

Regular Meeting Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

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

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

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to approve the bills listed for October along with an additional one from Utility Contracting for \$139,152.60, partial payment request 1. All were in favor, except Shrock, motion carried.

Communications

The Police Department received a donation of \$100.00 in memory of Chief Jannetti's mother.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Bucci to accept the donation on behalf of Frank Jannetti's mother to be used by the Police Department. All were in favor, motion carried.

A letter was received from Denise Kingman, 420 Beaver Street with a complaint regarding water in her back yard from the run. Kelly Sr. took a look at it prior to the meeting and stated that there is blockage that needs to be cleaned out but since it is on private property it is not a borough issue.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr. to notify the three homeowners that are affected of the situation, that the run needs to be cleaned out. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bucci, seconded by Edinger to accept the resignation from Raleigh Boots. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Bucci to have an appraisal done on the municipal parking lot. All were in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

The beginning balance collectible on October 1, 2022, was \$13,026.60 with face collections for the month of \$2551.05, leaving an ending balance as of October 31, 2022, of \$8166.15.

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for October were 479 miles patrolled, 82.5 hours on duty with 40 incidences. The total mileage on the police car as of 10/31/22 was 130,771.

The mayor also stated that Ellport Borough has a portable speed limit sign, and he will reach out to see if it is available to rent.

Visitors – No one in attendance wanted to address council.

Unfinished Business**Borough Pick-up Truck**

There is a 2009 Ford F250 in Ohio with a western plow for \$11,900.00. Kelly Sr. will get more information on it.

Electric Contract

One quote was received from Thompson Electric. Nothing has come back yet from Yates. They will be contacted again by the committee along with Bruce & Merrilee's and Bronder Technical.

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A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Bucci to advertise Tree Ordinance 336 for adoption at the next regular meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

New Business**LSS Engineering**

The sewer and water RFPs were issued for the long term. They also distributed packets for council with user rates for the sewer and water. A special meeting to review everything will be set for Monday, November 28, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

Resolution 7-2022 DCNR

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Bucci to adopt Resolution 7-2022 for applying for grant funding from PA DCNR for the Wampum Park Improvements. All were in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 8 – 2022 Enterprise Zone Designation

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to adopt Resolution 8-2022 designating eligible zoning districts to be in the Lawrence County Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone. All were in favor, motion carried.

Christmas Decorations

Kelly Sr. and Kelly Jr. have offered to put up the Christmas lights and will begin on Wednesday, November 16th @ 8:00 AM if anyone would like to help.

Christmas Parade Donation

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to donate \$750.00 to the Wampum Area Christmas Parade. All were in favor, motion carried.

Municipal Lien

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to have Solicitor Perrotta file a municipal lien on 1028 N Main Street. All were in favor, motion carried.

Lawrence County 2023 Transportation Grant Program

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to apply for the Lawrence County 2023 Transportation Grant for paving Charles and Ella Street and possibly a second application for paving Park Drive once the cost estimate is obtained. All were in favor, motion carried.

New Employee Hiring

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Bucci to advertise for a new part-time Police Officer. All were in favor, motion carried.

The employee committee will meet to discuss hiring a new borough employee and just what the duties would be for the next meeting.

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Solar Panels in the Borough

The Borough does not permit a resident to connect solar panels to the Electric Grid.

Transfer of Funds

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

Report of Committees

Electric

There is an issue with nonpayment of utilities at a house on Beaver Street after the resident moved out.

Sewer & Water – None

Budget

A budget meeting will be set for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

Buildings

A decision needs to be made regarding the repair or replacement of the gym roof.

Police – None

Streets – None

Park & Recreation – None

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

Sue Dean, Secretary