

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Amy Jo Stout, Nancy Sleasman, Mike Hutchison, Samantha Bartko, Melissa Cramer, Attorney Ben Carroll, Kevin Yoder, Caryoln Romesberg and Chris Sipe. Absent was James Ziegleimer. There was a guest present also, Mike Felesky.

A motion to accept the minutes from the January 3rd reorganizational meeting, with corrections, was made by Mike Hutchison and seconded by Samantha Bartko. All were in favor. There was a motion to accept the minutes from the December 21st meeting, with corrections, was made by Samantha Bartko and seconded by Mike Hutchison. All were in favor.

Mike Felesky was the first to speak about the issues of water/sewer coming into his home on Somerset Ave. A decision was made for the Borough to come and dig up the right-a-way next to his property. He is going to be present, and this will be done in the Spring when the weather breaks. There was a motion made by Samantha Bartko to disregard the April 4th, 2021, agreement that had been signed and proceed without gathering the requested \$1700.00 to start the procedure. The motion was seconded by Nancy Sleasman. All were in favor.

The engineer report was next. Kevin gave us a brief update on the grants on which he is working. There was no update on the liquid chlorine, water system upgrade, amfire, no resolution yet for the NPDES permit. There was a discussion about the location of the MAMCO meter. Kevin is going to look at where the property lines end at Ian Benford's property. This is to be added to Kevin's engineer report for next month's meeting. After Mike Felesky told the council about the issue at his house, Kevin Yoder is going to investigate seeing how old the pipe is at Mike's house because, this area is part of the CBDG money that the Borough applied for grant monies to fix the issues of drainage in that part of Somerset Ave.

The mayor gave the police report. Officer Robert Clark will be doing some ordinance work. He is working on two issues in the Borough to start with. He will be looking into ordinance violations for the "Bird Farm" and the Irving home on Main Street.

Chris Sipe gave the maintenance report. Chris explained to council about the water and sewer lines and what is the homeowner's responsibility and what is the borough's responsibility. Mike Hutchison made a motion to purchase fifty ton of Rock salt from American Rock Salt company. Samantha Bartko made the motion to seconded it. All were in favor. Chris then informed the Council that Joel Yoder is working on the year end reports for water and sewer. Under the Act 65 Sunshine Law, Caryoln was instructed to Amend the Agenda and add the emergency purchase of blade crate for \$1974.00. Mike Hutchison made the motion to amend the agenda and Samantha Bartko seconded it. All were in favor. The motion to purchase the Blade Crate, 9'0" Super Duty for \$1974.00 was made by Samantha Bartko and seconded by Mike Hutchison. All were in favor. This cost will be split by several accounts.

Carroll Law was next with their report. Atty. Carroll brought the new council up to speed on the Milford Township Agreement. He also let council know he did an informal inquiry to see what the cost of Code and Ordinance officer would be. He did not have all the costs associated with a code enforcement officer some of the items he had were that Court appearances cost \$75.00 per appearance and the

officer charges \$95.00 an hour with a minimum of 3 hours, but it would be more like 5-10 hours per each enforcement. He felt safe to say that with each enforcement, it would cost the Borough between \$900.00-\$1,000.00. He had spoken with officer Clark about doing code enforcement in the Borough and officer Clark agreed to do some code enforcement.

Under new business, Nancy made a motion to allow Caryoln Romesberg to be able to transfer money electronically from the Checking accounts at FNB into the PLGIT account that is in the process of being set up. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. The bank requires 2 signatures and this will allow for only one person to be able to transfer money as needed from our accounts. All were in favor. Mike Hutchison made a motion to pay the bills and Samantha Bartko seconded it. All were in favor.

Samantha Bartko made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm and it was seconded by Mike Hutchison. All were in favor.