

## Minutes- Regular Council Meeting

August 7, 2023

Council President Clint Warnick opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Josh James, Stephanie VanTine, Jacob Whitlock; Solicitor Matt Kalina, KLH Engineer Robert Horvat, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Greiser, Borough Manager Zachary Filous, Police Chief Chris Fabic, Secretary Mariah Jones. Treasurer Rich Hill, Mayor Zack Gent, Chad Westerman, and Richard Macura, 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 May 1, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh James. Motion Carried.

Borough Manager Report- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Borough Manager report. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie VanTine. Motion Carried.

Public Safety Report- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the Public Safety Report. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh James. Motion Carried

Police Report- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the Police Report. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh James. Motion Carried

Invoices- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the invoices. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh James. Motion Carried

Treasurer Reports- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine. to approve the Treasurer Reports. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob Whitlock. Motion Carried.

Mayor Report- Mayor Zack Gent was not present.

Planning Commission Report- Planning Commission President not present.

Solicitor Report- Nothing to report at this time. Request a call to executive prior to personnel.

Citizen Comments- Michael Huclock III shows the building plans for the BP expansion. Building plans for remodel for proposed liquor license. Beer sale 7 am to 10 pm Monday to Saturday. 7 am to 9 pm Sunday. Jim Swartz, as questions on the status of the fire truck and the boroughs responsibility to insure and protect. Jim asked to have banners spread around town. Jim asks status of union Borough Workers contract. Dan Klemens question regarding large trash truck on Hickory Way. Requests trash company use smaller vehicle. Gary Risch Jr. (VFD President) wants to discuss the new fire truck and the agreements along with that. Will save comments for location in agenda. Rob – receive settlement deadline for Pennvest. Working with me to work on funding application in November to get street sweeper.

Public Works- Robert Horvat stated that the PennVest grant has been extended. Progress is being made to close the bond. Working with Borough Manager to apply for a grant that is due in November to help fund a new street sweeper. Clint Warnick motions to limit the borrowing for new sewage treatment plant to 5.5 million with Freeport Borough funding the remainder from various funds. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob Whitlock. Motion carried. Josh James motion to approve Ordinance 408 laying out the terms of the bond funding. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried.

Public Safety, Property, & Ordinance- 67 Main St. and 507 Market St. have been demolished. Josh James motion to approve the re-zoning of the Business District to include 508 Franklin St. at the cost of Allen Keppel and the discretion of the Borough Manager. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Vantine. Motion Carried. Josh James motions to approve Resolution 2023, # 3 to approve liquor license transfer to the BP Gas Station located at 224 Buffalo. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob Whitlock. Motion carried. Council and Fire Department agree to terms for new fire truck that include \$5,000 yearly investment to VFD and council approval for truck to go anywhere within 30-mile radius for Maintenance, fueling, and training. Josh James motions to approve agreement conditional to the solicitor's edits. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Vantine. Motion carried. Josh James motion for solicitor to move forward with conservatorship process at 67 Main Street. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob Whitlock. Motion carried. Josh James motion to approve a handicap sign be placed between 113 and 115 Buffalo Street. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation, & Community- No changes at this time.

Finance- 8 Current delinquent accounts. Sharp Collections recovered \$72.00 for June and \$2.25 for July.

Electronics, Web- Jacob Whitlock expressed no changes with online bill pay research at this time.

Move to executive Session 7:09 pm

End executive session at 7:22 pm with no straw votes taken.

Personnel- Stephanie VanTine motion to approve the terms of the CBA agreement for union employees. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh James. Motion carried.

Clint Warnick motion to adjure the regular council meeting at 7:29 pm. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Vantine. Motion carried.