

Regular Meeting June 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken with TJ Edinger, Jim Ferrante, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Bob Shrock and Mayor Altman present. John Hemphill was also present by phone. Also in attendance was Solicitor Perrotta.

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

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to approve the bills for May as listed. All were in favor, motion carried.

Communications – None

Tax Collector's Report – None

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for May were 582 miles patrolled, 36 incidents and 83 hours on duty. The total mileage on the police car as of 05/31/23 was 134,402.

Visitors

Kelly Kelly of 1033 Main Street would like something done about the trees along State Route 18 coming off of Clyde Street. It is difficult to see when turning onto Route 18 going towards the Dollar General. The Borough will do the cutting after talking with the property owners.

Karen Goebel of 425 Beaver Street is concerned about the properties in town that are in disrepair, especially two buildings on Main Street. She is worried about the value of the other properties coming down because of this. Ordinances are not being enforced and some sidewalks are crumbling, and need replaced.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock to have Jeff Richardson do an inspection at 335 Main Street and 330 Main Street. All were in favor, motion carried.

Amy Pinkle of 366 Main Street has a problem with the lack of Police presence in town. She states that they are not on duty when the late burning is taking place. She has proof on her phone and would like to know what can be done about it.

She was advised that she could call 911, or the non-emergency number, 724-656-9300 and they will send the fire department to put it out. This will create an incident number that the police can use for enforcement.

Mike Pope – 705 Church Street

He wanted to know why he was denied suspending sewer charges at his building that was formerly the Insurance Office. The building is empty, and he removed the facilities. He stated that he followed all the rules, and he would like a copy of the sewer ordinances.

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Max Knetchtel/Lori Abels - 100 Water Street

They have received the NOV from Jeff Richardson and have completed some of the work but need additional time to finish. The Solicitor suggested sending pictures to the building code officer showing the progress and asking for additional time.

Unfinished Business***Stonecrest Developer's Agreement***

John LaCarte was in attendance, and he is willing to pay for 12 taps now. The Borough will also be reimbursed quarterly for costs until the system starts to make money. Tap-in fees were also discussed. The Engineering costs will be reimbursed to the borough as well as soon as copies are sent to them.

Billing for the taps will be done monthly once the system is turned on at the commercial rate of \$75.00.

Quarterly reconciliation stops once the borough reaches a certain number of taps or when two consecutive quarters show the costs are covered.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to set the tap-in fee at \$2000.00. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to bill Stonecrest for 12 taps a month @ \$75.00 each with a reconciliation sent quarterly once the system is completed and turned on. A roll vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to accept and approve the Stonecrest Developer's Agreement contingent upon review and final approval by the Borough Solicitor. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

New Business***Accept Tony Bucci's Resignation***

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr. to accept the resignation from council and Constable from Tony Bucci effective immediately. All were in favor, motion carried.

Vacancy Appointment

Bob Shrock suggested that council appoint one that was already running for office. Of the three, Frank Ferrucci had the highest number of votes and would be the obvious choice. Kelly Sr. thinks that council should appoint a neutral person.

A motion to table until the July meeting was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

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Mahoning Builders Quote

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Shrock to table until a drawing is obtained of the wet area in the park to address and additional quotes can be obtained. All were in favor, motion carried.

Water/Sewer Charges

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Edinger to charge \$100 inspection fee on Sewer and Water. All were in favor, motion carried.

Burning Ordinance

The Mayor will send the Police to the residents that are violating the ordinance along with a copy of the burning ordinance with a warning on the first offense.

Mechanical Amusement Tax

As a curtesy the Mayor will talk to the bar owner regarding paying the tax that was due at the beginning of the year.

Traffic Coming out of the Park

Traffic coming out of the park after ballgames does not stop at the park entrance when pulling out onto Park Drive into oncoming traffic.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to install a stop sign at the park entrance by Ordinance. All were in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr. to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to transfer half of the total for the Police car from the Money Market Capital Reserve and the other half from the Money Market General. All were in favor, motion carried.

Report of Committees

Electric – None

Sewer & Water

Kelly Sr. stated that he would like to see the two wells begin paying a sewer fee, as neither is currently being charged.

Budget – None

Buildings

The chimney on the gym roof has not been taken down yet. Kelly Jr. stated that he would be working on it next week. Dollar General never completed the land development according to their plan. Jeff Richardson will be contacted.

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Police

The police car is currently not in service, and they are having trouble finding the part needed to fix it.

Streets – None

Park & Recreation

Jim Ferrante received a call from Andrea @ DCNR regarding the grant the borough applied for. She stated that it is looking positive for the borough at this time for receiving funding.

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

Sue Dean, Secretary