

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

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

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Allen to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting and the two special meetings. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bucci, seconded by Allen to approve the October bills as listed along with one additional one from The New Castle News for \$170.04. All were in favor, motion carried.

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

The beginning balance collectible on 10/01/21 was \$7933.95, less face collections for the month of \$2500.65, leaving an ending balance as of 10/31/21 of \$5433.30.

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for October were 96 hours on duty, 664 miles patrolled with 38 incidences. The total mileage on the police car as of 10/31/21 was 125,055.

Visitors

Jenny Edinger attended the meeting representing WABA. They would like to request to have the streets closed for Light up Night, Thursday, December 2, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.

*Unfinished Business**Employee Handbook*

Bob Shrock has the handbook mostly completed. He will meet with the Solicitor to get the final items needed then get the final copy to the borough office for everyone's review for the December meeting.

*New Business**Christmas Parade Donation*

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

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Kelly Sr. to approve the request from WABA to close the streets for Light up Night on December 2, 2021. All were in favor, motion carried.

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A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Kelly Jr. to approve Youngblood Paving's Payment Request #1 for the Park Road Paving in the amount of \$67,201.87. All were in favor, motion carried.

LIHWAP Program

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Allen to sign the agreement with LIHWAP for assistance with Water and Wastewater services for eligible customers that have arrearages. All were in favor, motion carried.

Stonecrest Development

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Kelly Sr. to have the Council President sign the paperwork for the sewage module once it is received. All were in favor, motion carried.

Medical Insurance Renewal

Bob Shrock is still getting information on adding Vision and Dental to the policy. The renewal deadline is November 30, 2021, so a special meeting will be held.

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Bucci to table. All were in favor.

Airlines @ Sewage Plant

The cost to repair the four airlines that are in the concrete is \$19,750.00.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Bucci to approve the quote from Stefanik's for replacement of four airlines at the Sewage Treatment Plant. All were in favor, motion carried.

New Dump Truck

Kelly Jr. obtained pricing from Costars for a new truck. The cost is \$94,910.00. If ordered now it will be here in the Spring or Summer of 2023, but the price will be held.

A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Allen to get more information on financing or loan options for the December meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

Out of Borough Fire Calls

Bob Shrock has concerns about all the calls that Wampum is responding to that are not in the borough. He thinks that there should be some type of compensation if Wampum is doing all the calls. Kelly Jr. said that they respond once they are called as they are next on the list once the other department has not responded to the call.

Kelly Jr. also stated that he makes up for his time when he is called out during the workday and does not charge the borough for when he is out of the borough on calls.

Personnel

A motion was made by Kelly Sr. to hire a professional person to come in and evaluate employee wages. He rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Allen to advertise for a Part-time Police Officer with training up to \$19.00 an hour. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Bucci to hire a Full-time Worker for \$19.00 an hour depending on experience. All were in favor, Kelly Sr. abstained, motion carried.

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Council would like to have the employment ads sent to Career Links, posted to the Borough's Website and possibly with PSAB.

Capital Reserve Transfer

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Bucci to transfer \$5000.00 from the Electric Checking to the Capital Reserve Money Market. All were in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Bucci, seconded by Shrock to transfer \$91,000.00 from the General Money Market to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bucci, seconded by Allen to transfer \$9000.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

Report of Committees

Electric – None

Sewer & Water – None

Budget

The Solicitor stated the assessment appeal was finalized for Tri-Star (Dollar General) with the old assessment at \$376,400 and the new one at 1,107,200.

The decision on the Wampum Mines was more involved as part of the property is in Wampum Borough and part in New Beaver Borough. The Board of Assessment Office broke down the properties for re-assessment. Some of them increased and some decreased.

Buildings – None

Police – None

Streets

Columbia Gas was to get in contact with the Borough regarding Clyde Street but it hasn't happened.

The mower that was rented will be here next week to do the roads/weeds in the borough.

Park & Recreation

There is still \$14,375.00 remaining from the grant to be used for Park Equipment. It must be completed by June 30, 2022.

Council will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.

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

Sue Dean, Secretary