Regular Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2017

President Bob Tate called the meeting to order. Mayor Farkas and Solicitor Jeff Bovalino were excused. A McNeely/Little motion approved the April minutes. The officer's reports were approved by a Little/Heaton motion.

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

Bruce Harris, 3750 W 5th Avenue asked if there were any plans to pave the pot holes on the alley in front of his house and also reported the road in front of the old foundry all the way to 43rd Street was in bad condition. The borough will put some slag in the holes. The water company still has not fixed the road where some work was done by their employees.

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

Old Business

Mr. Chris Lemmon gave a code enforcement report regarding a number of prior issues. All the garbage that was reported has been cleaned up; the grass on 37th and High Street has been cut but there is still one patch remaining; the high grass on Patterson has been cut but he will be speaking with the property owner because the weeds are still not cut. The dumpster issue on West 38th Street has been resolved. He spoke with the property owner and was told that the dumpster enclosure will be removed and all tenants will be provided with garbage cans. The large trash items that were deposited outside of the dumpster will be taken care of when the dumpster has been dismantled. Mr. Lemmon also spoke to the resident building a fence around his property on Coolidge and Ross. The property is zoned residential and cannot be used for storage of junk autos, etc. Neighbors have lodged complaints. Mr. DeLuca also pointed out that according to our zoning ordinance, the fence bordering the front of the property can only be 4 feet high. The solicitor will be contacted to see if a letter from him should be written. Mr. DeLuca noted that since so many of these complaints have been reported more than once, he feels that fines should be issued to any repeat offenders. Along the same lines, Ms. Harker again brought up the car that has been abandoned on West 9th Avenue for the last 5 months is still there. She provided information on where the owner could be located. The police department will check into that.

Mr. DeLuca opened a discussion on the contract from Allegheny Asphalt since he was absent from the last meeting. The contract originally specified two truckloads with the option to add another truckload. Following the discussion Mr. Little moved to change the contract to include 3 truckloads verifying tonnage per load and to approve the addendum to the contract as presented by the solicitor. Mr. DeLuca seconded the motion that passed all in favor. Mr. DeLuca also commented on how great the park looks. All the trees that were planted last year have thrived.

Mrs. Sepp reported that 20 LED streetlights have been installed by Duquesne Light and thanked Brian for taking care of the ditch on Glade Street. She also obtained information about certification for insecticide spraying. There is a packet available for self-study and she provided copies listing the certifications and cost for each packet. She also reported that there were two applications and one application with a resume received for the street department employee. Mrs. Sepp moved to hire Jake Tate as a part-time employee. Mr. Little suggested that we interview the candidates who submitted applications. Discussion – the employer has a right to reject any of the candidates and only one person submitted a resume. The ad in the paper specifically requested resumes be sent. None of the applicants had been interviewed but Mr. Tate had already worked for the borough as a fill-in until someone could be hired. There was some concern about not holding interviews and Mrs. Sepp explained that the solicitor had discussed moving to hire Jake with her. Following the discussion, Mr. DeLuca seconded Mrs. Sepp's motion to hire Jake for $12 per hour. A roll-call vote

passed the motion as follows: Mr. DeLuca – yes; Mrs. Sepp – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Heaton – yes; Mr. Bob Tate – abstain.

Mrs. McNeely reported that she spoke with Barry Emge again about the parking problems at the ball field and asked that he have a monitor to ask people to move their cars of the grass and to move to the Standard Steel lot. Mr. Emge requested that signs be placed directing parking to the lot and also to designate "No Parking" areas. If cars continue to park in restricted areas, the police are going to be called and the cars ticketed.

Ms. Harker reported that someone is using the borough dump area for discarding couches, propane tanks, mattresses, tires and plastic tubing. The borough employees were instructed to put the chain up at night to inhibit this dumping. Mr. DeLuca said that we have received a number of rocks from the construction dumping from the 24th Street bridge replacement that could be used to block some of the parking areas and other places in the borough.

Mr. Little – none

Mr. Heaton reported that Widmer had not received formal notification from the borough to begin work on the MS4 application process. Mrs. Lansberry provided him with a copy of the resolution that had been sent and he hand-delivered it to Mr. Sell. He provided a map with the basins marked but there were no GPS coordinates. Widmer will do that as part of the process. There still has been no estimate of the cost given to the borough.

Mr. Tate none

New Business

Mr. DeLuca - none
Mrs. Sepp - none
Mrs. McNeely - none
Ms. Harker - none
Mr. Little - none

Mr. Heaton reported that Jake and Brian each have their own time sheets now so neither can see the other's hours worked or wages paid.

Mr. Tate none

Mrs. Lansberry reported the West 9th Avenue Street sign was missing. It will be replaced.

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

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

Mrs. McNeely moved to adjourn at 8.00 pm; seconded by Mr. Little with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry