

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. The following people were in attendance, Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Dennis Weimer, Nancy Sleasman, Sarah Sleasman, Attorney Ben Carroll, Chris Sipe, Caryoln Romesberg, Kevin Yoder and Melissa Cramer. There were three guests in attendance as well. Todd Berkey, Scott Hostetler, and newly elected Samantha Bartko.

Denny Weimer made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 9th meeting with one small correction to be made. Larry Mazer seconded it. All were in favor.

Todd Berkey was in attendance to address an issue with parking at the Veteran's and Memorial Park. He also asked for the ordinance for alley parking at his residence on Broadway. Caryoln Romesberg was instructed to find the ordinance and give a copy to Mr. Berkey and to send one to the solicitor's office.

The engineer for the Borough gave his report. Kevin Yoder started out with addressing three things on the agenda that were check list items that he had no report or change to report. They were the Liquid Chlorine conversion, amfire drain, and the water system upgrade. The Broadway Street extension conduit replacement will now be moved to the spring of 2022. The NPDES permit is still on track it should be approved by the end of February 2022. Kevin gave us an update on the grants and dates they will be opening in 2022. He has been working on funding for several projects in the Borough. The projects he referred to were: Black Township Pump Station, the grove updates, and the streetscape on Main St. He was also instructed to find out where the property line was for the Borough Office Building on Somerset Ave.

The mayor gave an update on the Police Department. Officer Clark is going to try to work more hours and varied shifts so that the towns people can see the police presences more than just the early morning hours. The mayor is going to give him a few items that need addressed in the Borough such as the "Bird Farm."

Chris Sipe was up next with the Maintenance update. Chris Sipe presented to council a quote for a new dump truck with a snowplow and a new salt spreader. The council went over the information presented to them and Dennis Weimer made the motion to purchase a 2019 Chevrolet dump truck with a snowplow attached from Meegan Ford, using the 2010 Ford F550 as a trade in valued at \$10,000. He also made the provision that the money for the purchase being split up between the following accounts: The vehicle replacement account, the general, the water and sewer checking accounts. The purchase price to be funded by these accounts is \$40,278.75. This is an emergency purchase due to the time of the year and the transmission going in the existing plow truck. The safety of the children of the community getting to school safely is the main priority of the borough. The borough also noted that with Covid and other supply shortages makes this purchase idea for the town. A new salt spreader to go onto the back of the truck was also looked at. A SALTDOGG pro 2500 from Smouse Trucks and Vans Inc. out of Mt. Pleasant provided the information for the Borough to look over. The purchase price for this equipment is \$5525.00.

Dennis Weimer made a motion to purchase the SALTDOGG spreader from Smouse in the amount of \$5525.00. The money will come from the three main checking accounts, General, Water and Sewer. This purchase will help keep the streets of the Borough safe for the residents.

There was nothing new for Carroll Law to report on.

Under new business, the police garage was brought to the attention of the council. Chris Sipe was instructed to get estimates for both the police garage and the lab building. The estimates were to be for both Steel and Shingles.

There was an update on Light-up night the children loved the blankets. The Light up night has been set for December 3rd for 2022. The arrangements have been made for that night with the fire department. The budget for 2022 was approved. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to accept the budget as presented with no millage change. Dennis Weimer seconded it. All were in favor. Sarah Sleasman made a motion to pay the monthly bills with Larry Mazer seconding the motion. All were in favor. Larry Mazer gave an update on the Veteran's and Memorial Park. He asked for an extension for Darr to complete the project. He asked for the extension to go through June 18th, 2022. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to accept the extension of June 18th contingent upon the fencing and the area secured for the winter. Sarah seconded the motion. All were in favor. There was also a discussion about joining the PLGIT program. Larry Mazer made the motion to accept and sign the resolution to join PLGIT with using \$10,000.00 from each of the Water, Sewer and General accounts. The total to go to PLGIT is \$30,000.00. The council went to executive session at 9:35. The council returned from executive session to adjourn the meeting at 9:55. Larry Mazer made the motion to adjourn, and Sarah Sleasman seconded. All were in favor.