

## **Regular Meeting Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

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

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

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to approve the bills as listed for August. All were in favor, motion carried.**

### *Communications*

Morgan Boyd would like the borough to consider passing a resolution in support of the Lawrence County Growth Collaborative. Council would like to have him talk with council to learn more about it.

The Northwest Commission has a program that might benefit the borough with the Sewer Plant. A meeting will be set up to get more information.

### *Tax Collector's Report*

The beginning balance collectible as of August 1, 2022, was \$105,862.05. Face Collections for the month totaled \$95,144.85 leaving an ending balance as of August 31, 2022 of \$10,717.20.

### *Mayor's Report*

The Police totals for July and August were 164.5 hours on duty, 923 miles patrolled with 66 incidences. The total mileage on the police cruiser as of August 31, 2022, was 129,724.

### *Visitors*

Dorothy Miller of 1034 N Main Street had concerns regarding the speeding traffic on their street and wanted the borough to check into an electronic sign showing the driver their speed in hopes that they would slow down to the speed limit of 25 mph.

Council will check with New Beaver Borough to see what the cost was of the one they currently have up.

### *New Business*

#### *Karolee Loughhead's Resignation*

**A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Kelly Jr. to accept the resignation from council from Karolee Loughhead. All were in favor, except Ferrante, motion carried.**

#### **Nominate New Council President**

**Jim Ferrante nominated Bob Shrock for council president, but Bob declined the nomination.**

**A motion was made by Hemphill, seconded by Kelly Jr. to nominate Chuck Kelly Sr. for Council President. A roll call vote was taken with Hemphill, Kelly Sr. & Kelly Jr. voting Aye and Ferrante and Shrock voting Nay. The motion carried 3-2.**

#### *Vacant Council Seat*

**A motion was made by Kelly Sr., seconded by Hemphill to install Thomas Edinger of 1062 N Main Street for the vacant council seat. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.**

#### *Adopt Tree Ordinance # 336-2022*

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Shrock to wait until the next meeting once additional changes are made. All were in favor, except Hemphill and Kelly Sr., motion carried.**

**Regular Meeting Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM*****Adopt Resolution 4-2022 Act 57***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to adopt Resolution 4-2022 establishing the process and procedures as set forth in Act 57 for taxpayers seeking a waiver of late payment penalties for real estate taxes. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Adopt Resolution 5-2022 Huntington Loan***

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to adopt resolution 5-2022 approving the water loan from Huntington Bank in the amount of \$100,000.00. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Approve Youngblood Paving Request***

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to approve the request from Youngblood Paving for final payment of the park access paving project in the amount of \$20,173.13. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Quotes for the Park Upgrades***

Two quotes were obtained for the work but only one included both materials and installation. The other one was just for the materials. Mahoning Builders was contacted but a quote was not received as of today's meeting.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to accept the quote from J&S Construction for the new doors on the bathrooms at the park and siding on the shelter eaves for \$6800.00 and to still try to receive another quote. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Shelter Painting***

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

***Trick-Or-Treat Night***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to hold Trick-or-Treat night in Wampum Borough on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 6-8 PM. All were in favor, motion carried.

***WABA Requests***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to grant the requests from WABA to close Main Street for the Fall Fest on October 15, 2022, Light-up the Town on Thursday, December 1, 2022, and the Parade Committee for Saturday, December 3, 2022. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Wampum Property Owners Revised order***

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to approve the revised Consent Order of Court for the Wampum mines settlement. All were in favor, motion carried.

***Borough Pickup Truck***

The 2012 Ford F250 is due for State Inspection by September 30, 2022 and has some issues both mechanical and physical. Brent Matus took a look at it and gave an estimate for repairs, \$2000 - \$3000 for the mechanical work which he could do and \$5000 for the body work which will be sent to a guy in New Castle that he knows. Kelly Sr. will get in contact with both to discuss the body work that is planned.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to proceed with the work if the quote is under \$10,000.00. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Regular Meeting Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM*****Stonecrest Developer's Agreement***

The Borough's Engineer will have the figures for the user fees and tap-in fees by the October meeting.

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr. to have the Solicitor move forward with the Stonecrest Developer's agreement. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Stonecrest HOP Application***

**A motion was made by Hemphill, seconded by Kelly Jr. to approve the Highway Occupancy Permit Application for Stonecrest. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Approve RFPs for Water & Wastewater***

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to approve the RFP for Water with a site visit on September 22 in the afternoon. All were in favor, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to approve the RFP for Wastewater with a site visit on September 22 in the morning. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Water Operator Agreement***

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to approve the Water Operator Agreement with Book & Proch ending 12/31/22 and to get the numbers for the costs from the Operator. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.**

***Wastewater Operator Agreement***

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to approve the Wastewater Operator Agreement with Book & Proch ending 12/31/22. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.**

***STMP/Terri Cunkle***

Terri Cunkle from DCED attended the meeting to discuss the different programs available to the borough. There is a mini STMP Program, and the consultant is free. The borough can apply for STMP grant through DCED. The project cost would be between \$40,000 & \$50,00 and the Borough would be responsible for 10% of the total cost if approved. There would be a Financial Condition Assessment and Financial Trend Forecasting done as part of the steps.

***Full-time Employee***

Everything will stay as is for now.

***Time Clock***

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to install a time clock at the borough garage for new employees use. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Freedom Associates Sewer Bill***

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to approve the Freedom Associates September bill for Sewer Testing. All were in favor, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Hemphill, seconded by Shrock to send out the TSS and Fecal Coliforms for testing this month to Freedom Associates. All were in favor, motion carried.**

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***Credit Card Fees***

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to accept cash, checks, on-line payments and credit cards with a convenience fee for utility bills. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Employee Handbook/Police Manual***

The two will need to be adopted together and the Police Manual still needs to be reviewed by the Chief. **A motion to table was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Transfer of Funds***

**A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to transfer \$20,173.13 from the General Money Market to General Checking for Youngblood Paving's bill. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Report of Committees***

***Electric***

Training for reading the meters will be set up with L/B Water.

***Sewer & Water***

There are several PA One Calls at the office that need to be marked for the water project. Kelly Sr. stated that he would do them since there is no one else qualified at this time.

***Budget – None***

***Buildings***

The problem with the gym roof needs to be looked at.

***Police – None***

***Street***

Cold patch can be placed in some of the potholes by Raleigh since he can run the backhoe. Mayor Altman will get it ordered along with some stone and sand from Youngblood.

***Park & Recreation – None***

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

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**Sue Dean, Secretary**