

## December 16, 2024

The special meeting of the Borough Council was called to order at 5:00 pm on the above date by President Jim O'Connor. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were: Pat Haley, Rafael Jimenez Gomez, Tricia Springer, Matt Urban, and Sam Wengert. Absent was Doug Hartman. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich Solicitor Colleen Gallo, Alex Kauffman, Steckbeck Engineering, and Borough Manager, Jonathan Johnson.

### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

No Comments

### NEW BUSINESS

Bid Selection / Approval for Building Project: Mr. Kauffman provided an overview of the 17 bids received for the different parts of the building project.

Ms. Springer asked Mr. Kauffman how familiar and comfortable he was with the contractors. Mr. Kauffman said he had worked with some of the contractors and was familiar with others.

- General Construction: Mr. Urban made a motion and Ms. Springer second, to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, Heim Construction Inc., for \$170,273, to be paid using ARPA Funds with any overage coming from the Borough's Capital Fund; contingent upon a review by the Borough Solicitor and Engineer. The motion was approved.
- Electrical Construction: Mr. Urban made a motion and Mr. Haley second, to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, BJH Electrical Inc., for \$71,850, to be paid using ARPA Funds with any overage coming from the Borough's Capital Fund; contingent upon a review by the Borough Solicitor and Engineer. The motion was approved.
- Plumbing Construction: Mr. Urban made a motion and Mr. Jimenez second, to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, Spotts Brothers Inc., for \$14,000, to be paid using ARPA Funds with any overage coming from the Borough's Capital Fund; contingent upon a review by the Borough Solicitor and Engineer. The motion was approved.
- HVAC Construction: Mr. Urban made a motion and Mr. Haley second, to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, Mann Plumbing and Heating, for \$61,703, to be paid using ARPA Funds with any overage coming from the Borough's Capital Fund; contingent upon a review by the Borough Solicitor and Engineer. The motion was approved.

Mr. Kauffman asked Borough Council if they would like Steckbeck Engineering to oversee the project at an estimated cost of \$12,000 to \$17,000. After a discussion, Mr. Kauffman said that he would put together a quote for the January 2025 meeting.

Additional Architectural Expenses: Mr. Kauffman said the project architect, Mr. James Crum, did additional architectural and design work. Mr. Kauffman said that his firm, Steckbeck Engineering, has paid Mr. Crum \$5,000 for his services. Mr. Kauffman then asked Borough Council for reimbursement. After a discussion, Mr. Wengert made a motion to reimburse Steckbeck Engineering \$5,000 for additional architectural and design work. Mr. Jimenez second, and the motion was approved.

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Jonestown Borough Police Agreement: Ms. Springer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11, police service agreement with Jonestown Borough. Mr. Urban second, and the motion was approved.

Union Township Police Services Agreement: Ms. Springer made a motion to amend the agenda to include a vote on the Union Township Police Services agreement. Mr. Jimenez second, and the motion was approved.

Ms. Springer made a motion to approve the 2025 to 2027 Union Township Police Services agreement. Mr. Wengert second, and the motion was approved.

Police Bonus: Ms. Springer made a motion to provide each of the four full-time police officers and the police chief with a \$1,000.00 end of year bonus. The motion was second by Mr. Haley, and the motion passed.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment: Mr. Jimenez made a motion to appoint Miranda Burley, 104 North Center Street, to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Wengert second, and the motion was approved. Ms. Gallo asked Mr. Johnson what proportion of Mr. Bruce Kohr's term, Ms. Burley was fulfilling. Mr. Johnson said that he did not know but would find out.

### **Unfinished Business**

2025 Cleona Borough Budget: Mr. Haley made a motion to approve the 2025 Cleona Borough budget. Mr. Wengert second. The motion was approved.

2025 Tax Resolution (2024-12): Ms. Springer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12 which would keep property taxes in 2025 at 2.99 mills. Mr. Haley second. The motion was approved.

Painting Crosswalks on Penn Ave.: Mr. Johnson asked if Council would like to join Annville Township in crosswalk line painting bid. He said that the cost to paint all seven crosswalks on Penn Avenue would be about \$16,000. After discussing the topic, Council decided that more information was needed on the necessity of painting the crosswalks and if all the crosswalks had to be painted at once.

Council adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Respectively Submitted  
Jonathan Johnson