

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021

The Borough Council meeting started promptly at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. The following people were in attendance Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman, Dennis Weimer, Melissa Cramer, Kevin Yoder, Chris Sipe, Attorney Ben Carroll, Officer John Loiodici, Sarah Sleasman and Caryoln Romesberg.

Only one of the scheduled guests attended as planned. Nancy Sleasman spoke about the ordinance violation letter that some of the town residents received. She made note of the fact that the letters were not dated, and they should have been more specific. These letters will be addressed later in the meeting.

The bid package for paving in the Borough was opened. There was only one bid. Dennis Weimer made the motion to accept the bid for \$75,824.86 from New Enterprise pending review of the documents by George Spinelli of PennDOT. Larry Mazer seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Kevin Yoder gave the engineers report. The liquid chlorine conversion is on hold but needs to stay on the agenda as a check list item. The same with the Water System upgrades. The levee conduit replacement was submitted to DEP but, Kevin feels it would be best to hold off until spring to do this because of the foam used for insulation would not cure properly if it were too cold. He is still playing phone tag with the Outten family. The NPDES permit was next. He has not gotten a letter yet about it. He was working on the minor details for the permit. Kevin went over all the grant information he had. There will be a meeting for the preapplication for USDA Rural grant at the Borough office on Tuesday, September 28th at 9:00 am. The meeting is scheduled to last for an hour. The meeting will be attended by Kevin Yoder, Larry Mazer, PennDOT, Steve Spokart and Southern Alleghenies. The Black Township pump station is a project that PA small water and sewer grant should cover. The grant opens September 18th and closes December 11th. Kevin will work on obtaining grant money for this project. The ad for the Broadway St. extension should go out this week. The ad will need to be advertised for bid. The levee conduit video is still in the works. Chris Sipe is trying to locate the video that was done last year.

Melissa Cramer gave the police report. She also addressed the issue of the residents of Rockwood receiving the ordinance violation letters. She was upset with how the whole situation was handled. In the future, the police department under her guidance, will be the ones to oversee ordinance violations. When Officer Clark was hired, he stated that he would be willing to enforce the ordinances. The mayor went on to let council know that Officer Loiodici would be going to K9 training again. He will be gone for six weeks starting December 20th. There was also discussion concerning the curbs down on Main Street. The curbs need to be built up so that no one can park on the sidewalk. They will start off painting a line to see if that helps. Officer Loiodici will be leaving for K9 training on December 20th and will be gone for 6 weeks.

Chris Sipe gave the maintenance report. He presented some estimates to the council for review. The first one is for Whitey's Electric LLC to do electrical work in the chlorine bunkhouses along the bike trail. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to accept the estimate proposal in the amount of \$2070. Larry Mazer seconded it. The borough voted to use the Rescue funds that we received to pay this. All were in favor.

The next quote was from The Meter Guy LLC. This estimate was to upgrade meters. One on Market St. and the other at the Lab. The one at the lab is the master meter. The estimate was for \$6827.00. Larry Mazer made the motion to accept the estimate and to utilize the rescue money for this upgrade. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to use the rescue money to purchase the blowers that are needed at the plant. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chris then presented a quote from Heritage Environmental. The quote was for a chlorine gas detector. There was a motion from Sarah Sleasman to amend the agenda (according to the new Act 65-emergency) Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Sarah Sleasman then made a motion to accept the bid of \$1650.00 to purchase the detector. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Carroll Law was next on the agenda. He had nothing to say about his agenda items. He touched on the Veteran's and Memorial Park. He read over the contract from Darr Construction, and he said that everything looked in order.

Sarah Sleasman made the motion to pay the monthly bills. Larry Mazer seconded it. All were in favor. There were no committee meetings held. No report given.

The Council along with Chris Sipe went into executive session. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:08 by Sarah Sleasman and seconded by Dennis Weimer. All were in favor.