

## MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The meeting started promptly at 7:00 PM with everyone saying the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance for the meeting was Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Dennis Weimer, Nancy Sleasman, Kevin Yoder, Atty. Ben Carroll, Missy Cramer. Carl Jones attended on the phone and Sarah Sleasman was with us virtually. Randy Musser sat in on the meeting but, was not on the agenda.

The minutes for the meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with Larry Mazer making the motion and Nancy Sleasman seconding it. All were in favor.

**ENGINEER REPORT-**Given by Kevin Yoder. The amfire/high school drain is still being worked on. Kevin is trying to contact the Alton family about the easement or a memorandum of understanding of what they will allow the Borough to do there. He is also working on the water tank, there is a possibility of getting a newer used, but new water tank out of Fayette County. It will be at little cost other than disassembling and transporting on the Boroughs part. He is checking the price and the capacity to see if it would fit the needs of the town. NPDES permit, Carl and Kevin are working on the logistics of the permit trying to gather all the information needed to complete it. DCED grant, decide what the council wants to do since council decided to do the telemetry system out of pocket. Do you want to use it on the pump station, individual boosters, etc.... This will need to be decided so we can proceed with the grant. Kevin feels the Black Township pump station would be a good project. It is not a high cost item per say, but there definitely is a need there. It would also be a good fit for the grant. Carl and Kevin are working together to figure out the best way to go as far as what to consider for the project. The conduit replacement was next on the agenda. Kevin got an email from Sandy Orth. She contacted Kevin Yoder with a list of a few items she needs to complete the DCED application. The Streetscape Grant is due the end of January and Kevin is working on that through Steve Spokart. Liquid Chlorine was asked about by Amy Jo Stout, she wanted to know if it was feasible to be done by the end of the year. Kevin's reply was yes, there are just a few items that Carl will need to get to get it done. The meeting with local officials is still to happen but, it will have to wait until the Covid-19 is under control. Patty Adamczyk with the redevelopment authority, sent an email asking for 3 income surveys that were not completed to be done. Larry Mazer said that the items this lady needed were submitted before but, he will take care of them. We are close to getting this project funded. The other thing she needed was to know if you were going with your own engineer or are you including that in the grant. They will also need some colored photographs of the project area. Larry Mazer made a motion that we utilize Kevin Yoder for this project as the engineer on the Broadway Extension sewer project and Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**POLICE REPORT-**Was given by Melissa Cramer. The Body Armor Grant was approved and all they needed was the banking information so it can be direct deposited. Caryoln Romesberg told Melissa Cramer to have John Loiodici call her to get the information he needed, or he can forward the items to her and she will take care of it at the office. The update on Barry Barron wants to only do 1 day thru the week and 1 day on weekend. He states that his wife is the issue with not being able to work. She is ill, or they cannot get a sitter or whatever excuse it is for that day. He calls off but, tries to make it up another day. Melissa Cramer said that Barry Barron is to give her a decision as to what he wants to do

by December 1, 2020. No report available on ordinances. It was brought to the attention of the Mayor and other council members that the police vehicle had to go to be inspected. It needed brakes, head lights, ball joints and some minor repair work done. The issue is that the police are to notify maintenance when something needs done so the guys here can work on it, not send it to the garage to be done. The council also suggested a pre-trip inspection done with mileage on the form. This needs to be done anytime the vehicle leaves the garage for duty. Anytime that there is an issue or a problem with the vehicle they need to let someone know so a work order can be done, and the problem fixed. Kevin Yoder mentioned that the Rural Development USDA have some grant opportunities for police cars and maintenance vehicles.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**-Chris Sipe and Carl Jones both submitted reports of items done for the month. Mamco Permanent Meter is underway. Carl Jones got a bid from Stoy Excavating for the manhole. The estimate came back at \$6600.00. Dennis Weimer made the motion to accept the bid from Stoy and Nancy Sleasman seconded. All were in favor. If all goes well, it should be done by the December meeting. Carl Jones let Caryoln Romesberg know that there will also be a bill for \$563.40 coming for the upgrade to the Bridge St. station. He also mentioned an issue at 803 Somerset Ave. (Mike Felesky) He stated that this was an issue not taken care of in the past (2007). He asked if Attorney Carroll could write up an agreement that states that if it is our problem, we will pay but if it is found to be on his side that he will pay. Carl Jones is estimating that the investigative work will cost around \$1700.00. Amy Jo Stout questioned Carl Jones about the timeline for getting the MAMCO meter installed and he said that Stoy gave him a timeline of 3 weeks.

**CARROLL LAW OFFICE**-Attorney Carroll made a minor amendment to the employee agreement and Caryoln can add the sentence and give it to Carl Jones to review. The Veterans and Memorial Park sale is on hold for now because of the grant was awarded to the Borough instead of the Park Committee. The Borough has put a hold on transferring the deed to the Legion until after all the work is completed on the Park. Attorney Carroll mentioned that if the Borough does all the work, it will change the value of the property. Sarah Sleasman suggested that at that point, maybe the property will just stay with the Borough. Attorney Carroll is ok with doing it that way but, everyone on the council needs to be on the same page. Attorney Carroll also asked about monies raised by the Legion being held by the Southern Alleghenies. He advised that someone check with the auditors about having a line item for the transfer of this money. Larry Mazer stated he would call Beer Ream and discuss it with Amanda Coleman. Larry Mazer also suggested we open a separate banking account for the purpose of keeping everything separated and accounted for properly. In another property sale, Attorney Carroll let us know that the proposed property (alley's) was appraised at \$4500.00. The appraisal was done by JP O'Connor. This is the site where Dollar General wants to build. Everyone on the council is torn about what to do with the property. It was brought up about advertising the property for sale so individuals can bid on the piece of property. It was also stated that the PennTex corporation with its unlimited resources is likely to outbid everyone else. They also have the other 2 properties (Clapper's and Nippert's) under contract. Everyone is torn emotionally about the issues. In the end, the council at this public meeting made a motion to publicly announce the intent to vacate and sell the alley on Water St. to PennTex Corporation for the price of \$4500, plus closing costs and all costs including the appraisal, associated with the sale of the property not to exceed \$6000.00 (according to Borough Code)

The property is known as a vacant alley on Water St. listed in D Volume page 866. At the County Courthouse. The motion was brought forth by Larry Mazer and was seconded by Nancy Sleasman. All were in favor. Attorney Carroll followed up with the Drug and Alcohol Policy up next with the Drug and Alcohol policy. Dennis Weimer made a motion to accept the drug and alcohol policy contingent upon the costs from First Source Solutions were current, with a cap put on at \$44.00 per test. Larry Mazer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Sarah Sleasman is to handle getting everything set up to start the random testing. Attorney Carroll had the membership to the PA Boroughs Solicitors Association added to the agenda. Dennis Weimer made the motion that the dues for Attorney Carroll be paid for the upcoming 2021 year. Larry Mazer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**-The budget for 2021 was informally adopted for the year. Dennis Weimer made a motion to accept the budget and to advertise said budget in the paper, so we have the 30 days in between for advertisement. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. It will be advertised and formally adopted at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Larry Mazer made a motion to lift the credit limit on Carl Jones and Caryoln Romesberg's credit cards. The Borough has a credit limit of \$5000.00 and they should each be allowed to use what is needed of the \$5000.00. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dennis Weimer made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Larry Mazer seconded and all were in favor.

No committee reports.

Larry Mazer made a motion to pass the Somerset County's Hazard Mitigation Plan as the same as the Boroughs. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Larry Mazer made a motion to accept a previous bid from Comcast to deliver WIFI connections and phone service to the Sewer Plant. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Dennis Weimer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 and Larry Mazer seconded it. All were in favor. Meeting Adjourned.