Regular Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014

Vice President Bill Heaton called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Mrs. McNeely and Tom DeLuca. A Tate/Bostek motion approved the September minutes and the financial report was approved by a Little/Tate motion. No police report was provided by the Beaver Falls Police Department

Correspondence was read including a petition signed by the residents of Boyd Avenue protesting the ordinance changing the street to a one-way. Any necessary action will be taken under old or new business.

Mr. Bostek moved to go to citizens, was seconded by Mr. Little and approved unanimously.

Mr. Duane McCann, 307 Boyd Avenue was present to hear the decision regarding rescinding the ordinance above-mentioned. Mr. Heaton would like to keep the street one-way and limit parking to only the resident side of the street. Mr. McCann countered that there hasn't been a problem all these years, why now? Mr. Bovalino expressed that council was simply trying to insure public safety. Other suggestions by Mr. McCann were to leave the street two-way but put no parking signs on the one side of the street and to install a stop sign on the other end of the street at Harding. There was further discussion and Mr. Heaton expressed his concern that the borough would be liable should an accident occur. Mr. McCann said that no one really uses the road but residents and they've been using it for years with no accidents. Mr. Bovalino asked if no parking signs would alleviate the problem and Mr. McCann agreed that it would. If the ordinance is rescinded, Mr. Bovalino will take care of any advertising but it was decided to table the discussion until Mr. Bovalino was able to complete a case study. Mr. McNeely asked where the street department should plow the snow and Mr. McCann suggested that he'd rather dig out his sidewalk than shovel out his car.

Janet Helbig, 3601 Orchard Street, requested the borough's $300 donation for the annual borough Christmas party. She will check with the fire department to determine the date. She was reminded that all receipts need to be turned in to the borough.

Kathy Brewer asked how we can keep people from parking against the flow of traffic. Not only does the borough have an ordinance addressing this, but also, Mayor Farkas noted that it is a Pennsylvania state law.

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

Old Business

Mr. Bostek – reported on the blighted property symposium that he attended through COG. He also talked about the water run-off from the Christian School onto Lenox Avenue which is causing some basement flooding. There is definitely a problem with the pipe and the maintenance crew is going to get measurements to see what is needed for repairs.

Ms. Harker asked about the shed on the corner lot on Lenox. Mr. Heaton will check with Mr. DeLuca to see if permission was given to put it up. Unless there are any complaints, just leave it alone.

Mr. Little - none

Mr. Heaton –Mr. Heaton contacted Youngblood and cancelled the paving project for this year. They wanted to know if we were doing it next year and since no contract was signed, we are just going to re-bid the entire project next year. He also reported that all of the paperwork has been received and turned in to county so that Project Road can be changed to West 10th Avenue. He is waiting for county approval now to proceed.
The anti-skid that we used last year has gone up to $19.25 per ton. The cheaper grade is only $14.25. We will start with the cheaper grade and see how it works.

Mayor Farkas requested that repair of the Veteran's Memorial be considered in the budget for next year.

Mr. Tate reported that new shirts for the road crew are being printed.

Mr. Bovalino – spoke with Dan Fitzpatrick from FEMA and we do not have to hold a public meeting on the flood plain map changes. FEMA's website lists the preliminary flood map insurance rates. The appeal must be conducted by an engineer. He did some research and unless a lender requires it, no one has to purchase flood insurance. He suggested that we consider drafting a Flood Plain Ordinance.
officer is following through with complaints. Mr. Bovalino will research legalities as to what can be done.

New Business

Mr. Bostek reminded council that a budget workshop meeting needs to be set.

Ms. Harker reported that Trick or Treat will definitely be held on October 30.

Mr. Little - none

Mr. Heaton called for a motion regarding donating money toward the borough Christmas party. Mr. Tate moved to give $300 to Janet Helbig and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed all in favor.
He suggested that council consider purchasing a camera to scope sewers & to think about adding it to the budget for next year. ($500 to $1500 price range)
For Emergency management – there is new software out called Code Red that contacts residents in the event of severe storms etc. – also something to consider for next year. ($1500 per year)
The budget meeting was set for Wednesday, October 29th at 6 p.m.
Leaf pick up will begin November 1 and there is absolutely no burning of leaves permitted in the borough. Mrs. Lansberry will put it in the paper and Kevin was asked to post it on our website.

Mr. Tate – none

Mr. Bovalino reported that Dawna Pella sent letters to ordinance violators on his letterhead. He also suggested that we seriously consider a property maintenance ordinance and will bring information to next month's meeting. He has been reviewing all the information received from Mr. Fenchel on the Nicely suit but has not yet received the transcripts.

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

Mr. Tate moved to approve purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion carried.

Mr. Bostek moved for adjournment at 8:05. Mr. Little seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry