

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2021

Amy Jo Stout, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All stood and said the pledge to the flag. In attendance for the meeting were, Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Chris Sipe, Caryoln Romesberg, Melissa Cramer, Atty. Ben Carroll, Sarah Sleasman, Nancy Sleasman, Dennis Weimer, and Kevin Yoder.

Dennis Weimer made a motion to accept the minutes from the June Meeting with a few minor corrections to be made. Larry Mazer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

No guests were in attendance for this meeting.

There was no written police report to hand out. There were a lot of positive remarks regarding the new police officer, Robert Clark. The town has been very receptive to having a police officer on duty during the daytime hours.

Chris Sipe gave the maintenance report. He started with the paving estimate that George Spinelli from PennDOT sent to the office. He had been to the borough earlier that day and went over with Chris what Chris, Larry and Kevin had talked about previously with ideas for paving in the Borough. The estimate for paving from Chestnut to Bridge St. and Market up both sides of the monument up to Broadway came in at \$62,233.57. Larry Mazer made a motion to accept the bid of \$62,233.57 that George Spinelli submitted and to proceed with the process of getting it put out to bid. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Update on the sewage blowers. It will be the middle of August until the parts come in to rebuild them, we should have them by the beginning of September. Our CSO meters need to be calibrated yearly to keep us in compliance with DEP. Dennis Weimer made the motion to accept the quote from The Meter guy in the amount of \$525 to calibrate the meters. Larry Mazer seconded. All were in favor. Chris Sipe then present another quote from the Meter Guy. This quote was for \$3425.00. The quote was for a new influent flow meter at the wastewater treatment facility. This would be for Black Township. It would include the meter at the lab, the eye in the manhole and all the cable and installation for start-up. It also included a 1-year warranty on parts and labor. This was tabled for a later discussion. It was mentioned during the meeting that this would be one project that our Covid-19 relief money could be used for. Next on Chris' agenda was the spraying for the flood control. He presented a bid for \$1021.00 from Vegetation Management for the spraying on the river side of the flood control. Larry Mazer made a motion to accept the bid and Sarah Sleasman seconded. All were in favor. Chris presented to council a packet of pictures of a tractor and mower that he was interested in obtaining for the borough. Chris Sipe and Ken Milcarzyk were given permission to go look at the tractor and boom mower. If the equipment was in good condition, they were given permission to put money down on it. Dennis Weimer made the motion for the earnest money and Larry Mazer seconded. All were in favor. In this same conversation, Larry Mazer made a motion to have the Borough set up an EZ-Pass for the turnpike and Dennis Weimer seconded. All were in favor. The tractor and boom mower that Chris Sipe and Ken Milcarzyk are going to look at are for sale for \$30,000. Kevin Yoder suggested offering the man \$21,300 and go from there. A motion was made by Dennis Weimer (conditional if necessary) for Chris to be able to advertise for bids if the 3 quotes are not according to what was discussed. Larry Mazer seconded that motion. Chris and Ken found a power street sweeper down in the shed at the plant and got it running. It will be a great thing to use when the streets need cleaned and it can also be used for snow in the wintertime.

Kevin Yoder gave the Engineers report. At the last meeting we talked about a reimbursement from the state to video the conduit for flood control. Before leaving, Carl applied for money from the state for \$6500.00 to cover some of the costs. Kevin Yoder presented a proposal from State Pipe Services in the amount of \$9852.00. This proposal is for videoing and cleaning all 2,463 linear feet of pipe. He didn't feel that the Borough would have to have all the pipes cleaned. He gave Chris Sipe the task of identifying which of the conduit would need to be cleaned. Most of the pipes are free flowing and wouldn't need to be cleaned at all. This would save the Borough some money. On Kevin's agenda, he talked of the USDA grant program that we could use to "piggyback" on to the DCED grant for either the Main St. project or the Black Township pump station. If the council members decide not to use the grant money for the Black Township pump station, he said there is another grant coming due in January of 2022 that would be perfect for this project. The amount of money the grant would cover would be just perfect for the Black Township project. He spoke with Steve Spokart about the DCED grant this past week. The project for Main St. has a total all in cost of \$2,170,445. This will be done in 3 phases. Streetscape is approximately \$740,000, Landscape with lighting will be approximately \$350,000 and relocating utilities would be come in at roughly \$770,000. There is also money set aside for a contingency, engineering, and administrative purposes. Larry Mazer made a motion to make application and adopt the resolution in the amount of \$1,360,895.00 and to approve the letter of commitment from the Borough in the amount of \$809,550. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Kevin went on to tell the council that there is money out there that we can also apply for from the County Commissioners. He also stated that we could investigate a PennVest loan. Kevin also spoke to Steve Spokart about the CBEG project for work on Market St. to White Oak St. This project would be to replace water and sewer lines and reconstruct the East side of Somerset Ave. Kevin requested a list of customers along that stretch of roadway that would be affected by the project so that wage surveys could be completed by the residents. There was no update on the Amfire/School project. Kevin is waiting to hear about the NPDES permit. Liquid Chlorine is on hold for now. He is expecting a late September start date for the Broadway St. extension project. He is hoping to have a scheduled meeting with the local officials before next month's meeting.

Carroll Law office presented the Milford Township Agreement to the council. The township sent the agreement back with revisions that did not satisfy the Borough Council. They want it revised again. There was no update on the "Bird Farm" issue. Roberta Miller title search needs some questions answered before it can be finalized.

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

The meeting went to executive session at 10:15 pm.

Upon returning from the executive session Larry Mazer made a motion to approve employee raises retro effective back to July 1st, 2021. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion all were in favor. Larry Mazer made a motion at 10:35 pm to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

