

Regular Meeting November 13, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Edinger, Jason Eichler, Jim Ferrante, John Hemphill, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Bob Shrock and Mayor Altman present. Also present at the meeting was Solicitor Perrotta.

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

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

Communications

An invitation was received from Lawrence County Tourism regarding their annual dinner meeting on 12/8/2023 for anyone interested in attending.

Mark Benincase turned in his resignation as a police officer for the borough.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante, to accept the resignation of Mark Benincase. All were in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

The beginning balance collectible as of October 1 was \$22,321.35, less face collections for the month of \$1388.70. This leaves an ending balance as of October 31 of \$20,932.65.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante, to accept the tax collector's report. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor swore in Tom Sansone, the new part-time police officer on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Visitors

Karen Shakespeare - 620 JFK Street

She is still asking for help with the stray cats on her street. Jim Ferrante stated that he contacted the Humane Society, and they have a program to spay/neuter stray cats then re-release them back to where they were captured.

Tom Franus – 1048 N Main Street

Tom wanted to know the status of his complaint about his neighbor's junk in their front yard at 1045 N Main Street. The Mayor stated that he would get in touch with Chief Jannetti to see what is being done and will let Tom know.

Rich Dusenberry – 1045 N Main Street

Rich stated that his hobby is demolition derby cars, and he has them on his property. He did state that he had a visit from the Mayor that made him mad. He does not see anything wrong with his hobby or his house. His neighbors do not agree.

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Unfinished Business

UPS Drop Box

Jim Arafa, the owner of Stop & Shop agreed to do it. He also stated that the person requesting it will need to do all the leg work if they want one in town.

Fire Whistle

Kelly Jr. is going to try to make some changes to it tomorrow to lower the sound.

Snow Plowing

A plan is needed in case Kelly Jr. is working while it is snowing. Kelly Sr. stated that he would do it free of charge if the snow arrives while Jr. is at work.

New Business

Adopt Ordinance #341 – Water Rules Amendment

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to adopt Ordinance # 341 amending the water rules. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor, motion carried.

Wampum Area Christmas Parade

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to give a donation of \$750.00 to the Wampum Area Christmas Parade. All were in favor, motion carried.

Water Loan Payoff

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to pay off the water loan with Northwest Savings Bank out of the Water Money Market Account. All were in favor, motion carried.

Book & Proch Proposals

Book & Proch submitted two separate proposals for repairs at well 101. They were reviewed and discussed but no action was taken at this time.

Solar Ordinance

The Solicitor supplied a draft solar ordinance to council for review. For a solar farm the amount of Bond is important to consider along with de-commissioning it. Some input will be required from our zoning officer.

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

Feral Cat Ordinance

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to advertise the Feral Cat Ordinance for adoption at the next regular meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

Employee Wages

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante to increase the Secretary/Treasurer's wages to \$39,130.00 with the overtime rate to remain the same. A roll call vote was taken with Edinger, Eichler, Hemphill, Kelly Sr., and Kelly Jr. voting Nay and Ferrante and Shrock voting Aye. The motion did not pass.

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Adopt Resolution 12-2023

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante to adopt Resolution 12-2023 for the AMP power pool agreement. All were in favor, motion carried.

AMP Master Service Agreement

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to adopt the new AMP Master Service Agreement upon review and approval of Norm Baron at Utility Engineers, Inc. All were in favor, motion carried.

Borough Sweep

The list from the sweep is long. Some of the houses on Kay Street were already done by Jeff Richardson. Some of the violations can be handled by the borough's ordinance and not the building code officer. Everyone agreed that the bigger ones should be done first.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill to follow through with the ten most egregious properties. All were in favor, motion carried.

Yellow Line on Main Street

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to have the yellow line painted on Main Street from Route 288 to the borough line. All were in favor, motion carried.

Employee Christmas

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Hemphill to give a \$100 Walmart gift card to the full-time employee and all part-time employees for Christmas. All were in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds – None

Report of Committees

Electric – None

Sewer & Water

The new owner of the property located at 2403 Old Route 18 wanted to know about running a new sewer line from the garage at the end of the property to the main sewer line. He will need to run the line himself and install a grinder pump. He will first need to apply to the borough and give the specifications on what he is planning to do.

Budget – None

Buildings – None

Police

The new police officer will need a uniform and vest.

Streets

Kelly Jr. will get pricing on repairing the street sweeper for the next regular meeting.

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Park & Recreation

There is a grant meeting on Thursday, November 16th that both Jim Ferrante and Bob Shrock will be attending.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Hemphill. All were in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Sue Dean, Secretary