

**Regular Meeting May 8, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken with Thomas Edinger, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Bob Shrock, Mayor Altman, and Jim Ferrante via phone were present. Also at the meeting was Solicitor Perrotta. Absent from the meeting was Tony Bucci and John Hemphill.

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to approve the previous meeting minutes for April. All were in favor, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to approve the bills listed for April, along with an additional one from the New Castle News for \$182.27. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Communications***

The broadband surveys the County is asking residents to complete are due by May 26.

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

The Police totals for April were 90.5 hours on duty, 616 miles patrolled with 37 incidents. The total mileage on the cruiser as of April 30 was 133,820.

***Visitors***

Gail Blakeley – 310 Main Street

Gail has continued problems with her yard after the Waterline Project was completed. Kelly Sr. spoke with the borough's engineer regarding the issues and sent pictures. The engineer will be sending a two-week notice to the contractor to fix the issues.

She stated that the area where the trenches are dug is very rough and there are three deep holes. Her gas line was broken during construction, and she was without heat for one night. She also had to remove stones herself that were pushed under her bushes instead of being removed. The grass needs to be reseeded as well.

Karen Goebel – Friend of the Park

Karen thanked the borough for everything that has been done at the park. She is requesting some topsoil for around two trees for planting. One at the entrance to the park and the other by the playground and possibly some new mulch for the playground area.

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to approve the purchase of mulch, soil, and plants for the park. All were in favor, motion carried.**

John LaCarte – Stonecrest Development

John stated that they have all the permits required to move forward and that DEP has accepted all the plans. The urgency now is the state funding they received. He would like to get the project out to bid and wants to finalize the Developer's Agreement with Wampum Borough. He is open to reimburse costs until revenue will support the sewer system and can prepay some of the tap-in fees. A meeting will be held with Solicitor Perrotta, John LaCarte and the Engineer this Friday, May 12 @ 9:00 AM to discuss the agreement.

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***Unfinished Business***

***Pope Sewer Exoneration Request***

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to deny the request from Mike Pope for a sewer exoneration for 705 Church Street. A roll call vote was taken with Kelly Sr., Kelly Jr. and Edinger voting Aye and Ferrante and Shrock voting Nay. The motion carried 3-2.**

***New Business***

***Execute Property Sales Agreement***

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to authorize the sales agreement for the Municipal Parking Lot. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Lawrence County Liquid Fuel Funds Program***

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr., to apply for funding from Lawrence County's Liquid Fuel Funds for the park drainage problem. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Resolution 3-2023 Liquid Fuel Funds***

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to approve, and adopt Resolution 3-2023 applying for the Lawrence County Liquid Fuel Funds Program. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Park Upgrades***

**This was approved during the visitors' portion with Karen Goebel.**

***Employee Hiring***

**Bob Shrock wanted to know if Kelly Jr. thought he could keep up with all the summer work or if he needed an additional hire for help. He stated that he could get everything done.**

**A motion was made by Edinger, seconded by Kelly Jr. to put gravel and dirt in the new container at the Entrance to the Borough on Route 18 with the new sign. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***High Grass Violations***

**The Mayor is currently working on the previous violation list with the Police Chief and there are some new ones as well. The house at 1028 Main Street was inspected by the Building Code Officer. The house is sound from the outside and he is not able to get inside to look around. An Administrative Search Warrant will need to be obtained by the Borough Police.**

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to have the Police obtain an administrative search warrant for 1028 Main Street. All were in favor, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to put the sewer charges back on for 1028 Main Street and 100 Water Street. All were in favor, motion carried.**

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***Transfer of Funds***

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. To transfer \$12,400.00 from the Money Market General to the General Checking and \$10,000.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Report of Committees***

***Electric – None***

***Sewer & Water – None***

***Budget***

**A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Edinger to approve new credit cards with Huntington Bank. Two cards will be issued, one for the borough office with a \$12,000.00 credit limit and one for Charles Kelly with a \$6000.00 credit limit. All were in favor, motion carried.**

***Park & Recreation***

Theo Zelepos is currently working on the pillars on the main park shelter. Jim Ferrante requested that the handicap parking sign be moved over so that the date on the pillar in front of the parking space is visible. The Park Closed signs from Covid-19 will also need to be removed.

***Executive Session Called @ 8:30 PM and was adjourned @ 8:40 PM***

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to initiate the bad checks notice for Bylon Hemskey. All were in favor, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to start the proceedings for filing a municipal lien on 242 Kay Street. All were in favor, motion carried.**

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

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**Sue Dean, Secretary**