

Meeting Minutes for December 8th 2015

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Attendance: Thomas Keerans, Joel Johnson, Bob Yurchak, Angela Krapf, Yvonne Stoffey, Mike Doerr, Frank Hutta, Anissa Nunemacher **Absent:** Harry Hontz, Brenda Hosler

Public Participation:

- *Terry Duebler* (19 Bull Run St.) - Terry has made three complaints about the vacant property attached to her daughters' house on Miner St. Her daughter Hillary Flanagan lives at 86 West Miner St. The other side of the property (88 West Miner St) has been vacant for several years, and the last tenants left belongings that have drawn mice and rats to the house, which are now infesting the side Ms. Flanagan lives in. Hillary has an infant, and Terry is concerned for her daughter and granddaughters health being around rats and mice. The Flanagan's are even willing to hire an exterminator, but fear it won't do much good because the problem is not on their side of the house. Terry claims Mike O'Hara never addressed her complaints, or returned her phone calls or voicemails, but Tom Keerans assured her we are trying our best and making progress. Bob Yurchak said he has looked into it and there are two property owners, one living in the UK and one in Hawaii. Bob said this makes it very difficult to legally prosecute the property owners. Terry read off the Quality of Life Ordinance, which states that property owners have a certain time period to address any complaints made once Code Enforcement has done their inspection. Angela explained that the last tenants of the property, not the property owners, have been given a time frame to try and clean the house up, and we must allow them that time to do so. They have come to set out traps, and put out Decon, and will be returning soon to empty out some of the trash. Tom guarantees this problem is being addressed, and it will be taken care of.
- *Bob Demyanovich* (Water Authority) - The trench restoration on Phillips Street has been completed, and it will be top-coated in the Spring curb to curb. Although some parts of Phillips, and all of Third Street may remain with just the trench restoration. There will be no further road work done for the winter months.

- *Mike made a motion to accept the minutes for October and November's meetings. Frank seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report:

- The final budget packet is in. As it stands we have \$66,345.77 to the good for 2016. We should not have to raise taxes this year. Yvonne motioned to accept the budget. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
- The dump truck will be done by the end of the year. Anissa has been in touch with Greg from Community Leasing about it.
- The Police radios purchased had a balance of \$31,022.25. A payment was made of \$6204.45. The payoff amount is \$23,244.20, which will save \$1000 in interest, but it will be the same amount of money saved if we pay them off now or in September.
- Our auditor said everything looks good so far, but he still needs to look at all the accounts that were closed and consolidated before Anissa got here. There will be no liquid fuels audit this year now.

Streets Report:

- Mike read off Kenny's street report.
- Mike made a motion to rollover ten days of vacation for Kenny at his request. The motion was seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.
- There is a class at Longwood Gardens that Kenny would like to attend in May for continuing education credits. The cost is \$89. Mike made a motion for Kenny to attend the class. Motion seconded by Frank. Motion carried.
- Mike made a motion to purchase a plow for \$832 and purchase the rock salt Kenny requested for \$1883. Motion seconded by Frank. Motion carried.
- There is also a leadership class Kenny requested to attend. Mike motioned not to send Kenny to the leadership class. Motion seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.
- Mike said all the Christmas lights in town are up now. Angela said the one by the basketball courts next to the Complex is out. Mike will look into it.
- Mike brought up Step 2 of the Grievance filed against him by Kenny for insubordination, because the Teamsters have requested a meeting with Council

about it. Mike makes a motion for Council to meet with Kenny and Robbie Best. Motion seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

- LTL Engineers are looking to us for a new Engineering group starting in 2016. Council will review this information at the first January meeting. There is also paperwork for 2016 from Benesch that will be looked at in the first January meeting.
- Mike thinks Huntington Valley Street Sweeper is something the Borough should look into purchasing. They have 12 2009 models available.

Police Report:

- Mike read off Keith's report. There needs to be a motion made to pay off Explorer bill. Angela made a motion to pay off Explorer. Seconded by Mike. Motioned carried.
- Keith is looking into purchasing the new personal Police cameras.

Code Enforcement: - Tom Read Mike O'Hara's report.

Complex:

- Frank handed in two leases for the Complex to keep in the file with the originals, along with their payments.
- Frank handed out copies of a bid made by Joe Hutta to do more repairs to the Complex that are desperately needed. One is for lights/electrical work that need to be done. The other is for two new boilers to be installed. Mike Doerr made a motion for the boilers to be done in the amount of \$7277. The motion was seconded by Angela. Motion carried. Mike also motioned for the electrical work to be done in the amount of \$3490. The motion was seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Joel said Syrian refugees are not trying to make Coaldale their home, as has been the rumor circulating through town. But Coaldale does welcome all people into the town as their home if desired.

President's Report:

- There is a motion made by Mike to install a time clock at the garage for the Borough workers. The motion is seconded by Frank. Motion carried.

- Tom read off a copy of the thank you letter to St. Luke's for their donation to the Borough for the years of 2014 and 2015.
- Tom would like there to be a motion made for Tim Delaney to be notified to return to work now that he has been medically cleared for full active duty by a physician. Frank made the motion. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report:

- Keystate Publishers is a company that would like to professionally organize our Ordinance and Resolution Books, which will consolidate them, and make them much more efficient. Bob Yurchak brought in examples of what they have done for surrounding boroughs. The total cost is \$7605, and can be done in payment plans. Mike motioned to have the books done. Seconded by Frank. Motion carried.
- Cathy Papesh asked about the Accessor information, and would like to take over the position. Topic will be benched until January meeting.

Fire/Ambulance:

- The Fire Company still needs an air compressor, although the one they currently have just passed inspection. However they need a radio and gear more. Tom makes a motion not to give the Fire Company any additional monies unless under dire emergency. Frank made the motion for Tom. Motion seconded by Angela. Motion carried.

Handicap:

- Yvonne has two handicap spaces to be approved and voted on. One for John Shroba on High Street, and one for Cathy Papesh on Second Street. Frank made a motion to approve them both, but to have Keith check out Cathy's request, because of her garage and the parking issues on Second Street. Motion seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.

Recreation:

- Angela went over the proposed burning Ordinance, and thinks it will work, but may need a little re-vamping to make it apply specifically to Coaldale. Tom would like a few Council members to sit down and talk about the Burning Ordinance. Ang thinks only certain things should be banned. She also reviewed the proposed cat Ordinance and does think that one will work, and should be put into effect. Both Ordinances are tabled until the January meeting.

- Angela said the new playground equipment she'd like to purchase for the Complex is fairly cheap right now in the winter months, and brought in pictures to show Council.
- Ang would like to know if the Borough could donate something towards two TVs' for the intermediate school to do live broadcasting. Mike suggested we just purchase one of the televisions. Mike made a motion to purchase one of the TV's. Motion was seconded by Frank. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mike Doerr. Motion seconded by Angela.
Motion carried.