Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2016

President Bob Tate called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members of council and the mayor were present. Mrs. Lansberry was excused. Chief Deluca and Chris Lemmon were present. Michelle McNeely motioned for acceptance of minutes, Lou Little seconded. Unanimous consent.

Bob Tate opened bids for garbage collection. There were two bids received. One from Valley Refuse and one from Young Refuse. A copy of the Bids is attached. Mr. Bovalino explained to the council that prior to voting on accepting the bids, the law contemplates that the Borough is bound to accept the lowest "responsible" bid. This does not mean the lowest price, per se, but if council chooses to deviate from the lowest bidder in amount, they must make a thorough investigation of the facts why the lowest bidder is not "responsible", through evidence of lack of qualification, fraud, etc. and it must be placed upon the record. Mr. Young did correct for the record his bid amounts which were quarterly on his bid, should reflect the monthly amount as requested on the bid form. Mr. Deluca asked about issues in past years with Valley as to them coming to the Borough early in the morning and disturbing residence. The owner indicated this would not be the case. Mr. Bovalino said he would put that in the contract. The vote to accept the Bid was delayed until New Business

Chris Lemmon gave his report. Nothing major was reported. Trash on Orchard Street and a fire hydrant/mail box issue on High street. Mailbox would be moved.

Chief DeLuca reviewed the Police Report.
President Tate read the officers'/financial report. Monica—motion to accept Police and Officer's Report/Lou—Second. Unanimous.

Wendy Harker moved to hear citizens speak. Bill Heaton seconded. All approved.
Citizens:
A representative from State Representative Marshall's office was present simply as an observer. No other citizens.

Michelle/Lou. Motion to return to regular business. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Monica Sepp reported that we were on the list to get 20 street lamps replaced by DLC.

Tom Deluca asked for status report on Monument—Bob said winter has delayed volunteers/donations. He will resume in spring most likely.

The 2017 Budget was presented and laid upon the table for review. Bill motioned to adopt the budget. Lou seconded.
Roll call: In favor of adoption:Tom Deluca, Monica Sepp, Michelle McNeely, Bill Heaton, Bob Tate, Wendy Harker, Lou Little. None opposed. Mayor in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Deluca motioned for an award of a 100 dollar Christmas bonus to Pat, Chris, AJ, Brian and Jeff. Jeff declined. Monica Sepp seconded. Unanimous approval (if funds are available)

Bill Heaton made motion that AJ and Brian receive raises of .50 cents per hour effective FY 2017. Also, Pat would receive an increase in her pay of $33.33 per month. Monica Sepp seconded. Michelle McNeely abstained. Passed unanimously (with McNeely's abstention noted)

Tom Deluca discussed increasing Chris Lemmon's compensation by $300.00 per month in the event he accepts the responsibility of issuing building permits in 2017. This may not have been budgeted so it is tabled until January.

Monica asked if she could get covered under Borough insurance to help drive a snow plow in the winter if we are shorthanded. It was decided that she should not be driving the borough equipment for liability purposes, although we will look into it.

Michelle McNeely needed $300.00 for Christmas party. Approved via unanimous resolution.

Wendy Harker asked in Brian and AJ could purchase bright orange vests for visibility. Approved by unanimous resolution.

Lou Little indicated the cost of a spreader part for the Ford Truck would cost $700.00. This was approved unanimously.

Bill Heaton reported the park fence was damaged via auto collision. The decision was made to hold off repairs until summer.

Tom, Brian and Michelle discussed the state of the bathrooms at the field, the Baseball contract and whether they were in compliance. It was agreed that Michelle would try to get Barry to come to January's meeting.

Bill Heaton asked what we could do about the trash bins at certain properties, especially the property controlled by Premiere Property Management (Ed Cline). People keep piling up stuff next to dumpster when they vacate. The code enforcement officer would be notified to contact Cline and inform him it is his responsibility to track resident's leaving and monitor/clear the dumpster. Bob Tate said he will talk to Ed.

Mayor Farkas: The Mayor feels we are missing tax revenue form residents living in the Borough as renters and not registering. Pat will be notified and we will review our procedures for tracking renters.

The Mayor also asked to let his son know of any postings so he can put them on the Website.

Garbage Collection Bids Vote: Monica Sepp made a motion to accept the lowest price bid from Valley refuse (see attached). Michelle McNeely seconded. Roll call:

Tom Deluca—No; Bob Tate—Yes; Monica Sepp—Yes; Bill Heaton—Yes; Wendy Harker-Yes; Michelle McNeely—Yes; Lou Little—Yes

Mayor---No objection. The Mayor did ask some background questions of Valley Refuse about start time limitations, quality of service as compared to prior regime. Tom Deluca wanted language requiring Valley to engage in collection actions if a resident failed to pay as well as time limitations. Mr. Bovalino said that would be inserted into the contract.

Wendy Harker made motion to pay the bills/Michelle seconded. Unanimous consent.

Lou Little made motion to ratify purchases made by committees. Monica Sepp seconded. Unanimous consent.

Bill Heaton motioned for adjournment. Lou Little seconded. Unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary (notes provided by J. Bovalino)