

Meeting Minutes for October 13th

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Attendance : Thomas Keerans, Rob Yurchak, Angela Krapf, Yvonne Stoffey, Mike Doerr, Frank Hutta, Brenda Hosler, Harry Hontz, Joel Johnson, Anissa Nunemacher, Carl Faust, Kenny Hankey

Public Participation :

- *Claire Remington, (237 High St.),* said there has been nuts, bolts and other garbage left in the street in front of her house by a neighbor doing home repairs, and would like them to be cited for littering. She has made Todd aware of the situation, and he had spoken to the residents in question. Frank Hutta asked if they had a Zoning Permit to do repairs, and thinks they should also be cited for not getting a permit, and having work done without zoning inspecting the work also.
- *Robert Demyanovich, (Water Authority),* said the ditches left in the streets from their project will be redone by “trench restoration” before Spring. Coal patching is being done now because it is more effective in cold weather. The streets still however will not be completely repaved until Spring.
- *Kenny Heffelfinger, (111 W. Water St.),* cuts the grass for the Borough every 2 weeks for three years. He receives \$280 every 2 weeks for this service, and would like to know if his fee can be raised to \$300. Mike Doerr makes motion to increase his pay to \$300 and extend his contract for another three years. Brenda seconds the motion. Motion carried.
- *Pat Uher, (403 E. Ridge),* would like to do away with any burning within town limits. She says too many people are using burn barrels for trash. She would like Council to consider no burning at all within town limits. Mike thinks the police should be citing residents when they are seen burning trash. Tom said at 435 E. Water St & 434 E. Ridge St. there are large burn barrels in plain site. Todd said there is a uniform building code that says burning is legal, but he’s not sure what constitutes legal burn material, and therefore is not sure who to cite. Carl Faust said burn barrels are not legal in town, and small contained fire pits with lids must be 150ft from the property line OR 250ft from any structure. Also there should be no burning between May 1st – October 1st. The Solicitor is going to look into writing a new burning ordinance.

Brenda motioned to accept corrected minutes from past meetings. Mike seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report :

- \$1445.47 in Pension money came in. Also both checks for the Fire Company have also come in, and was given to Jonathan Oakes from the Fire Department.
- Our Dump truck is at the body shop at Kovatch, but we do not yet have a completion date.
- Mike questioned the amount of the street light bill of \$2533.00. Anissa explained that includes all the street lights, the lights here at the Borough Building for the flags, the lights at the garage, etc.
- Brenda makes motion to pay all of the bills. Harry seconded the motion. Motion to accept and pay bills is carried.

Mayor's Report :

- Trick-or-Treat here in Coaldale is on October 31st from 6-8p.
- Joel would like to make an Ordinance about not discharging firearms in Borough limits. Claire Remington told Joel there is already an Ordinance to that effect, (Ordinance No. 1992-05).
- The Mayor would like two benches put in the playground in Seek. He found some he liked and distributed pictures and pricing to the Council members. For 2 benches the total cost is \$1982.00. Angela told Joel the money in the Recreation account every year is only \$3000.00, and \$500.00 is just for mulch yearly. Angela said with the remaining money she was planning on getting another piece of playground equipment, not benches. Frank suggested we allocate more money for Recreation from another account. Tom suggested that Council send this issue back to the committees to discuss, everyone agreed.

Police Report :

- Mike read off Officer Kreb's resignation letter that he received in August. It contained who he handed his uniforms and badges off to.
- Mike also read Keith's police monthly police report.
- Yvonne said she did a ride-a-long with Joe David, and had a good time, and would like to go with Todd for the next ride-a-long.
- Mike said the lights on the pool road need to be changed to daylight savings time, and have Kenny set them to come on earlier, (around 5-5:30pm).

Complex :

- Frank handed the Complex rent money in.
- Frank said half the emergency lights at the Complex are not working, and electrical work needs to be done for the building to pass inspection. Frank brought a proposed estimate from Joe Hutta for the needed electrical repairs for Council to vote on. Motion to have

electric work done by Joe Hutta made by Brenda, seconded by Mike. Motion carried. Frank abstained from voting. Mike and Frank would also like a list of electrical issues here at the Borough building that need to be addressed. Frank said he will look into it.

- Frank needs Bob Yurchak to print up two new leases for people for the Complex.

Streets :

- Kenny said the Ruddle Street project is done.
- Kenny gave Mike a purchase order for re-enforced tire chains that needs to be reviewed, because they wear out every year. Motion made by Mike to buy the chains. Seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried to buy tire chains.
- Benesch & Co. needs a check made out to Penn Dot for \$170.00 for the Highway Permit fee.

Recreation :

- Yvonne and Angela said the Halloween party at the Complex is Sunday, October 25th .
- Angela is looking into getting playground equipment over the winter months that is on clearance for the end of season sale, preferably a type of climbing equipment.

Demo :

- Angela said the Demo Grant for the Fisher Avenue properties is in limbo at this time.

Fire/Ambulance :

- Mike read off the fire report.
- Harry said the fire alarm is currently working, and we do not need a new siren, just the current one fixed. However they cannot get anyone to come fix it because it is such an older model. Someone at the fire house needs to get an estimate. Harry said that siren is not just used for fire warnings, but for other emergencies, such as the Berwick Power Plant.
- Brenda said the Fire Company needs the O₂ tanks repaired, and would like to discuss it at the next budget meeting on October 20th .

Grants :

- Angela went over the grant forms, and unfortunately the Complex IS NOT deemed historical, which would have made it eligible for significant Federal and State funding. Tom said we should check into how the Borough can go about getting it deemed an historical building.

- Angela would like to know where to go with all of the trophies and such that are there at the Complex building from Coaldale High School. Was thinking they should be moved to another building because no one sees them at the Complex.

Meeting went to a short executive session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Angela. Seconded by Harry and Brenda. Meeting adjourned.