

Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023

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

At this time, Mr. Heaton requested that we enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Kosanovich moved to enter into executive session and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion passed all in favor. Mr. Tate moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion passed all in favor. The session resulted in taking action on the personnel matter in new business.

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

Correspondence: Letter of resignation from Michelle McNeely

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

Mr. Mike Ceravola, 118 Jones Drive, Beaver and CEO of ERA Capital discussed the interest of his company in property located at 3716 West Second Avenue. The plans for the property is to create a sports training facility at the location,. The facility will be used to train participants in baseball, soccer, football and la cross. They plan to use 3000 square feet as a gym and 1700 square feet for baseball and football. They may expand the facility later. There will be space for 50 care in the front. Training and team workouts will accommodate only 25 kids at a time and will be contained inside the building. They are in due diligence for sixty days to make sure that there is nothing in code enforcement and permits that would make it impossible to complete the purchase. One main concern is requiring a sprinkler system be installed which would cost more than they are willing to pay and would be a deal breaker.

Marge Yoho, 4504 West 8th Avenue questioned if the stop sign that is missing on 45th Street and West 8th is going to be replaced. It was placed there years ago but no longer exists. Also the 45th Street sign is broken. Mr. Heaton will locate the list that we have listing all the stop signs in the borough to see if it is on the list. Mrs. Yoho also asked if the fire department was available on December 1 or 2 to have the borough Christmas Party as the president said those were the only dates available. She has called numerous times and has never had a response. Mr. Little said that this is not a borough issue, it is a fire department issue. He said that the fire department meeting is next Tuesday and they should attend. She also inquired about joining the fire department auxiliary. That has to be brought to the fire department also.

Kathy Brewer, 3628 Matilda Street reported that our employee, Hayden Boniphant nearly ran into her son's truck. This isn't the first complaint about his driving. Mr. Heaton talked to him about it and he said that he swerved to avoid the truck. That isn't what happened.

Nora Soos, 102 37th Street Extension asked if West 2nd Avenue could be paved. There is dust and dirt constantly. We will look into that.

Margaret McCauley, 1020 High Street asked when Beaver Falls police patrolled the borough. They are on patrol daily.

Linda Burns, 1010 High Street – again complained about the speeding on High Street and that she hasn't seen any police presence there. There is a suspicious black car that she has taken pictures of and has the license plate number that is constantly on the street in the evening. Mr. Heaton called Bar Residential to complain to them about the issues going on in Mayfield Village. The chief noted that there has been over 72 documented complaints that they have received. He also asked if the pictures and license plate has been called in because if they don't receive a phone call, they can't do anything. The borough has no jurisdiction to handle any of these complaints because they are police issues. The chief said that they put the cart up with the speed limit and there is only so much that can be done. If we don't get a call we can't do anything. Our officers are always in the area so if a call is made they will respond. Jake mentioned speed bumps. They cost between five and six thousand dollars and we just can be putting them anywhere, a study has to be done. She is really concerned about the winter and said someone is going to have to be accountable if something happens.

Brian Covalt, 101 Boyd Avenue asked the chief if someone calls about a car speeding can a stop be made if the car goes by a police car. Yes, it can be stopped.

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

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Ms. Harker – leaf pick up will begin on October 15. She got 2 quotes for the removal of the crab apple trees and trimming the oak tree. One bid was from Steve Cable and the other from Busy Boys. The bids were both \$3200.00 She is waiting for one more bid. Mr. Heaton moved to give authorization to Ms. Harker to accept the lowest bid for the tree removal and trimming. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tate and passed all in favor. Mr. Heaton asked to report about the paving project. The paving is now complete. 43rd Street was changed to Rock Avenue due to the water issue on 43rd. New signs and painting of lines and double arrows on Rock were completed for the speed bumps – The cost is going to be around 6-7 thousand dollars. Forty third and West 10th are both dug up and sealed in with tar. French drains were installed to direct water to the catch basing.

We will look into installing a no parking sign on Jean Street at the Christian School and talk to the home owners about the parking issues.

Fire & Police- Ms. Harker-none

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment – Mr. Kosanovich reported that the Centennial Committee was told by him that the borough is not permitted to solicit any type of gambling. A permit has to be obtained for small games of chance. The borough solicitor was in agreement. The committee piggy-backed a permit from the Owls Club in Beaver Falls to do a 50-50 drawing. This is not permitted at all. The committee opened a bank account using the borough's EIN number but has not accounted to the borough any money that was received or spent. Anything that was done should have gone through the borough. He suggested that a Parks and Recreation Board be created which would be under the borough authority. Council is not against anything that the mayor wants and donated when asked. When council was asked to purchase magnets for the grand marshall's vehicles, we did decline because the committee had money to purchase them. Mr. Heaton again stressed, and the solicitor agreed that any money the committee earned should come back to the borough. The

money would be earmarked in a special account and given to the committee when requested. It is not money that the borough wants to spend. We have not received any documentation for money spent and received from the centennial committee's bank account.

Sewers & Sanitation – Mr. Heaton – He again addressed the standing water on West 5th Avenue. There is really nothing more that we can do. The Water Authority said that maybe a ditch could be run a little deeper.

Emergency management trailer has been damaged. It appears to have happened when the parts truck was pushed back. One of the tires hit it. He talked to the employees about the way they were patching incorrectly and explained how it should be done. The big GMC truck has a bad break line and we need to check into where to get it fixed. We need to see if it's drivable or needs to be towed. The bobcat attachments won't stay on because the bolts are not the correct size and the parts need welded. PTC Alliance can weld the parts.

Ordinance – Mr. Heaton – Ordinance 220.01 needs to be amended. Section A is okay but section B discussing no pay for non-attendance at meetings should be changed. Also 220.02 stating the meeting is the second Monday of each month. Mr. Heaton moved to eliminate the no-pay section of ordinance 220.01, section B. and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. A roll call vote passed the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – no; Mr. Tate – yes; Mr. Little – yes. Mr. Heaton moved to remove 220.02 Regular meetings of council will be held on the second Monday of each month. Mr. Tate seconded the motion that passed all in favor. Also under 220.01 compensation for council has not been changed since 1996. Mr. Heaton moved to increase the compensation for council members from \$100 per month to \$125 per month and was seconded by Mr. Kosanovich. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Kosanovich – yes; Mr. Seybert – no; Mr. Tate – no; Mr. Little – no resulting in a tie Mayor Cogley was asked to place her vote to break the tie – she voted no. She said if it was \$150 she would vote yes. The raise of compensation for council members was denied and will remain at \$100 per month.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Tate – Mr. Tate remarked that Knock Em Down tree removal had submitted a quote to Hayden for the removal of the crab apple trees and trimming the oak tree which had not been given to Wendy. They will submit another one. There are a lot of equipment issues – broken trucks, mowers blown up, oil not changed, most expensive trucks being used all the time, building is also in bad shape. The little truck should be used for all purposes except for dumping. Fuel should be drained from the leaf blowers, chain saws, etc. We need to have a system in place for reporting and finding broken equipment and someone from council should do a weekly inspection. Inventory needs to be done. Jake will meet with Eli and Jeff will be here on Sunday so maybe then.

Baseball field maintenance is just not working. Next year at the beginning of the year we need to meet with baseball – weeds need to be done, If West Mayfield baseball won't do it, the borough will have to take care of it.

Pickle ball – need a fence and to resurface the basketball court that isn't being used. Rochester Paving bid \$2800 to resurface 110 linear feet x 2 ft. 1 ½ depth three courts. Wendy moved to accept Rochester Paving's bid of \$2800 to resurface the basketball court and make it into 3 pickle ball courts and to accept the lowest bid for fencing. Mr. Kosanovich seconded the motion that passed all in favor. He has 6 estimates for fencing – Watt – \$15,360; Lee \$16,000; Pitts - \$21,300; Pro Fence \$12,591; Hoffman \$12,150; Zack Dalton 8" \$12,275. \$11,000. The motion carried.

President Lou Little – The boom mower had more problems than we originally thought. One side is on. We'll have it done as soon as possible. Can the electrical box outside the mens room be replaced? It would cost a fortune to replace it.

Mayor Cogley – November 1 we would like to have a meet the candidates meeting. Lou, could you please check with the president of the fire department to see if it is available that day?

Mr. Budicak – spoke with Rhonda Rainaldi outside before the meeting about her property that was discussed last week. The deed dates back to the 1930's and does belong to the borough. No one can take the property away from her. He can do an easement document for her but we can't sell it to her.

Mr. Tate was unable to attend but Tina reported that he issued 1 building permit as code enforcement officer. 5 vehicles have been moved, the camper on Rock Avenue is almost completely dismantled. Some people can't take care of their grass because they are terminal and some people can't are disabled and can't take care of their grass but can't afford to hire anyone. Can the borough take care of it and put a lien on the property? Joe sad that Bob has to let Pat know and the borough will have to hire someone. She asked about the sign permit and Joe apologized that he forgot but will have it for next meeting.

Chief – none

New Business

Streets, Lighting & Bridges – Ms. Harker – Leaf machine needs a new tarp and we need new rakes. Executive session determinations. The issue that was discussed was disciplinary action that needs to be taken with our two borough employees. Warning have not resolved the issues and termination of the employees was the final decision. Ms. Harker move to terminate the employment of Hayden Boniphant and was seconded by Mr. Seybert. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker - yes; Mr. Kosanovich; - yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; Mr. Little – yes. Ms. Harker move to terminate the employment of Zayne Priestas-Kish and was seconded by Mr. Seybert. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Mr. Heaton – yes; Ms. Harker - yes; Mr. Kosanovich; - yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; Mr. Little – yes. How do we go forward to hire any new employee? What do we want to pay? For an operator the range would be from \$20 to \$25 per hour depending upon qualifications and experience. Finance & Litigation committee needs to do interviews as soon as possible. Employees should be required to attend council meetings so that they are aware of what is going on. A full or part-time laborer also needs to be hired. An ad has been placed for that position. In the interim, we need to work together as council to get emergency work done.

Fire & Police – none

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment – Mr. Kosanovich - none

Sewers & Sanitation - Mr. Heaton - none

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert – Gave the Standard Steel issue to Tina to pass on to Mr. Tate and reminded the fire department that the weeds need done.

Parks & Recreation- Mr. Tate – The snow plow should be prepped for winter. The plow mounts weren't taken off so the plow can't be put on.

President Little - none

Mayor Cogley – the zoom meeting was cancelled due to a computer crash. As soon as it is fixed she would like to reschedule it. The discussion will be about planning for project management and tools that can be used.

Mr. Budicak – none

Chief - none

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

Ms. Harker moved to ratify purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion carried.

Any other business – schedule the budget workshop meeting – Monday, October 30 at 5:45. Mrs. Lansberry will place the ad in the newspaper.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary