

Minutes- Regular Council Meeting

April 3, 2023

Council President Clint Warnick opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. Council Members present were Stephanie Van Tine, Josh James, Rich Macura, Chad Westerman, Jacob Whitlock; Mayor Zack Gent, Solicitor Matt Kalina, KLH Engineer Robert Horvat, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Greiser. Treasurer Rich Hill and Superintendent Ken Boroski were absent.

The Regular Council Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the March 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the March 14, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT- Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve the Public Works Report. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Public Safety Reports. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

INVOICES- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the Invoices. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT- Mayor Zack Gent reported he sent out emailed different grant opportunities for the Borough at the Federal and State level. Mayor Zack Gent proposed having June 1St as a day to honor George Wolfe and lifelong resident of the Borough who just recently passed away. Mayor Zack Gent reported he was looking at dates to have Brigid Beatty from the Armstrong County Planning & Development look at some of the blighted properties within the borough. Mayor Gent reported the Renaming of the Post Office as be delayed by the Post Office.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT- Tom Bin reported to Council about making a new Comprehensive Plan, since the old plan needs to be updated and Cheyenne Filous from the Planning Commission spoke with someone that would come in and educate everyone on the process in forming a new Comprehensive Plan and if they could schedule for next meeting. Council President Clint Warnick asked if it could wait until August with all the work going into the sewage plant on meeting deadlines.

SOLICITOR REPORT- Nothing to report at this time.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Rob and Kelly Toy were present to inquire about the sewage rate increase, if it would be increase all at once, Council President Clint Warnick said it would be over the next two years. Floyd Lux was also present to inquire about the sewage rate increase, he was worried about people like himself on fixed income not being able to pay their sewage bills. Emil Hanulk, Jr. was present to inquire about the right-a-way on his property at Market Street, Solicitor Kalina said he would get his information and look into who would have ownership of the right-a-way.

PUBLIC WORKS- Rob Hovat from KLH Engineering reported the PA H20 Grant Application has been submitted and a decision will be made in September 2023 in the awarding of the funds. The PennVest settlement deadline has been extended to July 31, 2023, and the pre-settlement conference call took place on February 7'. Settlement is scheduled for May 17, 2023. Construction contracts and bond funding will need to be placed prior to settlement. The Chapter 94 Report for 2022 was submitted to the PADep on March 24%, 2023. Solicitor Kalina did not have enough time to prepare the ordinance for the sewage rate increase, so Council will hold a Special Meeting to approve the Ordinance to increase the sewage rates, on Monday, April 17, 2023, to pass the ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY, PROPERTY & ORDINANCE- Josh James reported 629 High Street came of the Blighted List and 67 Mian Street is ready to be demolished.

PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY- Karen Bailon from Son Rise Community Church was present to seek permission on having a 5k Prayer Walk at the Borough Field or Riverside Park, was seeking if August 5, 2023, would be available on either the Borough Field or Riverside Park. Council asked to confirm on August 5th.

FINANCE- 35 delinquent accounts were mailed out for the month of March. Motion was made by Chad Westerman to approve the purchase of photo frames from Staples to frame to Leader Times article that was sent to the Borough. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried.

ELECTRONICS- Web. Jacob Whitlock reported is up but not live but still gather information.

PERSONNEL- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the employee disciplinary from being used going forward for Brough employees. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine and 2nd by Chad Westerman at 6:49 P.M. to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.