Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016

Prior to the call to order, Mayor Farkas administered the Oath of Office to new councilperson, Monica Sepp. President Robert Tate called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present. A Little/McNeely motion approved the January minutes. The officers' reports were approved by a Harker/DeLuca motion.
Ms. Harker moved to hear the citizens present at the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Heaton.

Mr. Joseph Manini, 3786 W 4th Avenue was present to discuss his address. His alarm went off and the emergency team could not find his house because it is actually located on 43rd Street with the front of the house facing 43rd Street. Mr. Heaton explained the process of changing an address to him and noted that there are a number of residences in the borough facing the same problems (homes facing Sand Alley with an address of Harbison Road). He will have to contact County EMS and will have to find out what address is available on 43rd Street. The post office will also have to be notified of the change. It is possible that other houses on 43rd Street have the same problem so he will look into that as well.

Mr. John Ball, 4706 W 5th Avenue was present with the Wilson's to address the sewer gas issue on West Fifth. His residence is the first house on the street and the Wilson's is the last. The smell of sewer gas inside the home as gotten worse. Mr. Tate addressed the problem and said that a trap installed outside the home should alleviate the odor permeating the house. The sewers have been flushed out and the water is running freely in the borough main line. Mr. Wilson felt the borough should install the trap but Mr. Tate explained that borough workers are not permitted to install anything on private property.

Mr. Glen Wilson, 4714 W 5th Avenue has been complaining of the problem for quite some time. He said that he has a sewer vent on his home but the smell is getting worse. Mr. Tate explained that the vent will not relieve the smell, only an outside trap will do that. Mrs. Laura Campbell, Mr. Wilson's daughter stated that the borough used to regularly flush out the sewer line and the smell was not there. Mr. Tate again explained that there was no problem with the flow when the line was flushed out. Mr. Bovalino suggested that they have a plumber determine the cause. Since the main line is free-flowing, this is not the borough's problem, but the home owner's. Mr. Wilson also complained about the grass and sumac trees on the adjacent property being way too high. The owner of the residence in question has abandoned the house so there is no way that the borough can make him do anything about his property. It has been reclaimed by the bank and our zoning officer will be talking to the bank and explaining the borough ordinances to try to get the problem solved.

With no other citizens present, Mr. Heaton moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Chris Lemmon requested to give his report first so that he could be excused. He reported that complaints about furniture left outside a dumpster that services apartments from 3707 through 3713 West 8th Avenue had been brought to his attention. He contacted the property owner on January 5 and as of January 22 the furniture was still not removed. On January 29, he again inspected the property and the furniture had been removed.

Chief Jones reported that there were no open investigations in the borough. Mr. Bovalino asked that the Chief check with Attorney Steele to see where the contract stands. The chief responded that he had spoken with Ms. Steele and she would forward the contract to Mr. Bovalino after everything had been completed on her end.

Mrs. Sepp – none
Mrs. McNeely - none
Ms. Harker – none

Mr. Little asked about the $10,000 budgeted for major equipment purchase. The zero turn mower will need to be replaced this year. The budgeted amount can be used for that purchase. He also reported that new tools have been purchased and he has made an inventory off all the tools in the garage. Mr. Tate has a DeWalt 18volt set that he obtained for $250 half off the regular price. Mr. Little would like to have council authorize the purchase and that was approved.

Mr. Heaton reported that Insight Pipe had completed the relining of the sewer line under 37th Street at Standard Street. He also reported that as of January 15, A.J.'s probation period ended. New tires had to be purchased for the GMC truck.
The address changes for Project Road to West 10th Avenue are complete. There was a question regarding Apt. 404 West 10th Ave and he will make sure that the change is noted to County EMS.
County EMS will be teaching a class on February 16th at 6 p.m. on damage assessment – What to do in case of an emergency like a tornado etc. Any council members are encouraged to attend the free class.

Mayor Farkas - none

Mr. Bovalino still has not heard anything from PMAC so he will compose a letter of interest to send them. The agreement for the new Beaver Falls police contract has been drafted and given to Shannon Steel to present to the Beaver Falls Council and is now in their hands. Mr. Bovalino would like to meet with the ordinance committee to begin work on recodifying the borough ordinances that are extremely outdated.
The claim for damages to a resident's garage presented by Attorney Spratt has been turned in to the borough insurance carrier so we will do nothing until we hear the results of their investigation.

Mr. Tate reported that he purchased the property at 404 37th Street for which there have been numerous ordinance complaints. He will be cleaning up the property as soon as weather permits.

Mr. DeLuca went to the Verizon store in Cranberry and the phone numbers have been switched. Brian's number 724 513-5153 has been added to the account. Council approved transferring Mr. Bostek's phone 724 601-9952 to A.J. for business use only.
He also reported that he had spoken to a representative regarding the cell tower and they have offered $220,000.00 to purchase the tower from the borough. At the present time we receive $1,168.39 per month with a 3% increase yearly for leasing the tower. Mr. Bovalino would like to review the contract before any decisions are made.

New Business

Mrs. Sepp reported that her daughter's Girl Scout troop is still interested in planting trees at the park. They will talk about what type of trees to plant and a decision will be made at a later date.

Mrs. McNeely suggested that a few more benches should be installed at the park.

Ms. Harker reported that there has been a problem with cars parking on West 9th Avenue in an area clearly marked "No Parking from here to Corner". It is impossible to turn the fire truck into the road with cars parked there. The police need to be notified and enforce the "No Parking" signs.

Mr. Little – none

Mr. Heaton reported that he purchased 4 generators for Emergency Management to be used in the event of a major power outage. He is still searching for a Pop-Up Trailer to carry emergency supplies and equipment for use in the event of an emergency.
He also reported that the GMC has had new brakes, rotors and calipers installed as well as the new tires.
Mr. Heaton reported that he will be going to the Sewer Authority in Beaver Falls to check on the sewer gas smell in case it is coming from Beaver Falls. He said the sewer line on W 4th & 47th Street is too flat and he & Mr. DeLuca will look at it to see what needs to be done.
He also reported of the road collapsing on Ross & Cottage. He called the Municipal Authority and they packed it in.

Mr. Bovalino was provided information regarding the Joint User issue being pursued by Patterson Township. He will attend any informational meetings.

Mayor Farkas asked about repairs for the Veteran's Monument. After the weather breaks, a masonary contractor should be contacted and have some specs drawn up to see what would be the best approach to making the necessary repairs.

Mr. DeLuca had a call from New Pig Energy regarding sprinkler systems in their building. He said that the borough does not have any ordinance regarding this and they should check the Uniform Construction Code for the information. There will be the annual street inspection in March.
White Township requested to borrow a piece of our equipment because theirs is not operational. We need to check with the insurance company to see if this is covered.

Mr. Tate asked if we could go to the water authority to see if there are any programs available for our citizens that could help them if they had no water.

Mr. DeLuca asked council members to consider a Christmas bonus for the borough employees. A bonus of $100 each was decided upon for Mr. McNeely, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Lemmon, Mrs. Lansberry and Mr. Eakles. Since Mr. Eakles had worked for most of the year, he was included.

The bills were reviewed by Mrs. Lansberry. 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 Mrs. Sepp. The motion carried.

Mr. Little moved for adjournment at 8:30 pm. Mrs. McNeely seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry