Regular Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2013

Tom Deluca, president called the meeting to order. All members including Mayor Farkas were present. Minutes of the previous meeting approved Little/Bostek motion. A Harker/Heaton motion approved the officers' reports unanimously. Motion to go to citizens Tate/Little carried.

Mr. Kevin Farkas, the borough's web master updated council on the borough's website. Likes were up from 50+ to 70 and there have been about 19,000 contacts. Since the majority of members were not using e-mail, the individual e-mail function of the site has been disabled. Mr. Farkas created a Wikipedia page for the borough. In today's on-line age, Mr. Farkas questioned what is legal as far as public notices are concerned. Can the website be used rather than advertising in the newspaper? Mr. DeLuca requested that sewer tap-in fees be posted on the website - $7000 for commercial and $3500 for residential.

Mr. Matt Klicka, 311 Patterson Avenue notified council that the sewer problem he brought to council's attention at a previous meeting had not been resolved. The problem exists from a CDBG project on Patterson Avenue and the sewer is still backing up and the road is deteriorating. Mr. DeLuca had reported this to the borough's engineering firm, Widmer Engineering and thought it had already been resolved. Since the problem exists from work not performed by the borough, they can do nothing to repair it. He will contact CDBG and Widmer again to get this problem resolved.

Mrs. Kathy Brewer, borough elected tax collector wanted clarification regarding increasing the penalty for late payment of real estate taxes from 5% to 10%. The school district approved the increase. After a discussion Mr. Bostek moved to increase the penalty for late payment of real estate taxes from 5% to 10% to keep in line with the school district. Mrs. Helbig seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Mr. Dave Nicely, PPO Box 415 Darlington PA was present to discuss the invoice for sewer work performed on Standard Street. Mr. DeLuca responded that under the advice of our solicitor everything was turned over to him and all questions should be handled through him. Mr. Nicely was trying to avoid any legal escalation and wanted council to work with him toward an equitable solution. Mr. DeLuca responded that any negotiations should be handled through Mr. Fenchel's office and we cannot make any decisions without his legal advice.
Motion to go back to regular business Tate/Little carried.

Old Business

Mr. Bostek – no prices on hydraulic oil and anti freeze are available through COG. The spring commodities bid lists are available.
Mrs. Helbig – none
Ms. Harker – none

Mr. Little – the water pollution survey has been completed and submitted to Beaver Falls Sewage Authority.

Mr. Heaton – the street light at the PTC Alliance property is still out. Duquesne Light came and inspected it but it's still not working. Duquesne Light should work directly with PTC to resolve this. The parts for the tractor came in and it's ready to go. The payroll change is in place and it has been working very smoothly.

Mayor Farkas – contacted the solicitor about charging a fee for solicitation permits but has not had a response. A resident contacted him about keeping a chicken as a pet because his daughter is incubating an egg. There was a discussion but no decision was made. The mayor submitted the boundary and annex survey to the state.

Mr. Tate – Barry Emge notified him of a problem with shelter rental for a camp that he is going to run. Mr. Heaton responded that they have just not made a connection and all Mr. Emge has to do is contact him to sign a contract. Mr. Emge also informed Mr. Tate that the backstop net will be installed at the ball field prior to the beginning of baseball season.

Mr. Deluca – the house on Patterson Avenue has been demolished and the sewer line capped. The attorney handling the sale of the Foundry property contacted him and told him that the property will be torn down.

New Business

Mr. Bostek - none
Mrs. Helbig - none

Ms. Harker – Tony Esoldo who owns property on 37th Street received a letter from the code enforcement officer regarding an unlicensed car on his property. Permission was never given to anyone to put a car on that property. Ms. Harker said that she contacted Beaver Falls Police and Mr. Esoldo needs to contact them to have the car towed and explain that it is there without permission from him. Our code enforcement officer will be notified of this by Mrs. Helbig so no citation will be issued.

Mr. Heaton – needs a copy of all resolutions pertaining to Emergency Management to turn in to county. Mrs. Lansberry will give him what she has. He informed council that he has created a daily log book for the street department employees and that a "To-Do List" is hanging on the office door. Any council member who knows of work that needs done in the borough can add it to the list. This is a much-better solution than calling or trying to find the employees during the work day. There have been some issues with plowing and use of salt versus salt mixed with sand. A test was performed to determine this and straight salt works better than the salt mixed with sand although the mixture of salt and sand provides 4 times the coverage. No decision was made to change what is being done. The hot water tank in the building kicked out and might need replaced. He had a call from a resident regarding a clogged sewer line on 37th Street and W 7th Avenue. There is a manhole on the sidewalk with no line to the manhole. This is not our line so the owner is responsible for the repairs. There are water marks on the ceiling tiles in our building so the roof should be checked for leaks and possible replacement.

Mayor Farkas – Big Beaver has a problem with junk – do we have anything.

Mr. Tate – none

Mr. DeLuca – requested that Dawna Pella, code enforcement officer, be contacted to get ideas on ordinances that would help the borough correct our dilapidated housing problems.

Motion to pay bills Tate/Little carried.
Motion to ratify purchases made by committees Harker/Helbig carried.
Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Little/Helbig carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry, Secretary