

Regular Meeting March 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

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

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

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to approve the bills for February as listed. All were in favor, except Kelly Sr., motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report – None

Mayor's report – None

Visitors

Jonathan Fellion of 1506 Allen Court attended the meeting because he has some problems with his driveway. He is a retired army veteran with disabilities and has fallen on his driveway and recently a visiting Pastor fell and he required surgery for his injuries.

He is seeking a variance in order to install a carport over his driveway. He contacted Mourice Waltz and was told he needed to apply for a zoning hearing. Council is willing to work with him regarding the hearing and the fee.

Unfinished Business**Employee Handbook**

The Solicitor stated that the Employee manual should be adopted simultaneously with the Police handbook.

A motion to table was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante. All were in favor, motion carried.

Employee Hiring

The Police committee conducted interviews on the two candidates that applied for the part-time police position. Bucci thought that Mariel Piche would be the best fit for Wampum's needs.

A motion was made by Bucci, seconded by Kelly Jr. to hire Mariel Piche @ \$19.00 an hour pending a physical and background check. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bucci, seconded by Kelly Jr. to increase Mark Benincase to \$20.00 an hour. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance to remove cars during Snow Events

The Solicitor is working on this ordinance. He hasn't found one that he is comfortable with yet.

Columbia Gas/Clyde Street

The Solicitor sent notice to Columbia Gas's legal department and company base. He has not heard back from them yet. Chief Jannetti is working on writing up the citation for the ordinance violation.

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Stonecrest Development

The Solicitor has spoken with Mark Smith from HRG Engineering and has put together a checklist. The current module will be specifically with Stonecrest. There will be a cooperation agreement drawn up with New Beaver Borough. Council would also like to know what the user rate will be for Stonecrest.

The Solicitor also spoke with Wayne Township's Solicitor and was told that they no longer want to change the current agreement that Wampum holds with Wayne Township.

New Business

Wayne Township 2022 Sewer Rate

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Bucci to accept the 2022 Wayne Township Sewer rate of \$13.15/1000 gallon. All were in favor, except Kelly Sr., motion carried.

Ellwood City Area Easter Egg Hunt

The Wampum Easter Egg hunt will be on the same day as Ellwood's, Saturday, April 9 with the rain date of April 16.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Bucci not to donate to the Ellwood City Easter Egg Hunt. All were in favor, motion carried.

PSAB Conference

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Kelly Sr. to pay the registration for anyone wishing to attend the PSAB Annual Conference. All were in favor, motion carried.

Park Grant Funds

Bob Shrock received a quote from Vance to create a swale by the basketball court that will run parallel to the tracks back to the swamp to keep the water off the court. He will set up another meeting with him along with Kelly Sr. and Kelly Jr.

Park Cameras

Kelly Jr. stated that we were on the list to have the cameras installed as soon as the weather breaks.

Credit Card Fees

The borough pays approximately 3% in fees to the credit card company. Council would like to consider passing the fee off to the customer. A resolution will need to be drawn up.

Direct Deposit Fees

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Shrock to make direct deposit available for no fee to all employees and council members. All were in favor, motion carried.

Vehicles

The new dump truck will be coming in early 2023. Kelly Sr. recommends purchasing another pick-up truck at this time. There is \$21,000 in the General Money Market received from the insurance company for the old dump truck to be put towards a new vehicle.

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Darlington Road

The lower portion of Darlington Road from Main Street to State Route 18 needs repaired. Karolee will contact PennDOT regarding the drain on State Route 18 that is plugged and causing the deterioration of Darlington Road.

Thompson Electric

The quote for Electric line work on Kay Street was received from Thompson Electric. The borough will be supplying the material.

A motion was made by Hemphill, seconded by Bucci to move forward with the work quoted from Thompson Electric. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mower for Tractor

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to purchase the bush hog finishing mower from John Deere. All were in favor, except Ferrante, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds – None

Report of Committees

Electric

Cemex received the notice from the borough regarding the lights out on the smokestack. They are requesting a 30-day extension due to the fact that the vendor they use cannot do the work right away.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Kelly Sr. to not grant an extension. All were in favor, motion carried.

Sewer & Water

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Ferrante to make the final payment to Utility Contracting. All were in favor, motion carried.

Budget – None

Buildings

No quote has been received yet for the council room work that needs to be done.

Police

Frank stated that the borough needs to start thinking about replacing the police car since the current one is 10 years old. He will be back to work on March 28.

Streets – None

Park & Recreation – None

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

Sue Dean, Secretary