

May 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was called to order 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 Pat Haley, Rafael Jimenez Gomez, Tricia Springer and Matt Urban. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Solicitor Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager, Melody Vanderveer. Dough Hartman and Sam Wengert were absent.

Minutes from the April 1, 2024, meeting was e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting. **Motion by Matt Urban, seconded by Pat Haley, to approve the April 1, 2024, minutes. Motion Carried.**

The Treasurer's report for April 2024 was read. **A motion was made by Tricia Springer seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez to approve the Treasurer's report for April 2024. Motion carried.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Larry Minnich and Chief Farneski

Chief's report submitted and attached to these minutes. Officer Frank Town was sworn in as a parttime police officer for the Borough. Sergeant Rager completed his leadership training. The Union Township contract is up at the end of 2024. Chief will send a letter in the next few months to the township to start negotiations for a contract for the next three years.

Senator Gebhart's office informed Mayor Minnich Lorraine Koons, a former Cleona resident who now resides at Lebanon Valley Homes, is turning 102 on May 18, 2024. She was a former "Rosie the Riveter" during WW11. Mayor Minnich is working on a celebration for her with Russ Diamond and Senator Gebhart on May 18th. Larry invited any Council members that wish to attend to please join him.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Dustin Sider

The Fire Company report was submitted and attached to these minutes. April was a very busy month with multiple dwelling fires, multiple accidents including one that involved a fire and the silo collapse in South Annville as well as the minor calls. An officer's meeting was held last month where they discussed at length preplanning for the facilities at Annville and Cleona as well as looking at apparatus in both fire companies. With costs to replace fire apparatus so expensive, they are also working on statistics for vehicles necessary between the two facilities and what would need to be replaced in the future and if the existing vehicles are being used for their intended purpose.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were no citizen's comments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Jim O'Connor

Jim did not have anything to report, but expressed gratitude to everyone for the work they all do.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Rafael Jimenez Gomez

The IPMC Committee met on April 23, 2024, to discuss the candidate they are hoping to hire for code enforcement officer. They are waiting for an update from Bowman's Insurance on the insurance policy for code enforcement. The IPMC Committee agreed on giving the code enforcement a stipend towards the cost of the policy and to use the Borough vehicle during inspections.

Rafael continues to look at the strong waste ordinance. He researched a "pay as you grow" program that charges by the pound for trash instead of a flat fee.

Rafael will circulate his permit fee schedule to council for adoption at a future meeting. Tricia Springer and Chief Farneski will have a meeting in May to discuss parking and increasing those fees as well.

PROPERT DEPARTMENT - Doug Hartman (absent)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - Sam Wengert (absent)

Kinsley Construction came back in April to touch up some of the grassy areas on East Maple Avenue that needed to be reseeded from the curb cuts last year.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Pat Haley

The Park clean-up day was successful with volunteers from United Way Day of Caring. Pat wanted to thank Bill Matusiak and Fred Siebecker for their help spreading the mulch. Heather Herman organized a volunteer event with her church, LCBC, for painting at the park on May 18, 2024.

Michelle Deitzler and Sharon Griener are coming back as Park Directors again this year. Details for the Summer program will be announced closer to June.

FIRE SAFETY/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Tricia Springer

Tricia did not have anything new to report.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Matt Urban

Finances are looking healthy. Receipts are tracking about the same as last year with expenses under as compared to last year.

BOROUGH MANAGER-BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Melody Vanderveer

Matt Urban sent an e-mail regarding a DEP Watershed Restoration grant for \$300,000.00 that Melody forwarded to the Borough Authority. Scott Rights, Steckbeck Engineering, researched the grant and found out that the date for submittal is May 30, 2024, with a requirement that all residents along the Quittie give permission to use their land for design. Because we do not have all the residents' agreements, North Cornwall will be submitting the application for the grant to be used to do work for Phase Two at the 22nd bridge. If there are any remaining funds, Steckbeck will go back to DEP to use the remaining funds for the Quittie in Cleona.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Solicitor's report submitted and attached to these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to proceed with the lien for IPMC costs for 236 West Penn Avenue. Motion carried**
- **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve Jonathan Johnson for Borough Manager starting July1, 2024. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez to adopt Resolution #2024-03, Zoning Hearing Costs. Motion carried**
- **Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Tricia Springer to approve the quote from KB Plumbing of \$3,970.00 for new fixtures in the restrooms at the park. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Matt Urban too approve Immanual Methodist request to place signs on 422 for Music in the Park for evr=ery Friday in May and the first two Fridays in June. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve the use of the Borough parking lot May 25, 2024, for parking from 3:00-6:00pm for a small wedding at 232 West Locust Street. Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business was discussed.

Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Matt Urban to pay the bills for April 2024.

Council recessed to executive session at 7:49 to discuss an IPMC and zoning issue.

Council reconvened the May Council meeting at 8:00pm

- **Motion by Tricia Springer seconded by Pat Haley to authorize Collen to proceed with a municipal lien for 25 East Penn Avenue and enforcement action for 516 West Penn Avenue. Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectively Submitted

Melody Vanderveer