

**Regular Meeting August 14, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with TJ Edinger, Jason Eichler, Jim Ferrante, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Bob Shrock and Mayor Altman present. John Hemphill was present by phone. The Solicitor was also in attendance.

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr., to approve the minutes from the previous meetings, both regular and special. All were in favor, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to approve the bills for July as listed. All were in favor, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to have the phone at the borough garage turned off. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Communications***

Chuck has contacted First Energy and AMP regarding low voltage in the borough. They think a regulator needs repaired.

***Tax Collector's Report***

The beginning balance collectible for July 1, 2023, was \$120,464.55. The face collections for the month were \$15,054.34 leaving an ending balance as of July 31, 2023, of \$105,410.25.

***Mayor's Report***

The Police totals for July were 65 hours on duty, 380 miles patrolled with 35 incidents. The new cruiser is in service.

***Visitors***

Gail Blakeley of 310 Main Street attended with concerns still regarding her property repair after the waterline replacement project. Jason Stanton from the engineering firm sent a letter to the contractor and has not received a response to date.

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to authorize the borough engineer and solicitor to pursue all legal remedies with regards to Utility Contracting regarding the Main Street Waterline project. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Todd Radzymenski from New Beaver Borough***

Todd's wife was involved in a hit and run accident on Darlington Road recently on the portion that is in Wampum Borough. She was run off the road by a vehicle coming from Mines and Meadows for an event. There is another event planned for the coming weekend and he is concerned that another accident will take place since the road is too narrow for the trucks with trailers going in and out for an event. He would like to know if something can be done to make the road one-way during an event.

***Karen Goebel of 425 Beaver Street***

Karen's concern is regarding the fire whistle. She wanted to know if it was necessary since the first responders have pagers and/or phones that go off when responding to a call. If not, then can the volume be lowered.

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It was pointed out that the whistle is necessary for some warnings to residents, such as a tornado. One fireman pointed also pointed out that if they are out cutting grass, they do not hear their phone and it is the whistle that lets them know to respond.

Kelly Sr. said he would check into what it would cost to get parts for lowering the decibels.

*Brian Bush – Landlord for 239 Kay Street*

Brian has a tenant from Apt 2 the has been evicted but is living in his car on the street in front of the house that is out of inspection. He would like to know what is being done regarding the junk vehicle and junk sitting beside it.

The Police Chief has already given notice for the junk vehicle, but he has 30 days to remove it before he can issue a citation.

*Unfinished Business**Mahoning Builders Quote*

The Solicitor advised that three quotes should be obtained prior to approval. The quotes will be obtained for the next regular meeting.

*New Business**Consulting Agreement*

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Eichler to approve the Consulting Agreement with Waltz Consultants for the lead line removal project. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.**

*WABA Request*

The American flags that line Main Street had to have some replaced. WABA purchased 10 new flags w/brackets for a total of \$475.00. They are requesting help from the borough to pay for them.

**A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Hemphill to pay \$475.00 to WABA for the new flags and brackets purchased for Main Street. A roll call vote was taken with Eichler, Ferrante, Hemphill, Kelly Sr. and Shrock voting Aye and Edinger and Kelly Jr. abstaining, motion carried.**

*Homer Nine Commercial Renewal*

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to approve the renewal of the commercial contract with Homer Nine for the borough buildings. All were in favor, motion carried.**

*Youngblood Paving Payment Request*

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Shrock to approve the payment request from Youngblood Paving for the 2023 road improvement project in the amount of \$81,860.50. All were in favor, motion carried.**

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***Borough Complaints***

Two complaints were received regarding 1045 Main Street.

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to enforce the issue at 1045 Main Street. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, except Kelly Sr. who abstained, motion carried.**

***Ordinance #50***

The Solicitor stated that some municipalities use the Universal Building Code but that he had just as much success with borough ordinances handled by the Police. There are also sample ordinances on PSAB's website.

**A motion to table was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. until additional information is obtained. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Transfer of Funds***

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to transfer \$5000.00 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 – Gym Roof

Kelly Jr. checked it out and stated that there were no loose bricks at this time. It does need pointed and a cap put on.

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Shrock to purchase a plate for the chimney. All were in favor, except Eichler, motion carried.**

Park & Recreation – There is no word on the grant yet.

Police

The Police Chief and Mayor interviewed the new candidate, Tom Sansone and recommend hiring him as a part-time police officer.

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to authorize the Police Chief to process all the paperwork and background check for Thomas Sansone for hire as a part-time police officer for the borough. All were in favor, motion carried.**

Chief Jannetti also thanked council for the purchase of the new police vehicle.

**A motion was made by Edinger, seconded by Eichler to place the 2012 Dodge Charger on Muncibid for thirty (30) days with a reserve of \$5000. All were in favor, motion carried.**

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

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Sue Dean, Secretary