

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President James Zieglemeier at 7:00 pm. In attendance were James Zieglemeier, Caryoln Romesberg, Samantha Bartko, Mike Hutchison, Nancy Sleasman, Chris Sipe, Melissa Cramer, Kevin Yoder and Chief Robert Clark. Attorney Ben Carroll was absent. There were three guests in attendance as well Larry Mazer, Jon Wahl, and Tonya Sager.

Samantha Bartko made a motion to approve the minutes with one small correction. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Mazer was the first to speak from the Community Action Group. He informed the council that the Grove fest planning is coming along with already having four bands lined up and three food trucks. They are expanding the community day to include a cornhole toss contest and to have the community yards sales that day as well. Tanya Sager went before council inquiring if the Trail Head Brewery could bring their beverages to Grove fest this year. That subject was tabled until Caryoln Romesberg can contact both our insurance agent and the Borough's Solicitor. The community action group has decided to take over the Christmas Event/Light-up Night, which will be held December 2, 2023. Jon Wahl was here to give the update on the park March 3-9 will be the Prebid days. March 3 thru 23 the bids can be dropped off at Somerset Planning. On April 6, the bid will be awarded. The groundbreaking for the next three phases should be ready By May 1st-15th. Jon Wahl presented a professional services agreement to council from Somerset Engineering for an amount not exceeding \$4900.00. Samantha Bartko made a motion to approve that bid and Mike Hutchison seconded it. All were in favor. Larry Mazer added that he would like to have a way to have access to a key for the meetings that he sits on committees for. He is willing to come to the borough office while the secretary is here and sign one out and then when he locks the door, he will just drop it in her mail slot.

Kevin Yoder gave the engineering report. He laid out plans for the grove. He, Caryoln Romesberg and Nancy Sleasman had a phone conference with DCNR person in charge of our grant for the grove. Kevin Yoder asked if the grove could be broken down into two phases with the restrooms being done first. Her response was yes.

Under new business, Samantha Bartko made a motion to approve a water/sewage increase in the amount of \$.10 per hundred gallon for Black Township and the Borough and a rate increase of \$.20 for Milford Township to take affect April 1st ,2023. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Samantha Bartko made a motion to set an on-call compensation policy to say that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the person on call would have to answer their phones and respond accordingly to any and all issues that may arise in the Borough within two hours. The compensation would be \$25.00 per day or \$75.00 for the weekend. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mike Hutchison made a motion to purchase three light plants from an auction website in the amount of \$8212.50. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in favor. Samantha Bartko made a motion to approve a wire transfer from FNB to American Iron Auctions in the amount of \$8212.50 to purchase the light plants. Nancy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Nancy made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting then went to executive session which was called by Chris Sipe. The council returned from executive session at 9:45 with Mike Hutchison

making a motion to accept the resignation of Chris Sipe effective March 7, 2023. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Samantha Bartko made a motion to approve the cash out of Chris Sipe's IRA money that he did not set up his account for, also to pay his five day of vacation time he had coming to him and any clothing allowance due. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mike Hutchison made a motion to start advertising on INDEED for a maintenance supervisor and a part-time maintenance worker. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hutchison and seconded by Nancy Sleasman.