

February 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was called to order on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Jim O'Connor with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were Pat Haley, Rafael Jimenez Gomez, and Tricia Springer. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Solicitor Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager, Melody Vanderveer. Doug Hartman, Matt Urban and Sam Wengert were absent.

Minutes from the January 2, 2024, meeting was e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting. One correction was noted; G.H. Bowman was corrected to read G.F. Bowman. **Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez to approve the January 2, 2024, minutes as amended. Motion Carried.**

The Treasurer's report for January was read. **A motion was made by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2024. Motion carried.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Dustin Sider (absent)

The Fire Company report was submitted prior to the meeting and was reviewed by Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Larry Minnich and Chief Farneski

Chief's report submitted and attached to these minutes. The Mayor did not have anything to report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Eleanor Snavelly, 530 West Penn Avenue and Gale Kerkeslager, 555 West Chestnut Street attended the meeting to discuss the chickens that remain at 516 West Penn Avenue. Ms. Kerkeslager had them in her yard and alley again last week. Council assured them they know of the situation, and it is being handled by our zoning officers, Lebanon County Planning.

Jake Keiter, Lebanon County Bulletin, attended to inform the Borough they have gone to a weekly edition so the Borough would be able to advertise in their paper as opposed to the Lebanon Daily News for legal ads.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Jim O'Connor

Jim will talk about cyber security in executive session.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Rafael Jimenez Gomez

Rafael e-mailed the solid waste and recycling ordinance to council for review. He would like comments back for anything that they would think needs to be included or revised. He would like a "single bag" option in the ordinance. He handed out a spreadsheet of current permit fees. Several need to be removed as they are no longer relevant. Melody will look into the soliciting permit fees. Chief Farneski would like the

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Borough to review parking ticket fees. Corporal Henning will be consulted on the towing vehicle fee.

PROPERT DEPARTMENT - Doug Hartman (absent)

Doug scheduled another contractor to look at the HVAC but we have not received a quote from them as of this meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - Sam Wengert (absent)

Melody reported there are several items on the punch list for the paving before the final check can be sent.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Pat Haley

Pat has been monitoring the Quittie at the park since the streambank flood restoration at 22nd street. He found a tree on the South side of the creek on Mr. Seiverling's property, fell over taking out one of our trees and creating a dam. Phil Kreiser removed the tree from our side. We are waiting for Mr. Seiveling, who is working with Long's Tree Service to remove their tree from the creek. At the January meeting several of the board members were out sick so they did not have a quorum to make decisions on the 2024 schedule for the park. They meet again on February 13th.

FIRE SAFETY/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Tricia Springer

Tricia did not have anything new to report. She will have an item will be discussed under executive session.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Matt Urban (absent)

BOROUGH MANAGER-BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Melody Vanderveer

The Authority is working on a new maintenance agreement with Annville Township for the pump station. They reviewed their 2023 budget performance at their January meeting. They have not raised their sewer rates since 2021 even though the City of Lebanon Authority has raised their treatment costs twice. They will look into possibly raising sewer costs in July of this year.

Annville Township has opened their drop off center for green waste, residential bulk trash, scrap metal and cardboard to Cleona residents. The cost will be \$200.00/year. Melody will mention it in the newsletter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Solicitor's report submitted and attached to these minutes. Colleen asked for comments from Council on the zoning ordinance revision.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez to approve the 2024 hourly rate for police services to Jonestown Borough. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve the request from Immanuel Methodist Church for signs during 2024 for their church events. Motion carried.**
- Rafael requested Council approval to investigate moving the Borough's internet service from Comcast Business to Verizon with significant savings and better service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Permit fee schedule and municipal trash was discussed under code enforcement.

Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Tricia Springer to pay the bills for January 2024.

With no new business to discuss and no action needed after the executive session, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm and moved into executive session to discuss a zoning issue, potential settlement, and possible litigation for an IPMC property.

Respectively Submitted

Melody Vanderveer