

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Mike Hutchison, Samantha Bartko, Amy Jo Stout, Caryoln Romesberg, Chief Robert Clark, James Zieglemeier, Melissa Cramer, Nancy Sleasman, Chris Sipe, Attorney Ben Carroll, and Kevin Yoder. Larry Mazer was a scheduled guest.

Nancy Sleasman made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18th meeting. James Ziegelmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Mazer gave an update on the Community Action group. They had their final meeting for this year on November 1st. The group had sent out surveys for suggestions for next years activities. They had all positive remarks. The group will be shortening the time to 3 pm to 6 pm next year. They would like to have food trucks, different ones every week. They would like to utilize the area behind the Borough office for a community garden with raised beds. The Veteran's and Memorial Park was the next thing Larry Mazer addressed. They are doing very well in fund raising for the match money from Heritage Coal. All money raised and donated must be done by December 15th to get the matching funds. Mike Hutchison questioned Larry about two bricks he purchased, and they were not in the park. Larry Mazer assured Mike he would take care of it. Amy Jo Stout asked Larry Mazer would and his Community Action group would like to help with Light-up Night. She told him that they would be meeting on Thursday at the Trail Head Brewery and him and his group were welcome to come and be part of the meeting.

Kevin Yoder gave the Engineer report. Kevin handed out a map and 2 quotes for work that needs to be done in the Borough. The first one was for the Black Township water line replacement project in the amount of \$424746.00 with the Borough contributing \$63,711.90. The second quote in the amount of \$\$2,042,297.00 with the Borough contributing \$1,021,148.50 is for the Main Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. Mike Hutchison and Nancy Sleasman are in favor of doing both projects. Kevin was asking the council to decide by next meeting on how he should proceed with the streetscape project. The DCNR grant was submitted for the grove on time. Kevin said that he would make up a resolution to be signed by Amy Jo Stout so that he could apply for the grant for the Black Township project. James Ziegelmeier made a motion to delegate Amy Jo Stout to sign the Resolution needed for the grant money that Kevin was applying for. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Officer Robert Clark and Samantha Bartko gave an update on the police department. The INSYNC system is up and running and they both have been busy putting in the data from the last 10 years and all the current stuff too. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. There was a discussion about the LLC that is buying up properties in town and the transient population that is moving into these homes.

Carroll Law said there was no update on the Roberta Miller property. Attorney Carroll made arrangements with the people that were testifying at the hearing to meet with them so that they were prepared to testify.

Chris Sipe handed out quotes from Ram Industrial Services for a new and a repaired muffin monster. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to purchase a new replacement at the cost of \$17,343.00 which includes the shipping and handling cost. James Zieglemeier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mike Hutchison suggested seeing if they had a loaner one at a minimal fee for rental until the new one arrived.

Samantha Bartko made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor. James Zieglemeier made a motion to approve a donation to the Christmas Committee in the amount of \$1,000.00. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Samantha Bartko made a motion to amend the budget for 2023. She proposed to take \$1,000.00 a month from the restricted water line item 064709 and move the money to line item 06410 for police wages. There will still be \$2,000.00 going into the restricted water account every month. The budget remains balanced, and the police department will be funded for the year. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. When asked who was in favor everyone responded in favor except for Nancy Sleasman opposed. The meeting went to executive session at 9:33 pm. The council returned from executive session and immediately made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Samantha Bartko and seconded by Mike Hutchison.