

Meeting Minutes November 10th 2015

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Public Participation:

- *Bob Demyanovich*, (Water Authority) – He said the water company is hoping to have the service areas finished on the Phillips Street Project. The trenches on Third St., Fourth St. and Howard Ave have been completed. He said he’s also hoping to have the sidewalks done before the winter weather.
- *Pat Uher*, (403 E. Ridge St.) – This is the second Council meeting she attended regarding burning in town. She brought in some reading materials which she handed out to the Council members regarding possible health risks to residents from the smoke. She is requesting Council ban burning in town all together, other than just regulating it through citations. Pat Uher says her neighbor burns pallets, and is not even able to open her windows because the smoke fills her home making it hard to breath, and leaves behind a smell. The Solicitor brought some sample Ordinances about wood fires/smoke/burning within town limits that he handed to Tom Keerans.
- *Jeff Gangaware*, (226 W. Howard Ave.) – He would like to know why it is taking so long to fix the light that illuminates the flag pole at the Complex. Tomorrow is Veteran’s day, and he thinks it would be disrespectful to our local Veteran’s not have the flag lit for 11/11/15. Tom Keerans assured Jeff it has already been approved, and will be fixed. Joe Hutta will be fixing the flag pole light, because he has been there working on the Complex.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Anissa gave the Council an update on the dump truck purchased by the Borough. Kovatch is currently doing electrical work on it still. The garage working on it will let the Borough know when it is completed.
- Anissa informed the Council that a liquid fuels audit will be done soon. Our auditor has been on vacation, but comes back on the 17th, and will be looking at our audit.
- After nine months, Verizon has still not changed the administrator name on the account to Anissas’, which would allow her to make changes regarding the Verizon account.

Because the Borough is ordering Mike O'Hara the phone he requested, it will be through Straight Talk, instead of adding a line to Verizon. The Council agreed to have Kenny get the same phone and plan as Mike O'Hara will have through Straight Talk. Altogether both lines will be close to \$20.00 less than Verizon.

Police Report:

- Harry Hontz read off Keith's Police Report, because Mike Doerr, who is Chairman of the Police Committee, was not present at the meeting.
- Harry asked Council to approve the purchase of a breathalyzer machine. The majority of the cost has already been donated. Harry made a motion to buy the Breathalyzer. Yvonne seconded. The motion was carried.
- An estimate for personal police cameras and new security surveillance cameras for around town, have been looked into by Keith. Tom said he would prefer to sit down with Keith to discuss the suggestions he's made, because the cameras he's proposing are hardwired, not wireless like expected. Tom suggests putting this issue on hold while they get more price estimates for the cameras.

Code Enforcement:

- Tom Keerans read off Mike O'Hara's report, and commented that Mike is doing a nice job on keeping up with the complaints that come in, and trying to resolve them in a timely manner.
- Mike O'Hara has requested to go to training at the Woodlands Inn in Wilkes Barre for PA-UCC certifications. Yvonne motioned that we send Mike to training. Seconded by Yvonne. Motion Carried.

Streets:

- Kenny has requested that the Council approve him to go to an afternoon training session provided by Penn Dot in Nesquehoning. Harry motioned to send Kenny to training. Seconded by Angela. Motion carried.
- A request for new driveway lines to be painted on Phillips and Ruddle Streets has been made, but the lines will cause parking issues of existing spaces. Kenny is not present to explain the location and issue these lines being painted will cause. So someone on the Streets Committee will have to do a ride-a-long with Kenny to see if the council can approve them.

Complex:

- Angela said 28 of the panels on the walls at the Complex need to be replaced. She found panels that are \$160.00 a piece. The total cost will be \$4480.00. Harry made a motion to purchase them. Angela seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Joel requested Council make a motion to purchase the benches for the park in Seek that he had requested at the October meeting. The cost is \$1900.00 with a 30 year warranty. Angela motioned to purchase the benches. Yvonne seconded the motion. Motion carried to purchase the benches.

Presidents Report:

- The secretary's contract has a few minor changes to be made before it is voted on by Council. Frank and Brenda have the contract and need to make the changes.
- The new 2 year contract for Kenny Heffelfinger has been approved and needs to be signed.
- There are two parcel bids that have to be reviewed and approved by Council, so the properties can be put back on the taxes, which enables the Borough to receive money for them. They are for repository sale of unsold properties. Angela motioned to approve the purchase of 132 E. Phillips St. by Maury's Music. The motion was seconded by Harry. Motion passed. However the property at 208 W. Phillips St. has a bid made by BWH Properties LLC, which the Council is not familiar with, so we will get in touch with the Schuylkill County Courthouse to see if BWH is a reputable company before approving the sale.
- The Zoning Variance application has to be voted on by Council, since the Borough has no such app in place at this time. Yvonne motioned to accept the Variance that was sent over by Carl Faust as the accepted Zoning Variance App for Coaldale. The motion was seconded by Angela. Motion carried.

Solicitor Report:

- Egan from the Fraternal Order of Police approved the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure manual) that must also be approved by Council. Harry made a motion to accept the SOP. Yvonne seconded the motion. Motion carried to accept the Police SOP.

Recreation:

- Bob Yurchak brought a sample Ordinances for burning bans. Angela said she will look them over for approval.

- The Solicitor also wrote up some sample stray cat Ordinances that he based on Hazelton's Ordinances. Angela said she will also review them.

Fire/Ambulance:

- Harry read off the Fire Chief report.
- He said he was still unable to obtain an ambulance report after several requests.

Finance:

- Anissa needs to do a few more changes into the budget, some small things. She said she won't estimate budgets too high to depend on money that was once there. Frank suggests we add an extra \$1000 to the Recreation budget. Council agrees to decide on additional amount to Recreation at the last Budget meeting in November.

Handicap-

- Yvonne and Keith have an application for a new Handicap parking space at 157 E. High St., which needs to be approved by Council. Harry made a motion to approve the space. Motion seconded by Angela. Motion carried.

Old/New Business:

- Susan Asbury (134 Greenwood St.), says that the Erbe's at 128 Greenwood St. have at least 100 cats in the house, and that Mike O'Hara needs to actually enter the house to see the all the cats. Bob Yurchak said he can get Mike a search warrant to enter the residence if the owners are unwilling to let him in the house.
- Yvonne suggests we have another Town Hall meeting, because the first one was a success with the residents here in town. She also suggests something like a meet and greet of the officers/men and women of Council to the residents

Went to Executive Meeting

- Officer Matt Williams is on Administrative leave until further notice. Motioned by Harry. Seconded by Frank. Motion was carried. A motion was then made by Harry to hire two part-time police Officers. That motion was seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.

Angela motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Harry. Meeting adjourned.