Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Council President Angela Krapf followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Council President Angela Krapf, Councilwoman Anne Girard, Councilwoman Claire Remington, and Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey were present. Councilman Frank Hutta arrived at 7:16pm. Mayor Joel Johnson, Councilman Thomas Keerans and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

Executive Session: None

Public Participation: None

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Anne Girard to approve the November 14, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report/Approval of Bills: Given by Anissa Nunemacher, Borough Treasurer

• Estimated date of arrival of police vehicle at Kovatch’s January 4, 2018, give or take a week for production and shipping. Once they receive it, it will take about two weeks for them to finish it.
• Received the donation from St. Luke’s Miners in the amount of $17,000.00.
• Claire Remington asked about the balance of the Recreation Fund. Anissa Nunemacher explained $5000 was used for the down payment on the playground equipment. Claire and Anissa will discuss it later.

• Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the report and approve bills to be paid. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion was carried unanimously.

Streets Report: None

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson

• Chief Krapf’s report for November 2017 was read by Yvonne Stoffey.
• Motion by Yvonne Stoffey to hire Thomas Sabulsky Jr. as a part time police officer on an as needed basis. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
• Motion made by Yvonne Stoffey to purchase 3 PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS for $5,700.00 from S & O Computers. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
• Discussion about getting License Plate Reader (LPR).

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, Council President

• The entire playground installation is not complete. There are more things to be put on in the spring.
• $2,661.86 collected in November from Portnoff Law Associates and year to date is $16,694.74 for delinquent sanitation.
• Anthony Radocha, David Weaver and Frank Hutta Jr. submitted letters of interest for the Sewer Authority Board vacancy. Motion by Claire Remington to appoint Frank Hutta Jr. to the vacancy. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• The secretary will contact Greg Guldin at BB&T Insurance to see if a piece of donated playground equipment can be added.
• Motion by Claire Remington that the gym equipment can be used by borough employees, police department, council members and fire company. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Chief Krapf will give them pass codes and the back file room will have a lock put on the door.

Secretary’s Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

• Reorganizational meeting will be January 2, 2018 at 7:00pm tentatively. Attorney Yurchak will check on what needs to be done for those who can’t make it.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak
• Signed exoneration paperwork for 5 E. Phillips St. and sent it to the courthouse. **Motion** by Claire Remington to advertise for the sale of the property at 5 E. Phillips St. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Fire/Ambulance Report:** Anne Girard read the report from the fire company.
- There was no ambulance report.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:**
- Included in packet for review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Buildings:** None

**Complex:** Given by Angela Krapf
- Frank Hutta asked to see the books to see how the complex is doing on rentals.
- 12 tables and 10 chairs have been purchased and the total spent is the limit previously set and more chairs are needed. **Motion** by Frank Hutta to increase the limit originally passed for new tables and chairs from $1100.00 to $1500.00. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.
- The Boyle Family donated a Japanese Maple Tree in memory of Steve and Thelma Martinec. They have also offered to care of the tree.
- Discussion about a stove and refrigerator for the new kitchenette.

**Demolition:** Given by Claire Remington, Demolition Committee Chairperson
- 138-140 Fisher Ave. can be advertised for sale per email from Michelle O’Connell. **Motion** by Claire Remington to advertise the sale with a minimum bid of $3,250.00 per lot. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Smart Recycling Inc. won the bid for the demolition of 223 E. Ridge St.

**Finance/Utilities:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey
- Final copy of proposed budget was given to everyone by Anissa Nunemacher and will be voted on December 19th at 6:30pm (tentatively) at a special meeting. Both the tax levy ordinance and the proposed budget will have had the allotted time advertised by then.
- Claire Remington asked Anissa Nunemacher about opening a separate checking account to better manage the complex’s expenses. Currently, funds are transferred from the complex’s savings account to the general fund to pay the complex’s bills. **Motion** by Claire Remington to open a new checking account for the complex and then close the savings account for the complex. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Grants:** None

**Handicap:** None

**Memorial:** None
- Claire Remington stated the borough workforce takes care of the grounds and asked who is responsible for the rest of the upkeep of flags, etc. Yvonne Stoffey suggested putting something on Facebook to see if a resident would be interested in helping.

**Personnel:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Personnel Committee Chairperson
- **Motion** by Yvonne Stoffey to hire Justin Frable as a part time snow plow operator. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** by Frank Hutta to hire Michael Danchak as a part time borough worker on an as needed basis upon approval of background check. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Police:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson
- **Motion** by Yvonne Stoffey to accept the finalized police contract for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021, which was passed as tentative the last meeting. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Police Pension:** None

**Recreation:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Recreation Committee Chairperson
- CHOSE Tree Lighting, WhoDale Brunch and Borough Christmas Party were all successful.
- Upcoming events include:
  - Pork and sauerkraut dinner at Fire Company January 1, 2018
  - CHOSE Souper Bowl Soup Sale February 3, 2018
  - Paint & Sip at complex February 18, 2018

**Streets:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

December 12, 2017
• An owner of a rental with 2 units asked about providing his own garbage services instead of Tamaqua Transfer. After a discussion, Attorney Yurchak will look into the ordinance.
• The wall in the bank’s parking lot by the Memorial Garden is leaning tremendously. Carl Faust will be contacted to send the owner a letter.

Adjournment: Motion made by Anne Girard at 7:50pm, seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on January 9, 2018