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, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilwoman Anne Girard, Councilman Chad Gerber and Junior Councilperson Jacob Boyle were present. Councilman Francis Hutta was present via phone and Councilman Michael Doerr was absent.

Executive Session: None
Public Participation: None

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Claire Remington 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
  • Included was Capital Blue Cross Medical/Vision Plan renewal proposal from McGriff for review and discussion at next month’s meeting. The renewal date is 8/1/19 and they need to know by 7/25/19. There is a 6% increase in medical and a 4.9% increase for the vision.
  • Waiting for final approval for the USDA grant. All the paperwork has been submitted.
  • Liquid Fuels Audit Report was included.
  • Motion made by Anne Girard 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 Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
  • Chief Krapf’s report for April 2019 was read.
  • In his report, Chief Krapf requested to schedule Officer Jim Bonner for a NRA Handgun/Shotgun instructor course November 18-22, 2019. The tuition is $645. Also, there is a $50 range fee plus ammunition cost. Motion made by Yvonne Stoffey to approve Chief Krapf’s request. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
  • Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the police report. Seconded by Chad Gerber and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: None
Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, President
  • $1,646.71 collected in April from PLA for delinquent sanitation.
  • $772.69 collected in April from PLA delinquent sewer maintenance.
  • $6,517.31 collected in April from PLA for delinquent real estate taxes.
  • Councilman Chad Gerber will be added to Streets and Buildings committees.
  • The painting at the complex is almost done and it will be ready to rent. Motion by Claire Remington to advertise the complex is available to be rented with the ad running for 2 weeks in The Times News as a regular ad. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. It will also be advertised on the Facebook page.
  • There will be a police luncheon for Police Week, Friday, May 17, 2019 for the surrounding police departments.

Secretary’s Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
  • Office will be closed for Election Day, May 21, 2019.
  • Office will be closing Friday May 24 at noon for vacation through June 3rd and will re-open Tuesday June 4.

Solicitor Report: None
Fire Report: Read by Anne Girard, Chairperson
Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None
Jr. Council Report:
• Jacob is meeting with James Rickert, Commander of the American Legion to discuss his speech. Jacob is reading Logan’s Orders at the Memorial Day services and Four Chaplains.
• He has more information about the charging stations and would like to discuss it at the next recreation committee meeting. Yvonne will meet with Jacob to set up a meeting.
• Jacob will be on vacation and will miss the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex: Given by Claire Remington and Angela Krapf
• Getting the complex ready for Election Day.
• Joe Hutta was called to fix the broken water heater. Claire explained Joe Hutta is called is because he comes as soon as he is called, has the best prices and is the most dependable.

Demolition/Grants: None
Finance/Utilities: None
Handicap: None
Police: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
• Police Week-Yvonne mentioned to give the guys any extra thanks when you see them.

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial: Given by Yvonne Stoffey and Anne Girard
• Anne Girard will schedule a Saturday to have the boy scouts from Coaldale spruce up the Memorial Garden.
• Walters Monuments will be moving the monument out from behind the tree. Kenesky fixed the lights. The area is being cleaned and painted for Memorial Day. New flags were donated and are on the poles.
• Reminder of the clipboards and calendar in the entryway for the public to add events.
• VFW has a dance May 17 from 9pm-1am; St. Mary’s Chinese Auction May 19, kitchen opens at 12:30, tickets pulled at 2:30; Crime Watch Mixer May 22 at 6:30pm at the VFW, which is closed during the meetings. Mayor Whildin was invited to talk at the mixer along with other local Crime Watch groups.
• Fire Company events
  o Tickets for a backyard BBQ prize pack for $5 each for June 24th drawing.
• CHOSE and the fire company have $5 monthly lottery tickets for July benefitting Rock the Block.
• Spring Community Yard Sale will be June 1st and 2nd from 8am-4pm each day. Residents can contact the borough office to be put on the list of participants.
• Anne Girard asked if anyone sees people damaging things at the playground to let someone on council know. Chains are unhooked from the swing, the water spigot by the CHOSE building is being turned on and the big rocks are being carted off in bookbags.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
• **Motion** made by Claire Remington to ratify the hiring of David Lorah as a part time seasonal worker on an as needed basis. Seconded by Chad Gerber and motion carried **unanimously**.
• **Motion** made by Claire Remington to hire Zachary Alexander Kindt as a part time seasonal worker on an as needed basis. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried **unanimously**.
• **Motion** made by Claire Remington to hire Tristan Francis Blasko as a part time seasonal worker on an as needed basis. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.
• Received estimates for 3 inlet repairs from Peter J. Radocha & Sons Inc.
  o Second St.-remove 2 inlets and replace 1 inlet in the amount of $3,420.00
  o High St.-remove and replace inlet and sidewalk section in the amount of $2,800.00
  o 5th St. and Earley Ave.-install sewer inlet in the amount of $2,750.00
• **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept the 3 proposals. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.
• Claire Remington will be putting a list together of equipment that she would like to sell that is no longer being used by the streets department. This sale will be advertised and bids will be accepted/approved at a future meeting. The list will be posted at borough hall with minimum bid amounts listed.
• Kenny Hankey and Claire Remington met with John Davis to discuss the upcoming street repairs. Mr. Davis priced out each of the street repairs, which were listed in priority, and prepared the advertisement. List of streets for repair in priority order are: First St. from Phillips St. to Ridge St.; Ruddle St. between 6th and 7th Sts.; 7th St from Phillips St. to Howard Ave.; Ruddle and 4th Sts. intersection; Moser Ave between 3rd and 4th Sts.; W. Phillips St (Kline’s Hill); Ridge St. between 2nd...
and 3rd Sts.; East Miner St. (Foster Ave-200’ east) are the proposed streets. Motion made by Claire Remington to advertise the repairs with the ad provided by Mr. Davis. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. The tack coat will be paid out of the general fund due to no bids received.

• Claire Remington explained the emergency repairs that had to be done on Kline’s Hill.

Old Business:
• Last year Claire Remington brought up ductless heating and AC for Borough Hall. This is a more cost efficient way to heat and cool the downstairs. Motion made by Claire Remington to accept the proposal from Chuck’s HVAC LLC in the amount of $11,986.00 to install Fujitsu heat pump system in the downstairs of borough hall per the proposal. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Claire stated 2 other prices she received were $12,694.21 and $17,753.00.
• The original asking price for the lot at 223 E. Ridge St. was $5,000.00. Claire recommended lowering the asking price to $3,500.00 and re-advertise. Motion by Claire Remington to re-advertise the lot for $3,500.00. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Hometown Heroes Banners are up. The bucket truck was donated by Jim Thorpe Auto Rentals. Chad Gerber thanked Claire and the crew for all the work they did, especially the thought put into it by making sure that banners were hung near their homes.

New Business:
• Claire Remington received complaints about the dwarf trees on Phillips St. that are actually not dwarf trees. They need to be trimmed and shaped. Dunn’s Tree Service will trim and shape a tree for $75.00 each for an approximate total of $465. The trees were put in early 2000’s and never tended to. Motion made by Chad Gerber to have Dunn’s trim and shape the trees. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• There was discussion about a burn ordinance and outdoor fire pits. Angela will look further into it to discuss at next month’s meeting.
• There are vehicles being parked in the fire lanes at the hospital. Also, the new fire hydrant at the hospital does not match up to the fire company’s hoses. This will be addressed at the meeting with the hospital.

Adjournment: Motion made by Claire Remington at 7:57pm, seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on June 11, 2019