Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2013

Tom DeLuca called the meeting to order. With the exception of Ms. Harker who was on vacation, all members including Mayor Farkas were present. Minutes of the previous meeting approved Tate/Little motion. A Bostek/Helbig motion approved the officers' reports unanimously. Chief Jones asked to be recognized as he had another commitment. He went over the police report. Mr. DeLuca expressed how satisfied we were with the police coverage being provided to us from the Beaver Falls department.

Mr. Little moved to hear the citizens present at the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bostek. The motion carried. Mr. Robert Tkacik, 3619 Craig Alley wanted to make council aware of the bad pot holes and thank them also for the snow removal efforts of the road department. He also commended the police department for a job well done. It was explained that due to limited funds and a major sewer problem, funds were limited to repave the borough roads this year. We will do what we can and try to hot patch the worst pot holes. Mr. Rege Benden, 104 Ross Avenue had another complaint about the steps leading down to Patterson Avenue. Only one side is being taken care of by the borough and it is his opinion that the other side is also a right-of-way. Council will make sure that the overgrowth of weeds and hedges is on our property. Mrs. Helbig and Mr. Heaton will research the property at the courthouse. In the meantime, they will do what is necessary to have them cut back, but council cannot remove them completely if they are on private property. If they are on borough property, they will be pulled out – if they are on Miller property a letter will be sent for him to cut them back. Mr. Benden questioned Chief Jones as to the length of time an out-of-state license plate has to be changed to PA when someone moves into the state. Chief Jones said the standard allowance is 30-45 days. Motion to go back to regular business Little/Bostek carried.

Old Business

Mr. Bostek - none
Mrs. Harker again brought up the problem of parking at the park. She said that No Parking signs should be erected. Mr. DeLuca said that signs are expensive and the parking is a police issue, not a council issue. If they are parking in a clearly designated no-parking zone, they will be ticketed. There was a discussion regarding expanding parking from the third field toward the Vets Club. Money is not available to gravel a lot. There is still an issue with some houses and Ms. Pella feels that we should contact the solicitor to begin legal process to have them torn down. Demolishing the houses will decrease tax revenue and Mr. DeLuca said that the owners should be cited and fined until something is done.

Mr. Little - none
Mr. Heaton reported that the pump at the park is fixed.
Mayor Farkas reported a problem with solicitation permits for First Energy. He had complaints from residents and reported that the supervisor was to meet him to obtain the permit. He never showed up. He will not issue them a permit and if any resident is approached, the police should be notified. Soliciting without a permit can result in a $300 fine, 30 days in jail or both.

Mr. Tate reported that a bench to honor the mayors has been purchased. Sharon Wiltrout provided him with information.

Mr. DeLuca provided council with information on replacing concrete driveways damaged during the sewer repair on Standard Street. Plan A would cost approximately $1800.00 ($1,000 labor and about 8 yards of concrete @ $100 per yard). We would buy the materials. If the old concrete has to be removed and the driveway regarded it would be $1500 for labor and between $1200 & $1300 for concrete. We are keeping a record of all costs involved for making repairs to property & even the sewer itself. There has been no money received from the insurance company for the Patterson Avenue sewer project that was not done correctly. He will contact Al Gaudino again to see what is going on. He never heard from the Vets Club about possible help in restoring the Memorial.

New Business

Mr. Bostek is going to order 100 tons of salt from COG and requested the type of Anti-skid used so that can be purchased also. He notified council that he is hosting a "Pitch for A Cause" Softball Tournament and invited all to come and enjoy. He also reported that the stop sign on Rock Avenue is too low and needs to be raised up higher for motorists to see. Brian & Terry installed red flashing lights on the stop sign to make it more visible.

Janet - none

Mr. Little - none

Mr. Heaton reported that the transmission on the GMC truck is going bad. Several options for repair were investigated. The most reasonable is to just replace the torque converter at a cost of approximately $800.00. Penn Diesel gave a quote of $4764.24 to replace the transmission; WW Engines was $4979. He did not receive an estimate from Johnstown. After some discussion it was decided that the pan should be dropped & checked for shavings. If the oil is clean, put in a new converter, if not; the transmission will have to be replaced. Mr. Tate moved to complete the necessary repairs and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. Mr. Little will work with Brian to find the best solution. The boom mower will be back on Monday.

Mr. Heaton received a call from Jim Breznai at the Beaver Falls Sewage Plant. Sensibility Soaps dropped 100 gallons of soap into the sanitary sewer system. It caused an emergency alert problem at the plant. Mr. Breznai spoke with the manager and explained that this process of dumping into the sanitary sewer system cannot continue. He is ready to contact DEP and get them involved but wanted someone from council to speak with the manager regarding this problem. Mr. Heaton & Mr. Little will contact the manager and if nothing is done, DEP will be brought in. There is approximately $100,000.00 worth of monitoring equipment in the sewer.

Mayor Farkas suggested that we might tar the cracks in the roads the paving might hold up better. Other municipalities are doing it and it might be worth looking into.

Mr. DeLuca said that Mr. Breznai also asked about the new buildings that Greg Knowlson had constructed and if the taps were secured. Mr. Knowlson ran his own main line and tapped off them.

Terry Eakles requested permission to order a 5-gallon bucket of weed killer. Mr. Heaton moved to allow the purchase of weed killer and was seconded by Mrs. Helbig. The motion passed all in favor.

Motion to pay bills Tate/Little carried.
Motion to ratify purchases made by committees Little/Heaton carried.

Mr. Little moved to adjourn at 8:30. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tate and passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Secretary