

Regular Meeting Monday, October 10, 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 Shrock to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting and the special meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bucci, seconded by Ferrante to approve the bills for September as listed along with additional ones from L/B Water for \$750.00 and New Castle News for \$459.18. All were in favor, motion carried.

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

The beginning balance collectible as of 9/01/22 was \$10,717.20. There were no collections for the month so the ending balance collectible as of 9/30/22 was \$10,717.20.

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for September were 89.5 hours on duty, 538 miles patrolled with 38 incidences. The total mileage on the cruiser as of September 30 was 130,292.

Visitors

Dorothy Miller of 1034 Main Street revisited the speed sign that New Beaver Borough put up. She said the sign costs \$3500.00, and it was paid for by Mines & Meadows.

New Business***New Beaver Borough Presentation***

Prior to the start of the meeting New Beaver Borough Mayor Crawford presented a plaque to the council in recognition of the 225th anniversary of Wampum Borough.

Tree Ordinance# 336-2022

Changes that the council wanted made in order to approve the adoption of the ordinance were discussed.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Bucci to have the Solicitor make the changes that council discussed for the Tree Ordinance to have it ready for advertisement. All were in favor, motion carried.

Tree-1066 N Main Street

The tree at the corner of 1066 N Main Street hangs out over the street and the school bus has a hard time seeing up the road when pulling out from Jacob Street onto Main Street. The Police Chief will be contacting the homeowner to have it trimmed back.

Lawrence County Tourism Ad

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to do the free ad with the Lawrence County Tourism. All were in favor, motion carried.

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A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Bucci to approve sending two letters of support for the county's application to PHFA for their countywide blight removal program. All were in favor, motion carried.

ARPA Funds Transfer

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Bucci to transfer the \$34,545.05 ARPA funds from General Checking to Water Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

Plunkett's Pest Removal Proposal

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Bucci to approve the pest control proposal from Plunkett's for \$500 a year, billed quarterly. All were in favor, motion carried.

Stop & Shop Lot Purchase Request

Jim Arafa, the owner of Stop & Shop is interested in purchasing the other half of the parking lot by his store from the Borough. He stated that he had paving done on his half because it was cracking but without doing the entire lot his side will continue to crack, it must be repaired and paved as a whole.

The Solicitor stated that an appraisal will need to be done and if it comes in under \$6000.00 the borough can sell it to him if they so wish. If it comes in above the \$6000.00 then it would have to be put out to bid in order to sell.

The council will meet with Jim to discuss and take a look at it prior to the next regular meeting.

CUSI Customer Web Portal

In order to set up online accounts for automatic bill pay with Continental Utility Billing the borough will need to have a Web Portal that will need to be maintained. The customer will pay a convenience fee of 2.25% to pay their bill online and the borough will be charged \$140.00 for two years in order to maintain the security certificate for the site. A demo was provided that will be sent to the council members to review prior to the next meeting.

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

Employee Training

The employee committee will meet with the new employee to discuss training prior to the next meeting.

New Dump Truck

Bill @ Stephenson Equipment said that they are expecting the new truck to be in at the beginning of 2023.

Pickup Truck

Kelly Jr. put the 2012 Ford F250 on Municibid for sale with a reserve of \$5000.00. The reserve has already been met.

They have a 2011 for sale with 64,000 miles that comes with a snowplow. Kelly Jr. along with Edinger and Kelly Sr. will take a trip to check it out to see if it will be worth purchasing.

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Electric Contract

Requests for proposals will need to be sent out. Thompson Electric and Yates Electric are two that are in the area.

Sewer & Water Testing

Remote monitoring was discussed for the water and sewer. Book & Proch can SCADA the water but not the sewage plant. Pricing will need to be obtained from Book & Proch for the sewage plant.

Transfer of Funds

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

Report of Committees

Electric

Jim Ferrante will serve on the Electric Committee in the absence of John Hemphill until he is recovered.

Sewer & Water – None

Budget

The budget worksheet will be ready for November 1 for the council.

Buildings

Nothing has been received yet for the repair on the gym roof. Boots will need to be contacted again.

Police – None

Streets

Pricing for the speed limit signs will be obtained for the next meeting.

Park & Recreation

Jim Ferrante is working on the grant application that is due October 14. He will need a letter from the borough by that date.

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

Sue Dean, Secretary