Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017

President Bob Tate called the meeting to order. Mayor Farkas and Vice President DeLuca were excused. A McNeely/Sepp motion approved the February minutes. The officer's reports were approved by a Harker/Little motion.

Mr. Heaton moved to hear the citizens present at the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion carried.

Jeff and Julie Burke notified council that for the past 6 weeks there has been a dumpster owned by Aiken that is in the middle of the road and residents have to enter from a different direction to access their homes. The workers on the project are tossing the debris off the roof and missing the dumpster so the debris is all over the road. Plus the dumpster is overflowing onto the road. The drain that was recently installed is crushed so it is no longer useful. The property being remodeled is located at 509 Harbison Road. The Burkes wanted to make sure that a permit had been obtained for the work and also want to know who is responsible for the damage. Mr. Bovalino will contact the contractor to try to get this rectified and the damage will have to be paid for.

Mr. Robert Tkacik, 3619 W 4th Avenue commended the street department on the winter clean up. He again brought up the condition of Craig Alley washing out and noted that West 4th Avenue is breaking up also. He realizes that funds are limited but wanted to see if there was anything that could be done.
He also requested exemption from having his garbage collected because he recycles everything and no household trash is generated. Mr. Bovalino explained that we have an ordinance that requires all residents to subscribe to garbage collection by our contracted refuse company and we cannot exempt one person because that would open up a "can of worms" and other residents would be requesting an exemption. He inquired about the consequences of continuing to throw his bill away and Mr. Bovalino told him that the refuse collector could take him to the magistrate and require payment.

JoAnn Smith, 800 W 38th Street was present to complain about the dumpster on property owned by Ed Cline across W 38th Street from her. The dumpster is no longer in the enclosure and there is garbage on the ground beside it. She has to look at this every day and she has had enough. This is an on-going problem and the owner has been contacted numerous times. Mr. Bovalino will get in touch with our zoning officer, Chris Lemmon, to begin proceedings for a citation and fines to be issued.

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

Old Business

Chief DeLuca from the Beaver Falls Police Department informed council that there is a major issue with traffic at the park on Patterson Avenue. The people who are at the park as spectators to the baseball games are parking on both sides of the road and if an emergency would arise, no emergency vehicle could get through the road. Council has been aware of this problem and has addressed it numerous times with Mr. Emge from the traveling league. He said that he has sent out emails to participants regarding the parking but nothing is being corrected. Standard Steel has graciously made its parking lot available for use but no one is using it and the spectators continue to park on the road. Chief DeLuca suggested that the league (or any team that is using the field at any given time) designate a volunteer to direct cars to appropriate parking areas. The borough will replace the No Parking signs that are no longer useable. Once the signs have been replaced, Chief DeLuca will instruct his officers to tag and or tow vehicles that do not comply with the no parking areas.

Mrs. Sepp reviewed the bid received from Allegheny Asphalt for the road patching project. Their bid was $3,150.00 for two truckloads of asphalt for the patching ($1575 per load). Council decided to add a third truckload in the amount of $1575 to increase the total amount to $4,275.00. Mr. Bovalino reviewed the bid and determined that it is not specific enough. The bid did not specify which roads were to be repaired; only

the cost of the asphalt. Specific roadway need to be designated and if possible, Sand Alley from Short to Jean Streets and West 5th Ave to the water tower may be added. Mr. Bovalino also advised that Jon Johnson from PennDot be contacted prior to the work commencing to avoid any future audit findings. Mr. Bovalino will need estimated dates for the beginning and ending dates of the project. Mr. Little moved to award the contract in the amount of $4,725.00 to Allegheny Asphalt for miscellaneous patching contingent upon the incorporation of specific changes outlined by Mr. Bovalino and upon completion of a contract drawn up by Mr. Bovalino. Ms. Harker seconded the motion and the vote was all in favor.

Mrs. McNeely had a response from Mr. Emge and the interior of the restrooms will be painted and weeds and grass cutting will be covered by him. The mulch has been put in and the porta-johns are in place. There was a discussion regarding the condition of the old bleachers and it was determined that they should be dismantled. Mr. Little received a call from someone from the Blackhawk baseball association asking for keys to shelter 1 restrooms. That shelter is strictly for rental purposes and no one has the authority to just use it for ball games without renting it. Mrs. McNeely will contact Mr. Emge about the use of the field to make sure that the rules are fully understood. If no one has rented Shelter 1 and the fields are not in use by either the traveling league or the West Mayfield teams, Blackhawk can then request to use it by contacting Mr. Little. Due to declining health, Mr. Emge may no longer require the use of our fields next year so we may have to look for other sources for use and maintenance of the fields. No one wants to see them fall into disrepair again. Mr. Emge will be contacted to find out his intent.
Spraying with commercial insect spray requires that classes be taken and Ms. Harker has yet to find out where those classes can be taken. Phone calls are going to be made to Pat Burdine from Beaver Falls who is certified to get some more information on that.

Ms. Harker none

Mr. Little went to Representative Jim Marshall's office to get some suggestions on how to proceed with the MS4 permit application process. The cost is excessive and we don't have the funds budgeted for that. Since it is a requirement, it has to be done. Mr. Marshall suggested that we raise taxes or merge with Chippewa to get it done. Neither of those options are acceptable to the borough. Mr. Marshall said that he is going to set up a round-table discussion for all municipalities in District 14 to get some ideas. We may also get in touch with both Beaver Falls and White Township to see if we could enter into a joint venture for the surveying and mapping but pay according to residential population. Mr. Bovalino spoke with Dan Sell from Widmer Engineering to see if there is any possibility of applying for a waiver. That could be an option but MS4 has changed in the 5 years since we provided the last permit application and there is more that needs to be done now. We will be given 5 years to carry out the plan. There are several other engineering firms that have been recommended and Mrs. McNeely is going to set up an information meeting with them as we did with Widmer to see if we can get some more prices. Widmer could not give a complete quote because of the scope of the project. Since this is a requirement and the permit application is due in September, Mr. Bovalino suggested that we start on it as soon as we can. Once we have information from the other firms and Mr. Marshall we will probably need to schedule a special meeting to make a decision.

Mr. Heaton reported that Tri-State completed the cameraing of our sewers. The pipe from Standard is good all the way to the flow meter. West 4th Avenue piping is clear but there are low valley areas that may be contributing to the sewer smell that some of the residents have complained about. There is some pipe breakage and Tri-State will provide a written report to go along with their digital report. The leaking pipes will need to be replaced. There is also evidence of spring waters seeping into the flow meter. The pipe work in the park has been completed.
One of the requirements of the MS4 permit is to plot all basins – latitude and longitude need to be determined. Jake Tate has an app on his phone that will do that so we will use that app to save the borough some money.
Mr. Heaton reminded council that the resolution to accept the County Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be adopted. Mr. Bovalino reviewed the resolution and Mr. Little moved that the borough accept the Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan and was seconded by Mrs. Sepp. The motion carried.

Mr. Bovalino reviewed the draft employee handbook that was submitted to him and made a few corrections and additions to make it a better document. He provided each member with a copy and asked that they review his additions and corrections and be prepared to discuss it at the May meeting.
He also spoke with the owner of the Corner Tavern regarding the catch basin being clogged with grease. The borough workers literally had to shovel out the grease so there was definitely a problem. He said that he recently had Ray Evans clean it out and guaranteed that they are not putting grease down the drains. He also said that Dalton removes the barrels that he has to store grease so Mr. Bovalino requested a report from Dalton to see just how much grease is being removed. We will wait a month to see what happens before any action is taken.

Mr. Tate none

New Business

Mrs. None

Mrs. McNeely asked about the parking lots, mulch and grass seed at the park. Who will pay for that. It was decided that she should talk with Mr. Emge and tell him that if he pays for it, the borough will haul it and spread it.

Ms. Harker reported that someone wrecked into the rope fence at the park. She also informed council that we could recycle our leaves at Brady's Run Recycling center and receive $4.00 per square yard.

Mr. Little asked that the water be turned on at the park since May 1st is opening day. He also reported that he had a call from Ray Evans in White Township and they are moving the drainage at Coolidge and 12th Avenue so the basin won't be needed anymore and can be filled in.

Mr. Heaton said that Jake Tate is on call to fill in when Brian needs help since we have not yet hired another laborer for our street department. He suggested that we return to a two-man partj-time crew and asked the finance/litigation committee to set up interviews with the other candidates who applied. Mrs. Lansberry received one more resume which was given to Mrs. Sepp. If none of these applicants are acceptable, another ad should be placed in the paper.

Mr. Bovalino none
Mr. Tate none

The bills were reviewed by Mrs. Lansberry. Mr. Heaton moved to pay the borough bills and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion carried.

Mrs. McNeely moved to approve purchases made by committees and was seconded by Mrs. Sepp. The motion carried.

At this time Mr. Bovalino requested a motion to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mrs. Sepp moved to enter into executive session at 8:45 and was seconded by Mrs. McNeely.

Mrs. McNeely moved to adjourn at 9.00 pm; seconded by Mrs. Sepp with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry