

Regular Meeting Monday, March 8, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

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

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

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to approve the bills for February as listed along with an additional bill from Tom's Auto for \$182.95. All were in favor, motion carried.

Communications

The Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau's next Judicial Tax Sale is scheduled for April 30, 2021. The property at 1129 Darlington Road is on the list.

Tax Collector's Report – None

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for February were 131 hours on duty, 734 miles patrolled with 50 incidences. The total mileage on the police cruiser as of February 28 was 120,386.

Visitors – None

Unfinished Business

ACT 537 Plan

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Kelly Jr. to move forward with the Act 537 Plan. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Ferrante, Loughhead and Shrock voting Nay and Kelly Sr. and Kelly Jr. voting Aye. The motion did not carry.

Armstrong Agreement

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Kelly Jr. to implement the Solicitors recommendations for the Armstrong Franchise Agreement. All were in favor, motion carried.

Cameras on Borough Building

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Kelly Sr. to obtain a price quote from Protech to install the camera system on the borough building. All were in favor, motion carried.

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Ellwood City Area Easter Egg Handouts

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Ferrante to send \$250.00 to the Ellwood City Easter Egg Hunt committee for this year's Easter Candy handouts. All were in favor, with Kelly Jr. abstaining, motion carried.

New Business

Adopt Resolution 2-2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Kelly Jr. to adopt Resolution 2-2021 adopting Lawrence County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. All were in favor, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 3-2021 Road Ordinance Update

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Kelly Jr. to adopt Resolution 3-2021 Road Ordinance Update. All were in favor, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 4-2021 Electric Rules Update

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Kelly Jr. to adopt Resolution 4-2021 Electric Rules Update. All were in favor, motion carried.

Crescent Stone Assessment Appeal

Lawrence County is contracting an Appraiser for the property Crescent Stone is appealing and Wampum Borough will need to pay 6% of the costs.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to proceed with the appraisal. All were in favor, motion carried.

Park Road Bid

The approximate quantities should be adjusted by changing item #2 from 400 ton to 412 ton and #4 from 4200 SY Double seal coat to 4500 SY.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Allen to advertise paving the park road and putting it out for bid. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to have the Engineer do the specs for the Park Road bid for costs up to \$7500.00. All were in favor, except Kelly Sr., motion carried.

New Roof on Borough Building and Borough Garage

The Solicitor instructed council to get the dates and times of the contractors that were called but did not show up and to get the Grant Administrators approval to move forward.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to proceed with the quote the borough received from Paul Boots & Sons for the new roofs once approval is given by the grant administrator. All were in favor, motion carried.

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Generator Installation

The emergency generator for the borough building will be installed behind the building. The electric will be done by Sobczak Electric. They can either put the transfer switch at the front of the building by the council room for \$5000 or run it to the back for \$13,000.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Sr. to have the transfer switch for the generator installed for \$5000. All were in favor, motion carried.

Sidewalk Opening Permit

The current fee for a sidewalk permit is \$10.00. Kelly Sr. recommends moving it to \$50.00.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to increase the fee for a sidewalk permit to \$75.00. All were in favor, motion carried.

North Main Street Paving Project

The County is awarding money for qualified projects on April 13 and are still taking applications. The borough does not know yet how much Wampum will receive.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Allen to put the paving project out for bid and to not exceed \$7500.00 in Engineering Fees. All were in favor, motion carried.

Opening Borough Office

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to open the borough office on March 18, 2021 based on the Lawrence County Courthouse's opening date. All were in favor, except Kelly Sr. and Kelly Jr., motion carried.

Beaver Valley Baseball

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Ferrante to table until the contract is drawn up. All were in favor, motion carried.

Water Rules

The water committee will meet to review and make recommended changes for the next meeting.

Sewer Rules

The sewer committee, Bob and Charlie, will meet to take a look at the current sewer rules and make recommendations for updates needed.

Ordinance #272 & #287

Chief Jannetti says there is an issue with the ordinances and that he cannot enforce the removal of junk vehicles. The Solicitor stated that the Nuisance Ordinance#287 overrides the junk vehicle ordinance #272 and should be used when citing.

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Hire Summer Employee

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Ferrante to advertise for a part-time summer employee on Indeed and at Career Links for \$10.00 an hour. All were in favor, motion carried.

Pump House Road

Emergency repairs are needed to make the pump house road safe and drivable, but not a complete fix. The quote came in at \$20,525.00. To do from the top of the hill to the pumphouse it would be an additional \$5400.00.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to do the emergency repairs to the road and the additional work to the pumphouse as well. 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, except Kelly Sr., motion carried.

A zoom meeting with Mike Pope Sr. and Mike Pope Jr. to review the borough's insurance is set for Thursday, March 11 @ 1:00 PM.

Report of Committees

Electric

Shut off notices will be sent out for an April 15th due date.

Sewer & Water

A sample of the new discharge rules came in with seven days of reporting now required. Flushing hydrants will take place on Tuesday, March 9th.

Budget

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to have the Auditor come in house this year to perform the audit. All were in favor, motion carried.

Buildings – None

Police – None

Streets – None

Park & Recreation – None

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

Sue Dean, Secretary