Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2014

President Tom DeLuca called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Bostek who had to work. A Harker/Tate motion approved the May minutes and the officers reports were approved by a Little/McNeely motion.

The only bid received for the road paving project was opened. The bid was received from Russell Standard and will be reviewed under new business.

Ms. Harker moved to go to citizens, was seconded by Mr. Heaton and approved unanimously.

Della Swogger, 3712 West 8th Avenue informed council of a problem with children shooting BB guns at targets, houses and animals around the borough. Windows were shot out of a residence and police were called. Three officers were stopped at West 8th Ave and 43rd Street but took no action even though a kid was walking holding a BB gun. She was told that there is no ordinance banning BB guns which is incorrect. She provided Chief Jones with a copy of Ordinace 680-1. Chief Jones explained that you can't do anything about someone walking with a BB gun; the actual act must be witnessed. He specifically asked that he be called personally anytime a citizen is not happy with police response to a situation.
Frank Guyer, 3728 West 8th Avenue also commented that he lives next door to the kid who is using their garbage cans as a target. Chief Jones urged the residents to call the police and let them know who it is and the appropriate action will be taken. The residents are concerned about retaliation because one resident did take a photo of the kid and his mother called the cops to complain that unlawful pictures were being taken.
Florence Vukovich, 3728 West 8th Avenue added that the kid has to shoot over their cars to hit the garbage cans and when she said something to him a smart comment was made.
Chief Jones said to make sure that the police are called and to not get personally involved.

Kevin Farkas, webmaster reviewed the status of our website and reminded council that any public service announcements by police can be published on the site.

Mr. Tate moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mr. Heaton. The motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Jeffrey Bovalino was introduced to council as the selected candidate for the replacement of our borough solicitor after a review of all resumes submitted. Mrs. McNeeley moved to appoint Jeffrey Bovalino as the new borough solicitor and was seconded by Mr. Tate. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Mrs. McNeely – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Heaton – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; Mr. DeLuca – yes. Mayor Farkas administered the oath and Mr. Bovalino was duly sworn in.

Old Business

Mrs. McNeely reported that the swings at the park have been moved. She asked about the status of the construction of a roof over the salt shed. Mr. DeLuca explained that he knows the roof needs to be constructed but due to the work load of the employees (grass cutting, water line at the park, patching roads, etc.) the job had to be put on the back burner. He does realize that this has to be done before winter, and will be scheduled as soon as the work load lessens.

Ms. Harker - none
Mr. Little - none

Mr. Heaton reported that no responses were received from the residents of Boyd Street regarding making it a one-way road. Mr. Bovalino was authorized to draft a proposed ordinance and have it ready for the July meeting. He would like to research to make sure that no traffic studies are necessary prior to taking action. He also reported that he has not obtained all of the names & addresses of residents of Mayfield Village to complete the process of changing the name of Project Road to West 10th Avenue. BAR Enterprises in Beaver is the property management company – they should provide that information.

Mayor Farkas remarked that he still did not see a sign at the borough dump site stating borough residents only and listing what is permitted to be dumped.
Mr. Tate – none

Mr. DeLuca reported that he has received complaints about property in the borough – specifically 1100 37th Street, 3604 West 6th & 404 37th Street. He discussed some code enforcement issues and explained that he doesn't feel that the code enforcement officer is following through with complaints. Mr. Bovalino will research legalities as to what can be done. Mrs. Lansberry was asked to send a letter with the latest list of complaints.

New Business

Mrs. McNeely - none

Ms. Harker reported that Randy Hayward requested to build a shed on property and was asked to come to council to present his case. She also had complaints about motorcycles and overweight trucks on 37th Street.

Mr. Little reported that the park had been vandalized and was cleaned up; but the next day it was trashed again. He would like to have permission to install either dusk to dawn lights or motion lights to see if this will help. We do have a surveillance system but if warning signs were posted, this might help also. People renting the park shelters have been tripping the breakers – action will be taken to isolate the buildings and take care of this problem. Top soil is needed at Shelter # 3. The Fire Department flushed all the drains. He also asked about a fire hydrant at the park and will have to contact Jim Riggio and the municipal authority regarding that request.

Mr. Heaton reported he had a complaint about a citizen parking a work truck on Harbison Road. There is really nothing that council can do about this. He requested a correction to last month's minutes about the one-way street being corrected to Boyd Ave.
The bid for the paving project was reviewed. There is $73,000 in the liquid fuel account and the sole bid was way over our projected budget. Council rejected the bid and decided to re-bid the project as tar & chip only. The advertisement will be placed on June 18th and June 30th with bids to be opened at the July 10th meeting.

Mayor Farkas - none
Mr. Tate - none
Mr. DeLuca - none

Mr. Little moved to pay the borough bills and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Heaton moved for adjournment at 8:40. Ms. Harker seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry