

March 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Jim O'Connor with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were Rafael Jimenez Gomez, Pat Haley, Doug Hartman, Tricia Springer, and Matt Urban. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Colleen Gallo, Solicitor, and Melody Vanderveer, Borough Manager. Sam Wengert was absent.

Minutes from the February 6, 2023, minutes were e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting. Two corrections were made to the Recreation Department regarding the basics trail. **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Treasurer's report for February was read. **Motion by Matt Urban, seconded by Tricia Springer, to approve the Treasurer's report for February, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Dustin Sider

Fire Company report submitted and attached to these minutes. Dustin reported it has been a year since the fire companies merged and things have gone very smoothly. They had their first election in December with representation from both fire companies.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Farneski

Chief's report submitted and attached to these minutes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chris Hackman, 25 East Maple Street; Chris attended the meeting to ask permission to close the streets on May 13, 2023, from 11:00-4:00 for the Immanuel Methodist Church's car show at East Maple from Chestnut Alley to Spruce Alley, and on North Lincoln from 34 North Lincoln to the end of North Lincoln at East Pine Street. No parking signs will be placed on East Maple. The Cleona Police and Fire Police will be there to help with traffic. **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez to approve closing the street. Motion carried.** Melody will contact Annville Township to borrow barriers for the streets.

Matthew Springer, 130 South Harris Street; Matt attended the meeting regarding his IPMC notice of violation he received for an abandoned hazardous vehicle. He stated the notice of violation was written under the vehicle code and it is not a vehicle but an off-road 4x4 that his son is working on. He asked that the violation be rescinded. Melody will e-mail Chris Miller and the IPMC committee tomorrow regarding the notice of violation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Jim O'Connor

Jim didn't have anything new to report.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT – Rafael Jimenez Gomez

Rafael didn't have anything new to report. He attended the IPMC committee meeting and was surprised at the number of violations. He continues to work on the permit fee resolution and municipal trash as well.

PROPERT DEPARTMENT - Doug Hartman

Doug didn't have any updates on his projects. He received three bids to replace the entire sidewalk at the front of the building. The lowest bid was received from Kresge Excavating for \$7,140.00 from the front door to the sidewalk along Grant Street.

Motion by Doug Hartman to accept Kresge's bid, seconded by Tricia Springer.

Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - Sam Wengert (absent)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Pat Haley

The Easter Candy Scramble is scheduled for April 1, 2023 from 9:00am to 10:00. The Annville/Cleona #440 Cub Scouts will be helping set up and have a sign-up table for new cub scouts. A zoning committee meeting with July Cheyney, Lebanon County Planning, is scheduled for March 8, 2023.

FIRE SAFETY/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Tricia Springer

Tricia is working through the SRO contract negotiations and potential hiring of a full-time police officer which will be discussed at the executive session with possible action after the executive session.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Matt Urban

Revenue is slow since we are only two months into the new year, but expenses are tracking at about 2% under budget. Matt is working on finding out what is holding up the PIB loan disbursement.

BOROUGH MANAGER-BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Melody Vanderveer f

The Authority is continuing to work on the stormwater project on Dairy Road and also looking at the depression at the corner of Elizabeth Street and 422. They are also continuing to gather permission for those properties along the Quittie to go on their property for study and design of the streambank restoration between Dairy Road & Mill Street.

SOLICITOR – Colleen Gallo

Solicitor's report submitted and attached to these minutes.

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NEW BUSINESS

A resident that lives on East Maple Street asked if a stop sign could be installed on East Maple Street at the intersection at Elizabeth Street. A traffic study would need to be done and an ordinance would need to be passed before a stop sign could be installed. Melody will contact Steve Shirk for a cost estimate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No other unfinished business was discussed

Motion by Matt Urban, seconded by Pat Haley to pay the bills for February 2023. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 7:55pm to executive session to discuss the SRO contract negotiations, hiring of a new police officer and code enforcement.

Council reconvened at 9:05.

Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to hire Caleb Rice for full time officer at Patrolmen 1 level. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm

Respectively Submitted
Melody Vanderveer