

**Regular Meeting July 10, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

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

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

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Edinger to approve the bills as listed for June along with one additional one from State Workers Insurance for \$307.00. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Communications***

A request was received from Mike Pope to change his sewer rate at his building at 705 Church Street to a residential rate since it is empty.

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Shrock to grant Mike Pope's request to change his sewer rate to the residential rate and make it retroactive to his original request for 705 Church Street. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Tax Collector's Report – None******Mayor's Report***

The totals for the Police for June were 456 miles patrolled, 61.5 hours on duty with 27 incidents. The total mileage on the police car as of June 30 was 134,858. The police car was out of service from 6/10/23 to 6/21/23.

***Visitors***

Gail Blakely – 310 Main Street

Gail still has problems with her property and would like to know the status of the repairs to her yard. She also stated that Tony D'Arrigo's driveway is bad and that his shed was knocked over but has since been righted. She had a branch broken off her tree that she has since had removed and her yard has ruts that make it difficult to mow.

The Borough's engineer sent a notice to the contractor today and has given them until the end of the week to respond. She also wanted to know who would be liable if someone got hurt on her property. She is willing to pay someone herself to fix the problems if the borough will reimburse her for it. The Solicitor stated that it would not be possible, per the contract the contractor has to be given a chance to make it right before the borough can move forward.

Karen Goebel – Beaver Street

Karen was looking for an update on the buildings on Main Street that were discussed at the prior meeting. The building code officer did visit all three and has issued notices to them as well.

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*Unfinished Business*

*Vacancy Appointment*

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to appoint Jason Eichler to fill the vacant council seat until the first of the year. A roll call vote was taken with Edinger, Hemphill, Kelly Jr. and Kelly Sr. voting Aye and Ferrante and Shrock voting Nay, motion carried.

*New Business*

*WABA Request*

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to pay for the Port A-Johns for the car cruise on August 4, 2023. All were in favor, motion carried.

*Point of Contacts/PennVest Lead Removal Project*

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to appoint the Borough Solicitor, Louis M. Perrotta, P.C., Jason E. Stanton, P.E. of LSS Engineering, Mourine Rodgers of Waltz Consultants and Sue Dean, Wampum Borough Secretary/Treasurer as the Point of Contacts for PennVest. All were in favor, motion carried.

*LSSE SOA*

A motion to table was made by Edinger, seconded by Hemphill until Mourice Waltz can review and confer with the Engineer. All were in favor, motion carried.

*Sewer Tap-in Fees*

This will need to be done by Ordinance with a provision included that states future changes can be made by Resolution.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to approve the Ordinance for the new Sewer Tap-in Fee. All were in favor, motion carried.

*Sewer/Water Ordinance Amendments*

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Edinger to adopt the amendments to Sewer Ordinance 188. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Edinger to table the amendment to Sewer Ordinance 231 at this time. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante, to adopt the amendments to the Water Rules Ordinance 318. All were in favor, motion carried.

*Transfer of Funds*

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante, to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

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***Report of Committees***

***Electric***

There is still one extremely delinquent utility customer that we are dealing with.

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to have the meter limiter installed at 242 Kay Street. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Sewer & Water***

There was damage to the meter pit at 789 Park Drive while the contractor was installing a new water line for the home.

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Edinger to send a bill for the damages to the meter pit at 789 Park Drive to the homeowner. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Budget – None***

***Buildings***

Bob Shrock wanted to know when the chimney on the gym roof was going to be done.

***Police***

Mark Benincase has a new job but would like to stay on with the borough as well. There is also an application for a new Part-time Police officer. An interview will need to be set up.

***Streets***

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Edinger, to approve the Paving job by Youngblood Paving upon final review and approval by Kelly Sr. and the street committee. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Park & Recreation***

Ferrante stated that he is still waiting to hear about the grant the borough applied for. A map is needed for the area by the Basketball court that needs repaired. The Engineer will be contacted to see if they have one from the survey that was done.

Karen Goebel asked why the park gate was not always open during the day. Jim Ferrante said he would open the gate on his way to work each morning, Monday – Saturday, and Kelly Sr. stated that he could do it on Sunday.

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

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**Sue Dean, Secretary**