Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2014

President Tom DeLuca called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Little who was excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a Harker/Tate motion. The Financial Report was approved by a Heaton/Bostek motion. No police report was available.

Kathy Brewer, tax collector informed council that the school district is considering instituting a new computer program that that the borough will have to pay $1200 for – 50% of that cost may be reimbursed by the school district. She also noted that the computer she uses will have to be compatible with the new program and a new computer may have to be purchased for her use. Currently she is using her own computer. If a new computer is required, one will be purchased. She also informed council that her technical support package will expire in June. Because very little was used, a fee of $250 instead of the $500 paid before will be charged.

Old Business

Mr. Bostek – reported that the Jersey barrier has been installed across the dump site on Rock Avenue.

Mrs. McNeely – none
Ms. Harker – none

Mr. Heaton – reported in the absence of Mr. Little that the annual sewer report to the Beaver Falls Sewage Authority has been submitted. He also reported that the $1000 check from Beaver Falls for Emergency Management has been received and that he has not yet completed the name change for Project Road.

Mayor Farkas – none
Mr. Tate – none

Mr. DeLuca – requested a copy of the informational flyer so that it could be revised and re-printed. It has useful information for people who are buying homes in the borough and he distributes it with occupancy permits. Mrs. Lansberry will check on a price for printing at Geneva. He also reported that he had received a phone call regarding a buy-out for the cell tower that is currently generating lease money for the borough at approximately $1100 per month with a 3% yearly increase in the amount. The company wants to buy it out for 100 to 150 thousand dollars. He requested paperwork detailing the buy-out but has not received it to date. The lease money that is received would generate more than that over the period of the lease so we will not act on the buy-out request at this time. He received a phone call from Attorney Fenchel who would like to meet concerning the Nicely litigation. Do we want to settle? Mr. Nicely has already received $35,000 in payment. A discussion followed and we would need to pay $15,000 more if a settlement of $50,000 is requested. Council is leaning toward going to court. Mr. DeLuca will meet with Mr. Fenchel and if a settlement amount is offered, will contact each council member for their decision. If a decision is not reached, we will go to court.

New Business

Mr. Bostek discussed the salt crisis. He attended a COG meeting where the condition of the salt received from Morton was discussed. All counties complained of the quality of the salt being used. The street department employees were asked to document all problems with the salt – clumps, rubbish in the salt, etc. COG may follow through with a request for partial reimbursement from Morton because of the poor quality. Bob Allen & Wes Hill reported that 32 of the 43 COG members have contracted from Morton and that Morton has been derelict in communication and delivery. If we get more snow and salt is not delivered Walt Bigley from North Sewickley Township recommended paying premium dollar to purchase from PennDot. Mr. Bostek asked about resurfacing borough roads this year. This will be determined at a later date.

Mrs. McNeely printed out and presented to council several grants that the borough would be eligible for.

Ms. Harker asked who will be working with Dawna Pella regarding code enforcement since Mrs. Helbig is no longer on council. Mr. Bostek, Mr. Heaton and Ms. Harker are the Ordinance Committee and because both Mr. Bostek and Mr. Heaton do not have the time, Ms. Harker will be the liaison with Ms. Pella. She will contact Dawna to set this up.

Mr. Heaton reported that the salt supply under the tarp had frozen and we should definitely consider closing the storage area for the salt and also the anti-skid storage area in for next year. Mr. Tate will get some prices on a roof. He also reported that paperwork for PA One Call contacts needs to be updated and that the MS4 report needs to be filled out and submitted. Mr. Eakles accidentally backed in to the welder and it will need to be replaced. A quote of $900 has been received to replace it but Mr. Heaton wants to get more quotes to see if a lower price can be found.

Mr. Farkas commended the street department employees on their effort to keep the borough streets clear this winter.

Mr. Tate reported that he will not be able to attend the March council meeting.

Mr. DeLuca reminded council that the CDBG Block Grant application had to be submitted this month and we should decide on a wish list. Mrs. McNeely will submit the application to Community Development. The wish list is as follows:

1. Playground and park equipment
2. New lining for sewer lines
3. Handicap accessibility for the Fire Hall.

Mr. Eakles and Mr. McNeely reported that there are cracks in the pavement on Patterson Avenue. This is due to the bad weather. Also, catch basins will need new gratings.

Motion to pay bills Tate/Bostek carried.

Motion to ratify purchases made by committees Harker/Tate carried.

Mrs. McNeely moved for adjournment at 7:55 and was seconded by Ms. Harker. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Secretary