# Regular Meeting April 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Jim Ferrante, John Hemphill, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Karolee Loughhead, Bob Shrock and Mayor Altman present. Absent from the meeting was Tony Bucci. Also present at the meeting was Solicitor Perrotta.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to approve the bills for March as listed with and additional bill from State Worker's Insurance for \$580.00. All were in favor, except Kelly Sr., motion carried.

# **Communications**

A written request for vacation was received from Charlie Kelly Jr. for the week of May 2-6. A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to approve the vacation request from Kelly Jr. for May 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2022. All were in favor, with Kelly Sr. and Kelly Jr. abstaining, motion carried.

#### Tax Collector's Report – None

#### Mayor's Report

The Police totals for February and March combined are 123 hours on duty, 771 miles patrolled with 36 incidences. The total mileage on the cruiser as of March 31 was 127,153.

#### Visitors

Jason Stanton – Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering

The plans for the waterline relocation project on Main Street need to be reviewed by Chuck and Charlie one more time then once ready can be put out to bid.

With regards to the meeting with Wayne Township with the borough's concerns with their sewage, Ryan Long directed a letter saying everything was okay and a new agreement is not necessary. Wayne Township does still need to adopt a resolution approving our Act 537 plan.

For the Stonecrest development a draft developer's agreement was sent by Lou Perrotta and a service agreement will also be needed to set the user rates.

Unfinished Business Employee Handbook – Not ready for adoption

# **Employee Hiring**

A seasonal employee is needed for the summer work. The borough will advertise and also contact Votech and the local schools.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr. to advertise, and make contact in the area for two part-time seasonal employees for \$10.00 an hour. All were in favor, motion carried.

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#### Columbia Gas/Clyde Street

Kelly Sr. was in contact with Columbia Gas, and they have stated verbally that they will be paving Apple Way and half of Clyde Street. The borough can piggyback and pave the other half of Clyde Street. A quote for the work will be needed.

#### Credit Card Fees

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to have the Solicitor send something to the borough regarding collecting a convenience fee from customers. All were in favor, motion carried.

#### **New Business**

**Police Equipment** 

The borough's newest officer will need a firearm and vest.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to purchase a gun with a holster from Dukes Sport Shop, order a vest with the needed accessories and approve the purchase of two pairs of black pants for the new officer, Mariel Piche. All were in favor, motion carried.

#### **Police Hiring Rate**

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to approve a .50 an hour raise for the new officer after her ninety-day probation period then .25 every six months until she reaches the rate of the other officer. All were in favor, except Ferrante and Shrock, motion carried.

#### Park Survey

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr. to have LSSE do the park survey for \$1500.00. All were in favor, except Shrock, motion carried.

#### Vance Quotes – Tabled

#### Park Grant Funds

A quote will be obtained to paint the inside of the main shelter roof along with the columns for the next meeting.

#### **Blight Removal Program**

In order for the Borough to qualify for funding any house being considered would need to be condemned and/or declared uninhabitable.

#### Lawrence County Municipal Economic Summit

This event is being held at Gallo's Restaurant on Thursday, May 26 to talk about economic development in Lawrence County. Morgan Boyd and Aaron Bernstine are hosting it.

# Capital Reserve Transfer

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr. to transfer the insurance money for the dump truck in the amount of \$21,921 and Realty Transfer Tax for \$33,500 from the Money Market General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. All were in favor, motion carried.

# Fellion/Carport

Mr. Fellion of 1506 Allen Court stated that the carport he wishes to install on his driveway will be constructed of wood and attached to the existing garage. He will need a plan drawing to be submitted to the building code officer.

#### Payne/Home Business

Mr. Payne of 200 Kay Street contacted Mourice Waltz regarding a car washing business he wanted to start using his driveway. A letter from the zoning officer was sent to him stating that it is not permitted if it is not in a structure.

#### Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

# **Report of Committees**

Electric – None Sewer & Water – None Budget – None Buildings – None Police – None Streets The streets were discuss

The streets were discussed for this years paving project. There are some alleys that are bad and so are Jacobs and Charles Streets. The committee will recommend the project at the next meeting.

#### Park & Recreation

The Mayor stated that Jeff Potter will be at the park on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to do some painting and cleaning up. Volunteers are more than welcome.

# A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Ferrante. All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Sue Dean, Secretary