

Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2024

President Bob Tate called the meeting to order. Mr. Budicak was excused.

The May minutes and officers' reports were approved.

Kevin Farkas, Citizen Co-chair of the Fire Service Review Committee reviewed what has been going on. The first month consisted of getting consumer input; the second month consisted of talking to neighboring fire departments. They talked about local services, all life and death. They are learning together for the future either by merging or by amping up. The next meeting will be on June 19 at 6 pm for council members to discuss ordinances, budgets etc.

Jason Heaton requested that council move into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Lou moved to commence an executive session and was seconded by Jake. The motion passed all in favor.

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

Ginny Wheeler, 4300 W 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue brought up recycling. She had wondered why the borough did not participate in recycling. It was mentioned by council that we did try recycling by having a council member present on 2 Saturdays a month to collect recycling. There were only 4 or 5 borough residents took advantage of the program so it was disbanded. Mrs. Wheeler did research and found out the recycling was actually less advantageous and more expensive.

No other citizens had any comments to council will return to the regular order of business.

Old Business

**Streets, Lighting & Bridges and Building, Grounds and Equipment** – Jake Tate – has the stop sign ordinance that has been advertised and is ready to be adopted. Bill Heaton moved to accept the stop sign ordinance that lists all stop signs in the borough. Janet Helbig seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bill Heaton – yes; Mrs. Helbig – yes; Mr. Bob Tate – yes; Mr. Seybert – yes; Mr. Jake Tate – yes; Mr. Jason Heaton – yes and Mr. Little – yes. Stop signs have state mandated guidelines and someone will have to measure all stop signs to see if the guidelines are met – especially those in high traffic areas.

The pickle ball nets have to be ordered. Concerned citizens will look into possibly donating them. He is looking into grants for resurfacing.

The Yard Sale ordinance is ready for adoption also. There are two versions of it. Mr. Heaton reviewed them and it was agreed that yard sales should be held for two days – Saturday and Sunday and have to be down on Monday. There was a small discrepancy in the ordinance stating that only one yard sale could be held each month. There is no limitation to the number of yard sales that can be held, only that they are on Saturday & Sunday and must be dismantled by Monday.

Jean Street to the school has bad potholes.

Bill Heaton spoke about the paving. Our streets were sent to Widmer and we needed more to meet the cost we wanted (\$100,000). He added Patterson, Rock to speed bump and High Street all options. West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue would have to be rebased before it can be paved which is very expensive. AJ & Mike Ceravolo are willing to help with the money.

**Fire & Police** - Lou Little – Fire Calls – Accident on Steffin Hill with Station 44. DOA Lift assist with medic rescue.

Our fire department was selected by 93.7 The Fan out of Pittsburgh. We are 1 of 50 Volunteer Fire Departments to receive funds from the 5 alarm marathon they held at Green tree VFD.

**Sewers & Sanitation** – Bill Heaton- none

**Finance & Litigation** – Jason Heaton discussed the interviews held for the laborer position and the secretary/treasurer position. There were many good candidates but the committee is recommending Jenna White for the secretary/treasurer position. Lou Little moved to hire Jenna White to take over the secretary/treasurer position and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion passed all in favor. The committee also recommended to keep Gerald Knowlton in the laborer position for \$16 per hour with time on temporary position to count toward probation time of 90 days. Jake moved to hire Gerald Knowlton as a full-time laborer for \$16 per hour and was seconded by Jeff Seybert. The motion passed.

The park is still in need of cameras. Tables are being moved and light bulbs are being stolen. Some systems will be looked into.

**Ordinance** – Jeff Seybert – Orłowski – truck is still there.

**Parks & Recreation** – Janet Helbig – She is looking into a dumpster for the park shelters by the kitchen. Permission was given to have one put there. Members for the rec board are still needed.

**President Tate** – none

**Mayor Cogley** – none.

New Business

**Streets, Lighting & Bridges; Buildings, Grounds and Equipment**– Jake Tate – There is an issue with a tree at the park hanging over the fence. He got a bid of \$750 to cut and leave it there of \$1000 to cut and remove it. See if baseball will help since it's at the field and also get more bids. Also see what it would cost to rent a bucket truck and have Brian cut it down.

Gerald needs a new weed whacker. Stihl, Eco and Husquevarna are all good brands and he requested permission to purchase one. Lou moved to allow Jake to purchase a new weed whacker for no more than \$500 and was seconded by Jason. The motion carried. The leaf blower was involved in an accident (accidentally run over by the truck). Lou moved to all the purchase of a new blower for no more than \$450, seconded by Jason. The motion carried. They will also need four to five truckloads of slag for Craig Street Alley. Discussion – limestone would be cheaper but would just wash away. Maybe hot patch and roller – halfway up the hill. They also need a catch basin and 15” pipe to complete the job. The cost for this will be almost \$1900.00. Jason move to all the purchase of pipe and the catch basin and was seconded by Lou. The motion carried.

The ordinance on trees and bushes should be ready for the next meeting.

**Fire & Police** – Mr. Little – There is a car with an extremely loud exhaust on Jean Street that starts at 6:30 in the morning. Can the police please look into this?

**Sewers & Sanitation** – Bill Heaton - none

**Ordinance** – Mr. Seybert – none

**Finance & Litigation** – Jason Heaton – look into reorganizing the committees. This will be tabled to another meeting.

**Parks & Recreation-** Janet Helbig – Picnic tables are missing. She is moving a little home library to the park. Inventory needs to be done at the park.

**President Bob Tate** – the workers need shirts, jackets and welding gloves. Jake moved to permit the purchase of reflective safety clothing for the workers and was seconded by Jason. The motion passed.

**Mayor Cogley** – Ballfield memorial – flagpole at the honor roll.

Tina Lampus – Code Enforcement – High Grass – 18 closed, 6 open; 7 cars towed, 2 still here (1 in the hospital); Trash cleaned up, 3 closed 2 open; Safety 3 closed, 10 open. Three permits were issued.

Bills to be paid and purchases made by committees were approved.

From county emergency management – due the super high heat expected next week, reminder to stay hydrated and stay in air conditioning as much as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry  
Borough Secretary