

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2023

The meeting started with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm. The following people were in attendance James Zieglemeier, Samantha Bartko, Mike Hutchison, Caryoln Romesberg, Nancy Sleasman, Melissa Cramer, Chief Robert Clark, Adam Hemminger, Larry Phillips, Beth Johnson, Deb Phillippi, Attorney Ben Carroll, Jon Wahl, Nick Foreman, and Amy Pannunzio. Absent was Amy Jo Stout and Ken Milcarzyk.

A motion to accept the minutes with two corrections being noted was made by Samantha Bartko and seconded by Nancy Sleasman. All were in favor.

Jon Wahl gave the update for the Veteran's and Memorial Park. The park will be finished on time and with ample funds. On Veteran's Day, Jon asked if the Legion could use the park for a service at 1 pm. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to approve the use of the park for a service at 1pm on November 11, 2023. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Community Action group spoke about the plans they had for Christmas on Main Street. It will be from 4-7 on December 2, 2023. Some of the activities that are planned Food Trucks, Lighting of all the lights on Main Street. There will be a coloring contest at the school and the kids that win the contest will be helping to light the night. The school chorus will be singing carols, and the band will also help play the music for the chorus. Hayley Miller will be having a hot chocolate making station at her office. They are working on some more details and will be having meetings with the committee to finalize the rest of the details.

Amy Pannunzio was here to ask for approval to use the flag poles in town. The American Legion is doing fund raisers now for banners for Hometown Heros. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to amend the agenda, according to the Sunshine Law Act 65 so this item could be added to the agenda. Mike Hutchison second the motion. All were in favor. Samantha Bartko made a motion to allow for the use of the flag poles on Main Street. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Nick Foreman was here to discuss issues with their generator at the Fire Hall. New generators run between \$35,000 to \$50,000 and he was wondering if the Borough would be willing to help with the cost. Caryoln Romesberg was instructed to look on PSAB's website to see if there is any grant money out there that would be helpful for this purpose.

The Engineer's report was given by Somerset Engineering. The Grove needs to be surveyed. They asked if the money from the grant for the Grove if the Borough wanted to use all the money towards equipment or if they wanted to include the Engineering fees. The other option is to pay out of pocket (Borough funds) for the engineering fees either way you (the Borough) will pay. Samantha Bartko made a motion to pay the Engineering fees out of pocket. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Somerset Engineering mentions the Streetscape project. After a lengthy discussion, Samantha Bartko made a motion to direct Somerset Engineering to decline the Streetscape funding from The Somerset Redevelopment Authority and to let Steve Spokart know. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Samantha Bartko gave the Maintenance report. She brought everyone up to speed on the water breaks that have been happening in the Borough.

Samantha Bartko gave the police report. There were 15 calls last month. There is an instructor training she would like to send the Chief to at a cost of \$1200.00. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to fund the cost of the training so Chief Robert Clark can attend. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor. The radio base station will need to be updated. The cost of the new base will be \$6717.61 from Bear Com. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to get the new base station and to use ARPA funding for the purchase. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Carroll Law had no update for the Borough. Attorney Carroll let the Council know that he will not be at the November meeting. He will be on vacation from November 9, until November 17th.

Under new business Samantha Bartko made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The budget was handed out and the Council will vote at November's meeting to tentatively adopt it or present any changes that need to be made. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to get Ken Milcarzyk's own credit cards. The ones he will need will be Somerset Trust, Tractor Supply and Lowes. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting went to Executive Session at 9:10 pm. It came out of Executive Session at 9:41. Samantha Bartko immediately made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor.