Call to Order

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

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Mayor Herb Whildin, Council President Angela Krapf, Council Vice President Claire Remington, Councilman Francis Hutta, Councilwoman Anne Girard and Junior Councilperson Jake Boyle were present. Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Thomas Keerans and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

Executive Session: 7:01pm-7:17pm Personnel issues were discussed

Public Participation: None

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve the previous minutes. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

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

- Auditor General’s 2014-2017 pension audits are in review after providing additional documentation.
- Spoke with USDA Grant representative and submitted updated information to keep the grant application open. As soon as funding becomes available sometime in the spring, the representative will be in contact. They have everything they need from us.
- Full time police officers were given a yearly pension statement. This is at no additional cost and will be requested annually.
- 2018 budget to actual numbers was included in the report.
- Created account with Dept. of Revenue to begin the transfer of the fire escrow fund.
- Motion made by Frank Hutta to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to approve the bills. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

Police Report: Read by Council President Angela Krapf

- Chief Krapf’s report for January 2018 was read by Angela Krapf.
- Chief Krapf requested to hire 2 police officers on a part time as needed basis. Matthew Jungbaer contingent upon completion of MPOETC standards and Christopher Fischi III. Both have passed the required backgrounds. Motion made by Claire Remington to hire both. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the police report. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: Given by Mayor Whildin

- Recap of February 5th meeting.
- Next Meeting with the Mayor is March 5th at 6pm at Borough Hall.

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, President

- $1,649.26 collected in January from PLA and collected to date is $60,687.71 for delinquent sanitation.
- $1,075.84 collected in January from PLA and collected to date is $5,053.53 for delinquent sewer transmission.
- Complex update: Headstart will not be coming back. They wanted an air quality test done on the upstairs, to which no one has access. After being told that would not be done, they chose to stay in Lehighton. They were also asked to submit a request for a bus stop for the Headstart children.
- Once a year, the borough receives a check from the Sewer Authority. Our check has not been received yet while the other municipalities have received theirs. Anissa has reached out to them, but has not received a response. Council will look into it.

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

- 2019 Elected Officials Workshop information included.
Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak

• Attorney Yurchak was in touch with the actuary about amending the pension ordinance. The actuary suggested waiting until the final audit report was done, in order to know what exactly needs to be done with it.

Fire Report: None

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

Jr. Council Report: Jake Boyle still looking into the charging stations he talked about last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex: Given by Claire Remington and Angela Krapf

• Sweeping, painting, and patching up some holes while waiting for Pathstone to clean out their things at the complex, including their spoiled food in the refrigerator.

• Bob Demyanovich, who provided the cleaning service at the complex, had to be let go and the dumpster was returned to Tamaqua Transfer both due to the financial burden of Pathstone leaving and to save money.

Demolition/Grants: None

Finance/Utilities: Given by Frank Hutta, Chairperson

• There is a blockage in the sewer line at the west end of Moser Ave. The borough and sewer authority have been working on it. The borough’s understanding is the problem is in the trunk line which is the sewer authority’s responsibility. Claire Remington has pictures of the problem.

Handicap: None

Police: None

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial: None

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson

• After a discussion about complaints about snow plowing by the borough, people throwing snow in the streets and piling snow on the storm inlets, looking into a snow plowing ordinance with alternate side of the street parking with stricter private snow plow rules was suggested. Motion made by Anne Girard to have Attorney Yurchak prepare this ordinance. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously. Attorney Yurchak will give a copy of the ordinance to Chief Krapf for his review.

Old Business:

• Angela Krapf will set up the annual meeting with St. Luke’s and invite them to see what the borough does with the donation they give to Coaldale.

New Business:

• Claire Remington tried to speak with to the owner of the house with the water runoff on Bull Run St. with no results. Attorney Yurchak will send a letter to the owner.

• Claire Remington suggested a dangerous dog act after a dog died after being attacked by another dog. Attorney Yurchak will provide a draft of an ordinance he has already prepared.

Adjournment: Motion made by Frank Hutta at 7:56pm, seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on March 12, 2019