every Monday and Tuesday. They are told what they are expected to do for the week. They are not doing what they are told and not only that, lying about it. They need to be written up for not doing the work they are supposed to do. If he has to bring this up again next month, there will be action taken against them.

President Lou Little – The pressure plate fingers on the boom mower need adjusted and they will have to have someone else do that. It should be done next week.

Lenore Alley has been closed and all the residents have been notified.

Mayor Cogley – Gave a report on the Centennial. There were many proclamations received from a number of politicians, the PA State Association of Boroughs and many more. There were vendors, food trucks and everyone had a great time. The only downfall was that seven kids were stung by bees and the paramedics had to be called. They came very quickly. Movie night on Friday was fun for the kids – they were served hotdogs and a drink. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and to all of those who attended and made this celebration a huge success.

Mr. Budicak – will discuss the Aqua water purchase agreement in an executive session. He prepared the letter discussed last month for Aiken Refuse putting them on notice and wanted council to see it before it was sent.

Mr. Bob Tate, code enforcement, discussed the zoning ordinance that regulates signs being placed in the borough. Permits are needed to place any sign in the borough. Business signs are allowed on the same premises. Because of this, the Oven Pizza sign will need to be moved. The sign on the mayor's neighbor's house needs to be removed because there is no permit. If it isn't taken down, he will be cited.

Mr. Tate reported that he issued 4 occupancy permits and 1 building permit as code enforcement officer. Some of the issues have been taken care of – grass cutting at Mrs. Mineards, the camper on Rock Avenue is being dismantled, but there is still high grass that needs to be taken care of. He ordered tow tags for unregistered motor vehicles and will tag the vehicle and give the owner a letter.

Chief – none

### New Business

**Streets, Lighting & Bridges** – Ms. Harker – Leaf pick up will begin on October 15<sup>th</sup> and continue until December 1<sup>st</sup>. The camera above the brush pile is not working.

**Fire & Police** – none

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment** – Mr. Kosanovich asked about the new borough signs. Logo #1 was chosen but there is more to decide about wording etc. Kevin Farkas suggested that the centennial committee and borough work together on this. He has the the artwork. He also touched on the new tax assessment. There cannot be more than a 10% increase in the amount collected. The county website has information on how to calculate millage.

**Sewers & Sanitation** - Mr. Heaton spoke with Mr. Percic about the work done to stop water from running down from West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue into his yard. He hasn't had a problem yet but there really hasn't been a lot of rain. Mr. Heaton requested permission to buy more paint and signs for the speed hump. Mr. Tate moved to give permission to Mr. Heaton to purchase more paint and signs and was seconded by Ms. Harker. The motion passed all in favor.

**Ordinance** – Mr. Seybert – an old ordinance 1.77 states that any council member who does not attend a meeting should not be paid. There was a discussion regarding this. The question was asked in the Borough News if a council member could not be paid for being absent from meetings. The answer was no. We have never not paid a council member for not attending a meeting. It was suggested that we rescind the ordinance that states that but no action was taken tonight regarding this issue.

**Parks & Recreation**- Mr. Tate – There is a lot more work that needs to be done at the park – more painting, more gravel, upgrading volleyball nets, special needs swing. Also, if a company wants to park their equipment in our ballfield parking lot they need to have permission and if there is any damage to the lot they need to be accountable. I have had a lot of requests for a pickle ball court so I will be looking into prices for that and prices for a special needs swing. The pickle ball courts would be at the basketball court.

President Little - none

Mayor Cogley – asked for keys to the park

Mr. Budicak – asked Bob Tate to hold off enforcing the sign ordinance until he has had a chance to review it.

Mr. Tate 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. Heaton. The motion carried.

Mr. Kosanovich moved to enter into executive session to discuss the pending sale of the Beaver Falls Water Treatment Plant to Aqua. Mr. Seybert seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Ms. Harker moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mr. Seybert. The motion passed all in favor.

Following the executive the following motions were made.

Ms. Harker moved that West Mayfield approve the global Settlement Agreement between Patterson Township, Patterson Heights Borough, West Mayfield, White Township and the City of Beaver Falls and Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. that is contingent on PUC approval and closing of the sale of the wastewater treatment plant from the City of Beaver Falls to Aqua and to authorize the President of Council to execute the Agreement on behalf of the borough,. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heaton and approved by roll-call vote as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes, Mr. Tate – yes and Mr. Little – yes.

Mr. Kosanovich moved that West Mayfield Borough approve the 3-year Wastewater Service Agreement with Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. to take effect upon PUC approval of and closing on the sale of the wastewater treatment plant from the City of Beaver Falls to Aqua and to authorize the President of Council to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Heaton moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Harker with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry  
Borough Secretary