Regular Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2017

President Bob Tate called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Bill Heaton who was excused for Emergency Management training. Chris Lemmon requested to leave early. A McNeely/Little motion approved the September minutes. The officer's reports were approved by a Harker/Sepp motion.

Bids were opened for the sale of the Ford F450 dump truck and the Ford 200 tractor. A bid from William Dean for the Ford F450 dump truck in the amount of $5500.00 was dropped off at the borough garage. All other bids for the dump truck and tractor were received on Municibid. The high bid of Matthew Lutz's $3,975 for the tractor and the high bid of $18,500 submitted by Daniel Sheraw were accepted by a Harker/Little motion that passed unanimously. Mr. Tate and Mr. McNeely will inform the bidders of their acceptance.

The only correspondence received was from Cottrill Arbutina requesting to be retained as auditors for the West Mayfield Tax Collector audit. Fees are $1785 for 2017, $1840 for 2018 and $1895 for 2019. Action will be taken under new business.

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

Mr. Tom Brennan from Baierl Ford provided information regarding the purchase of a 2018 Ford F550 dump truck. As a participant in the CoStars program, we will obtain a $10,000 savings on the purchase. The total price of the vehicle including stainless steel bed and plow attachment is $69,121.00. The vehicle carries a 3-year 36,000 bumper to bumper warranty and a 100,000 mile warranty on the engine. There is a 5-year lease on the vehicle with a final payment of $1.00 at the end of the lease to make the truck ours. Payment options are monthly, semi-annually or annually. Ms. Harker moved to purchase the 2018 F550 dump truck from Baierl Ford at the price of $69,121 and was seconded by Mr. DeLuca. A roll-call vote approved the motion as follows: Mr. DeLuca – yes; Mrs. Sepp – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Ms. Harker – yes and Mr. Tate – yes.

Theresa Goe, 1011 37th Street Extension was present to lodge a complaint about borough leaf pick-up. She had raked her leaves to the curb and they were not picked up. Jake Tate, borough employee explained that exterior painting was being done on a remodeling project across the street and as a courtesy to the remodelers they opted not to pick up the leaves because the dust from the pick-up would be thrown onto the fresh paint. They would still pick up the leaves but not on that day. She said if they weren't picked up by Monday, she was going to burn them regardless of the ordinance against burning leaves. She also complained about the workers parking and blocking her view to go into and out of her driveway and blocking her mailbox.

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

Old Business

Mr. DeLuca reported that he, Jake Tate and Brian McNeely went to Wilson Avenue to try to resolve the complaint that has been repeatedly made by Mr. Jim Mathey regarding water run-off onto his property. They were told that White Township would do nothing to help with the situation even though the problem stems from their property. He suggested that they install concrete block barriers and line them on borough property diverting the flow from Mr. Mathey's but not onto any other property. The cost would be approximately $600 for the barriers. Mr. Little had information from Mr. Heaton regarding this problem. Ray Evans, White Township supervisor, re-routed the water. Now it is running onto the neighbor's property. Because West Mayfield was responsible for removing the dirt mound that prevented this, they should take care of that. Mr. Mathey informed council that he didn't feel the cement barriers were necessary because of the grading done by White Township. He felt that placing a load of heavy stone would be sufficient. The

borough employees will take care of that. There still seems to be water running off the area onto the borough road and if the load of stone doesn't solve that problem as well, we will contact White Township because it is their problem, not ours.
Mr. DeLuca informed council that his son-in-law has 4 concrete barriers for sale at the cost of $50 each. That is a savings of $10 per barrier over the retail price that the borough usually pays. Council approved the purchase of the barriers at the cost of $200 for all four.

Mrs. Sepp - none

Mrs. McNeely asked to be excused because she was not feeling well.

Mr. Little- none

Mr. Little for Mr. Heaton – Mr. Heaton has been in touch with DEP regarding the resident's complaint about water run-off damaging his property. He investigated and found no sewer odor and no water running off. DEP requested that the storm basin be reinstalled. They also requested that the problem be checked during a good rain to see if anything can be found. They will provide a complete report with suggestions for corrections to the problem. The grate should be put back and the bricks that were placed on the property removed. The house owned by Bill Pullman has French drains that are being directed to Mr. Pegg's property and running across the road. Mr. Bovalino requested the address of the property owner so that he can contact him. BAR Enterprises, owner of Mayfield Village is going to fix the drain problems on their property.

Mayor Farkas commented that in the past it was suggested that a pumping station for the septic system be installed on High Street Extension.

Mr. Bovalino - none
Mr. Tate - none

New Business

Mr. DeLuca discussed some options for the problems with the Seventh Avenue sewer line. Option I is to dig up the street, repair the pipe and backfill. True Plumbing estimated the cost at around $4,500 and Chaffee estimated $5090 with or without backfill. Option II – the line had been cameraed by Miller but he did not have the film. It had to be retrieved from Columbia Gas. The option is to have Insight Pipe jet out the line and reline it from manhole to manhole or to have the fire department flush it out from #1 manhole & #2 manhole to see if anything comes out. If the water comes out, there may not be a problem. Tru Plumbing has a floating camera. Tri-State charges $165 per hour with a 4 hour minimum to flush out a drain.

Mrs. Sepp - none

Mr. Little – the Borough Christmas party will be on Friday, December 1 from 6 until 8:30.

Ms. Harker received a complaint about the refuse company that is picking up garbage at Georgetown Apartments on West 38th Street is coming around 3 or 4 a.m. Since this is privately owned property, the owner should contact the refuse hauler and ask that he not come until at least 7 a.m. There is still a problem with stones placed around the fire hydrant and mailbox on High Street Property. Chris Lemmon will talk to the owner.

Mayor Farkas - none

Mr. Bovalino asked if our millage rate was remaining the same for 2018 so that he can prepare a tax ordinance required by the state.

Mr. Tate discussed Mr. DeLuca's retirement from council and turning over the building permits to Mr. Lemmon and what his pay might be for taking over this job. One option would be to give him half of the permit fee. There was also a discussion regarding the fee for building permits, dye tests and occupancy permits. Raise building permits from $50 to $60 and give $30 to Chris; raise occupancy permits from $100 to $150 and give Chris $50, Code systems will no longer be issuing permits for new construction and our only option is to use Middle Department, John Balzer and find out what their rates are.
Mr. Tate called for a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2018 which includes a pay increase for street department employees of .50 per hour and a $500 yearly increase for Mrs. Lansberry and no increase in taxes. Mr. Little moved to accept the 2018 budget as prepared and was seconded by Mrs. Sepp. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

Ms. Harker moved to retain Cottrill Arbutina as the auditors for the Tax Collector and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed unanimously.

The bills were reviewed by Mrs. Lansberry. Mrs. Sepp moved to pay the borough bills and was seconded by Ms. Harker. The motion carried.

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

Ms. Harker moved to adjourn at 8.15 pm; seconded by Mrs. Sepp with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry