Meeting Minutes from Tuesday August 11, 2015

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Thomas Keerans (President), Joel Johnson (Mayor), Angela Krapf, Harry Hontz, Frank Hutta, Mike Doerr, Robert Yurchak (Solicitor), Anissa Nunemacher (Treasurer), Kenny Hankey (Borough Supervisor) Absent: Brenda Hosler

- A motion to accept minutes from the last meeting was made by Mike Doerr and seconded by Yvonne Stoffey. The motion was carried.

Public Participation: Claire Remington opened with making amendment to Ordinance about angle parking on High Street between 6th and 7th Street. Solicitor Yurchak said the Ordinance is ready and will go into effect tonight when it is signed after the meeting. Ordinance was signed and is now in effect.

Treasurer’s Report:

- The new police vehicle is being delivered on 8/12 from Kovatch. The old Explorer will no longer be used for patrol, but will be utilized in the winter.
- Estimates from Kovatch were presented for the new F550 Dump truck for a decision to be made on the amount of down payment for that vehicle. Mike Doerr motioned for a $20,000 down payment with annual payments of $12,500 for a term of 4 years, the first payment being due in 2016. The motion was seconded by Harry Hontz. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Tom to schedule the Budget meetings for the Finance Committee. There was 4 dates agreed upon by Angela, Frank, Yvonne, and Tom to have the Budget for 2016 completed before the end of December 2015. September 1st & 15th, October 20th and November 17th at 7:30pm. Tom wants final meeting in December, with that date to be announced.
- Anissa suggested having Bobby O’Gurek add the meeting minutes to the Borough’s website. Tom motioned for it. Rob Yurchak seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- There were 6 properties billed for lawn maintenance done by the borough totaling $2026.00. We have not received any payments yet. Solicitor Yurchak suggested putting a lien on the properties if payment is not made.
- Anissa is issuing a one lump sum payment of $42,670.00 to PIRMA by the end of August to keep the borough’s insurance coverage. This premium went up from last year’s amount of $24,012.00 because of a loss ratio of 334%, which covers the police vehicles, etc. Frank Hutta motioned to make the payment. Motion was seconded by Mike Doerr. Motion was carried.
- Tom motioned for approval of bills. Mike Doerr motioned to pay bills. Harry Hontz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor: Joel Johnson announced he's having a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday August 25th at 7:30pm. The Angela Theater was offered as a location to have meeting. Frank Hutta made the motion to have meeting, seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.

Police Dept:
- Mike Doerr announced Officer Krebs has accepted a new position at another station. Tom Keerans requested a letter of appreciation sent to Officer Krebs from the community.
- Officer Keith Krapf issued new bullet proof vests to the officers.
- Police Unit 6-0 needs new tires — the total estimate is $420.00. Mike Doerr makes motion to get new tires for vehicle. Yvonne seconded that motion. Motion carried.
- New Hires for the police dept need uniform patches. The total price for patches is $400.00. New hires also in need of batteries for taser cartridges totaling $328.41. Mike Doerr motioned to purchase patches and batteries. Harry Hontz seconded motion. Motion was carried.
- The Miner’s 5k run is on September 19th and will need assistance for street clearing, etc. by the police dept and EMT’s.
- The police radio from the explorer must be taken out a put into the new police vehicle.

Recent Borough Issues:
- There was a recent complaint regarding the use of private borough issued handicapped parking spaces by vehicles not registered for that spot. A resident of Ridge Terrace made this complaint on 8/3, Todd issued a ticket to the car parked in the residents’ authorized space, but on 8/4 Keith responded to the same complaint and told the resident that he could not ticket a vehicle with handicapped plates parked in a handicapped space. He said it's a federal motor vehicle code that trumps local ordinance. Solicitor Yurchak agrees that federal law will trump local ordinance, but he will look into it.
  So residents would like to know why they pay an annual fee for a space that anyone can use. Tom Keerans suggested posting by permit only on the plaquards. Mike Doerr made a motion to give 30 days to people registered for a handicapped space that are not up to date on their annual fee. And if more than one year behind on payments, all years must be up to date on payments or signs will be removed. Harry Hontz seconded motion. Motion carried. Angela Krapf made a motion to mandate residents reapply yearly for HP space, and Yurchak wants that clause incorporated in last motion.
Solicitor:
- Rob Yurchak requested a continuance of the cell tower meeting until September 30th at 6pm at the request of the tower company because they found a possible alternative site on borough property. Mike Doerr motioned for the continuance, seconded by Angela. Motion carried.
- High Street angle parking motion will be effective upon adoption. Doerr motioned, seconded by Angela. Motion carried. Signs will be removed on 8/12.
- Solicitor Yurchak amended the resolution to address the late fee for sewer maintenance is made $15.00 instead of $30.00. Angela made a motion to amend fee. Harry Hontz seconded. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement:
- Harry Hontz stated that 280 3rd Street has new tenants in the residence, but no inspection has been done.
- Mike O'Hara is requesting the borough purchase and supply a phone and camera to aide with code enforcement duties, because he has been using his own equipment. Harry Hontz suggested O'Hara can still use his camera, but email his pictures of properties to the borough office for the secretary to print out and file. Anissa said she will look into adding a line onto our existing phone plan—this issue is tabled on the phone.

Streets:
- The water pipes being done between 2nd and 3rd streets should be completed before the beginning of school.
- The basketball hoop in Seek has not been repaired yet.
- The cost of material for repairs on Moser Avenue is $2000.00, $375.00 transfer fee, $300.00 a day for an undetermined amount of time. Radocha has given a quote of $5900.00 for job. Mike Doerr made a motion to use Radocha for repairs for $5900.00. Frank Hutta seconded motion. Motion passed.
- Mike Doerr suggested Kenny Hankey and Mike Radocha work out the manhole issue on Bull Run.
- Ruddle Street from 5th to 6th is in need of repairs. There is an estimate from Penn Dot of around $30,000. Anissa said we have money in the liquid fuel account to cover this cost. This proposal from Penn Dot needs to be advertised. Mike Doerr made a motion to do the advertisement. Seconded by Harry. Motion passed.
- Angela stated the GoFund for the playground is $285.00. Also new swing sets will cost between $3000 - $5000.
- The owner of the property on the highway recently damaged by fire must be notified to find out insurance carrier, need to set up account "lien" on property to prevent blight.

Fire/Ambulance:
- Total hours this month; 788
- Man hours training; 1539
- Maintenance/Equipment hours; 151

Meeting adjourned. Motioned by Mike Doerr, seconded by Angela.

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Borough Secretary