

## **Regular Meeting October 9, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

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

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

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Eichler, to approve the bills for September as listed along with additional bills from Book & Proch for \$9318.00 and \$12,133.00. All were in favor, motion carried.**

### ***Communications***

DEP sent notice to the borough that they will need an additional 60 days to review the Act 537 plan.

DCNR announced the borough will receive a park grant in the amount of \$73,000.00. Kelly Sr. commended Jim Ferrante for his hard work obtaining the grant for the borough.

### ***Tax Collector's Report***

The beginning balance collectible on September 1 was \$25,470.00, less face collections for the month of \$3,148.65, leaving an ending balance collectible as of September 30 of \$22,321.35.

### ***Mayor's Report***

The Police totals for August and September were 613 miles patrolled, 59 total incidents and 107.5 hours on duty.

### ***Visitors***

Tom Franus – 1048 N Main Street

Tom wanted an update on what is happening regarding his complaint about 1045 N Main Street and the junk in the yard. Kelly Sr. stated that he would contact the Police Chief to check the status of the situation.

Karen Shakespeare – 620 JFK Street

Karen has an issue with stray cats on her street. They are making a mess, and she would like something done about it. There is a lady down the street that is feeding all the cats.

The borough will look into a feral cat ordinance, the issue is if the stray cats are trapped where will they be taken.

Karen Goebel – 425 Beaver Street

Karen wanted to know if any street sweeping will be done this year. The borough's street sweeper is not operable. Council will check into having someone come in to sweep the streets temporarily.

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**Unfinished Business**

***Police Hire***

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to hire Tom Sansone as the new Part-time Police Officer for the borough as soon as all of his paperwork comes back, starting at \$20.00 an hour. A roll call vote was taken with Edinger, Ferrante, Kelly Sr. and Shrock voting Aye and Eichler and Kelly Jr. voting nay, motion carried.

***Interim Financing***

The interim financing has been secured. A closing date has not been set yet.

***Lawrence County Tourism Ad***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to approve the free listing ad with Lawrence County Tourism. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Ordinance 338 – Sewer Tap in Fees***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to adopt Ordinance #338 setting the sewer tap-in fees. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Ordinance #339 – Sewer Abandonment***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to adopt Ordinance #339 regarding sewer dwelling abandonment. A roll call vote was taken with Edinger, Eichler, Kelly Sr., Kelly Jr. and Shrock voting Aye and Ferrante voting Nay, motion carried.

***Ordinance #340 Nuisance***

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to adopt Ordinance #340, the new Nuisance Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to advertise Ordinance #341 to be adopted at the next regular meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Adopt Resolution #6-2023***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to adopt Resolution 6-2023 for the PennVest Water System Lead Service Line. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Adopt Resolution #7-2023***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Eichler to adopt Resolution 7-2023 for the PennVest Water System Lead Joint Distribution Line Replacement. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Adopt Resolution #8-2023***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to adopt Resolution 8-2023 approving an application for the CFA Grant. All were in favor, motion carried.

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***Approve Payment of Norfolk Southern Application Review Fee***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to approve payment of \$2500.00 to Norfolk Southern for their Application Review Fee for the PennVest Application. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Adopt Resolution #9-2023***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Eichler to adopt Resolution 9-2023 for PennVest Reimbursement Contract A. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Adopt Resolution #10-2023***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to adopt Resolution 10-2023 for PennVest Reimbursement Contract B. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Resolution #11-2023***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to adopt Resolution 11-2023 approving Chuck Kelly Sr. and Sue Dean as the authorized signers for the interim financing with First National Bank. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Eichler to approve opening an account with First National Bank, with an opening deposit of \$1000.00. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Town Leaf Pick-up***

The streets need to be addressed once all of the leaves come down. The borough's street sweeper is out of commission. Jim Ferrante said he will contact a few people regarding sweeping the borough streets.

***Transfer of Funds***

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to transfer \$8260.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Report of Committees***

***Electric*** – The Thompson Electric project has been completed.

***Sewer & Water*** – None

***Budget*** – The first Budget meeting will be held on October 23, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

***Buildings*** – None

***Police***- The old Police car is not ready to be put on Municibid yet. The vascar and gps need to be put in the new cruiser first. The Secretary will call and set up the appointments needed.

***Streets*** – None

***Park & Recreation*** – Volunteers are needed for some work at the park.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Eichler. All were in favor, meeting adjourned @ 8:20 PM.

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Sue Dean, Secretary