

## Minutes-Regular Council Meeting

February 6, 2023

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

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

Minutes- Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve the January 9, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT- No Report

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT- No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Fire Department Report. Motion was 2nd by Zachary Filous. Motion carried.

POLCIE REPORT- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Police Report. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried.

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

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

MAYOR REPORT- Mayor Gent asked Council if they had any objections in putting a plaque at the Borough Field in memory of a Borough Worker who 50 years ago, lost his life while working in the ballfield. Everyone agreed to have a plaque to honor the former Borough Worker. Mayor Gent reported he met with Tom Sweeny on the preparations for Memorial Day, and also asked Zachary Filous if he would like to be involved with the events. Mayor Gent reported he had office hours, and everything went well. Mayor Gent reported he met with Allegheny Valley Pickleball Club, trying to bring the sport into the area.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT- Tom Bin reported the County advertised highlighting Freeport as a trail town. Tom Binz also reported there is funding available for sidewalk repairs.

SOLICITOR REPORT- No Public Report

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Nelson Milano the Watershed Coordinator for the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania was present to discuss the numerous ways Audubon Society can support the communities in the area, along with the different programs that offered through the Audubon Society. Lori Mill from Washington Street asked Council if there was a written agreement on the different council committees each council member holds, Council President Clint Warnick said there was no written agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS- Rob Horvat from KLH, reported that PennVest extended the settlement deadline from January 31, 2023 to May 31, 2023. The pre-settlement conference call is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>. Rob Horvat reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project was advertised on December 12, 2022 and the mandatory Prebid Meeting to ok place on January 10,2023. Bids were received on January 31, 2023. Contract 2021-01 General Mechanical Construction was awarded to Mele & Mele & Sons in the amount of \$14,4833.00 contingent upon PennVest settlement. Motion was made by Chad Westermann to approve the awarding of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project Contract 2021-01 General Mechanical to Mele & Mele & Sons at the Engineer's recommendation and contingent on the bond financing. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Motion passed unanimously. Contract 2021-02 Electric Construction was awarded to Right Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$2,244.444 contingent upon PennVest Settlement. Motion was made by Chad Westerman to approve the awarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Contract 2021-2 to Right Electric at the Engineer's recommendation and contingent on the bond financing. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. The motion was passed unanimously. Motion was made by Chad Westerman to approve Digital Assurance Certification (DAC) to act as a Dissemination Agent for continuing disclosure for the Borough. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried. Council President Clint Warnick reported S&P would not give a rating for the Borough and must have 10% of the bond issuance on hand at all times.

PUBLIC SAFETY, PROPERTY & ORDINANCE- Josh James reported the Borough was granted conservatorship by the court and are waiting until after the appeal process to have the house demolished.

PAKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY- Mayor Gent said he was waiting back to confirm April 10% for the Post Office Renaming Ceremony. The approval of the date was tabled until the March Council meeting. Motion was made by Zachary Filous to approve Saint Joseph High School using the ball field and their scheduled home dates for 2023 contingent upon receiving the \$1,000.00 check for lease of the field. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried. Motion was made by Zachary Filous to approve Saved by Grace Church to use Riverside Park & Gazebo for this year's blessing of the boats on Sunday, May 28, 2023. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried. Motion was made by Zachary Filous to approve the Freeport Internationals Baseball Invitational dates for this year's (2023) event July 25<sup>th</sup> thru July 29<sup>th</sup>, the use of the field from Tuesday thru Saturday, upon confirming with Public Safety. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Motion was made by Zachary Filous to approve the rescheduling of the 2023 Armstrong County Gateway Clipper Cruise from the original date October 7, 2023 to September 30, 2023, and the use of Riverfront Park from 8:00 A.M. to 0 P.M. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Zachary Filous to approve the Spring Clean-Up Day dates as Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

or Tuesday, April, 25th & Friday, April 28th. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried.

FINANCE- The Borough received \$31.34 in delinquent earned income tax accounts for the month of December. The approval of Butler Business Systems becoming the Boroughs Credit Card processing vendor was tabled. Motion was made by Stephanie to change the order of extensions on Borough Phone to Dept. of Public Works, Police Dept., Code Enforcement, Public Safety, Zoning, Secretary, Mayor. Motion was 2nd by Zachary Filous. Motion carried. Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve reimbursement of \$381.60 to Stephanie VanTine for Indeed advertisement for Borough Manager. Motion was 2nd by Zachary Filous. Motion carried. Motion was made by Stephanie Van Tine to change the interest rate from 0.050% to 3.50% on the following accounts: Liquid Fuels Fund, Rubbish Fund and the General Fund. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

ELECTRONICS, WEB., Motion was made by Jacob Whitlock to approve the contract agreement to build and publish the Borough website, not to exceed \$1,800.00, one time project cost and yearly committed fee of \$627.00. Motion was 2nd by Zachary Filous. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve paying Ken Boroski the accumulated 45 sick days upon his retirement. Motion was 2nd by Zachary Filous. Motion carried.

Council calls for Executive Session at 7:07 P.M. for Personnel.

Council returns from Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.

Council President Clint Warnick reports no straw votes, and no action were taken.

Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine and 2nd by Josh James at 7:40 P.M. to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.