

## Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

In attendance were Atty. Ben Carroll, Amy Jo Stout, Chris Sipe, Carl Jones, Larry Mazer, Denny Weimer, Melissa Cramer, Nancy Sleasman, Kevin Yoder, Nathan Fokianos from Penn Tex, and Sarah Sleasman was with us virtually.

The meeting started promptly at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. The minutes from the last meeting need to be amended. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to amend the minutes to correct them, and Denny Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor. The new minutes were accepted after a few amendments were suggested. Denny Weimer made the motion to accept the amended minutes and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Kevin Yoder gave his Engineer Report. The meeting with the local officials that The Borough Council wanted to schedule, will be put on hold until the officials are cleared for traveling around in their communities more. The Covid virus has them limiting what they can do. We will be keeping this on the agenda as a reminder but, it will be probably be next year until this meeting can happen. Kevin will keep in contact with them. Kevin wants to add the NPEDS permit back on the agenda, it somehow, got pulled off but, it needs to go back on. This will be a reminder that the permit needs to be updated. The Amfire/High School Drain, nothing has happened, Kevin is still playing phone tag with Sam Alton. The DCED Grant will be after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. That grant money will be used to redo the pump station in Black Township and/or for booster pumps at each resident. The Streetscape Grant is due the end of January. The council will need to decide what project they want done. (Main St., Somerset Ave, or another project)

**POLICE REPORT:** Melissa Cramer covered the police part of the agenda. The request for the schedule change for Barry was talked about. The Council decided they need a more explicit explanation of his request. Missy stated that she will speak with him by the November 7<sup>th</sup> committee meetings and let the council know what he says. The budget requests that were made by the police department were looked at. There is some money in the budget for their needs but, with this year's budget, they will need to look closely at what is a need vs. what is a want. The body camera can be looked at if they apply for a grant to get one. The PPE request, most of it will be covered through the CARES act. Carl and Caryoln placed an order with the County and are just waiting until the items are distributed. John was given a copy of the budget so, he knows what funds are available to him.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Carl presented a list of projects that the maintenance department had accomplished for the month. The Mamco Project is underway. Carl is meeting with different excavating companies to do get quotes for the digging. It is imperative that this project gets completed. Carl presented a quote from Cambria Systems Inc. The Council would like more detail of how much money they need down, and how additional payments need to be made up to and through the completion of the job.

**CARROLL LAW OFFICE:** Veteran's Memorial and Community Park Deed and Memorandum of Agreement were both presented to Council. Attorney Carroll prepared the documents as asked with the reverter clause in it. Denny Weimer made a motion to approve the sale of the piece of property formerly known as the Merchants Hotel to the Rockwood American Legion to become a public Veteran's Memorial and

Community Park. Nancy Sleasman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved. J.P O'Connor will have the appraisal for the alleys at the former Clapper property ready for the next meeting. Penn Tex had a representative attending the meeting and he handed out a packet of papers about the "proposed" Dollar General Store that is to be built on that property. He was here just to see where we were in the process, and an update. The drug and alcohol policy were next on the agenda. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Drug and Alcohol policy, and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. We will keep this on the agenda for next month because Sarah is going to be checking with First Source Solutions about the figures that were quoted to her earlier in the year. The Council just wants a clear picture of the costs that are associated with the testing. Once again, there were lengthy discussions about the Molean/J.R. Enos/Randy Musser issue. The Council talked about new taps and how many they could do. Everything goes back to getting the Mamco Meter completed, gathering the data needed to make an informed decision as to what to do next. The council can then instruct Attorney Carroll to write a new agreement between the Borough and Milford Township.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Zachary Landis's 90-day probation period is up. He was given a performance evaluation by Chris Sipe. Everyone seems impressed by the job he is doing, and Larry made a motion to remove Zachary from probationary status and give him raise of \$1.00 per hour. Denny 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and all were in favor. The budget was given to everyone to look at so that it can be voted on next meeting, so we meet the 30 days in which it needs to have been advertised. Chris Sipe presented a bill of sale/trade for a truck bed in exchange for an old police car that has not been used for a long time. Ben approved the bill of sale/trade and said it fell within the legal parameters for the Borough. Denny made the motion for the trade of the old police car and the wooden flatbed that Chris Sipe has. Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Larry gave an update on the grove and said that the Rotary did get the grant for the work to be done at the grove. This was discussed a few months ago. It will include putting in GFI receptacles, a sink and counter tops so there will be spaces for crockpots and other serving dishes. Amy Jo also sent out thank-you cards to Blanche Sanner and the Rotary for the donation of materials and manpower to paint the roof at the grove.

Amy asked for a motion to pay the monthly bills. Denny made the motion and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor and the bills were paid.

There were no committee meeting updates. The only thing mentioned was the Halloween festivities that will be held. Trick or Treat will be from 1 pm to 3 pm on October 31, 2020. There will be no parade and social distancing will be followed.

The meeting ended at 9:25 pm with a motion to adjourn made by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny.