

Minutes-Regular Council Meeting

January 9, 2023

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

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

There was a moment of silence for Brackenridge Police Chief Justin McIntire.

MINUTES- Motion was made by Stephanie Van Tine to approve the December 7, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the December 30, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Public Works Report. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT- No report at this time.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT- NO report at this time.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT- Motion was made by Stephanie Van Tine to approve the Fire Marshall Report. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Reported the Fire Engine Truck will be coming sometime in March.

POLCIE REPORT- Council President Clint Warnick reported three communities have entered into the regional police department, there has been no issues, was noted the Ford City Council President is on the Southern Armstrong Regional Board.

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

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

MAYOR REPORT- Mayor Gent thanked the Fire Department on the good job they had done with handling a house fire on Franklin Street. Mayor Gent thanked the Southern Regional Armstrong Police Department for their presence and good job they showed over the Holiday Events in the Borough during Christmas season. Mayor Gent reported on the \$1.5 million grant the Borough received from Senator Bob Casey's Office.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT- Tom Bin reported he and Mayor Gent will be going to the Armstrong County Board of Commissioners Regional Meeting at Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department on January 24th at 6:00 P.M.

SOLICITOR REPORT- No public report at this time.

CITIZEN REPORT- LeeAn Bowser was present to have clarification on the parking on Fourth Street that resulted in a parking ticket being issued, Josh James said he would look into the incident. Chris Foust was present to discuss the Boat Sign- Up List, on transferring from one dock to another. Stephanie VanTine reported after February 15th they would determine on which docks would be available to people on the list.

PUBLIC WORKS- Robert Horvat from KLH was unable to attend the meeting, Council President went over the Engineers Report. The H2O PA Grant application has been submitted and awards are expected to be announced in July 2023. Penn Vest had extended the settlement deadline to January 31, 2023, the Borough has requested an additional extension to May 31, 2023. The pre-settlement conference call has been scheduled for February 7, 2023. There is a mandatory Prebid Meeting scheduled for January 10, 2023. Bids are scheduled to be opened January 31, 2023. Motion was made by Chad Westerman to approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract for 2023 with Bruce & Merrilee's. Motion was 2nd by . Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried. Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine' to approve the Bond Ordinance #404 not to exceed parameters providing for maximum rates with a collar or contingency providing that the bond issue will be sized to result in a project fund deposit of the amount need for the project. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

Roll Call was taken on the motion:

1.) Clint Warnick--- Yes
2.) Stephanie VanTine-Yes
3.) Josh James---Yes
4.) Rich Macura-Yes
5.) Chad Westerman- Yes
6.) Jacob Whitlock---Yes
7.) Zachary Filous-Absent

PUBLIC SAFETY, PROPERTY & ORDINANCE- Josh James reported nothing new on the Blighted Properties.

Solicitor Matt Kalina reported on the status of 67 Main Street, there will be a final hearing on February 2nd, 2023, at the County Court House on seeking conservatorship on the property.

PARKS, RECREATON & COMMUNITY- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the Handicap Parking Space for 312 High Street. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Borough as follows: Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried.

1.) Parks & Recreation-Chair Zach Filous/Co-Chair Chad Westerman
2.) Finance-Chair Rich Macura/Co Chair Stephanie VanTine
3. Public Works-Chair Chad Westerman/Co-Chair Jacob Whitlock
4.) Web/IT- Chair Jacob Whitlock/Co-Chair Zach Filous
5.) Public Safety-Chair Josh James/Co-Chair Rich Macura
6. Personnel- Chair Stephanie VanTine/Co-Chair Josh James

Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the Regular Council Meeting dates & time for the year 2023. The 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M. with the exception of Labor Day will be held September 11th Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

The approval of the date for the Post Office Renaming Ceremony was tabled until the Regular Council meeting for February.

FINANCE- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the PSAB Training Subscription Program. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried. Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to increase the Boat Dock Lease Fees from \$300.00 to \$350.00 for the year. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

ELECTRONICS, WEB - No update on the website.

PERSONNEL-

Council calls for Executive Session at 7:38 P.M. for Personnel.

Council returns from Executive Session at 8:16 P.M.

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

Approval of Borough Employee raises for 2023

Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve a 2% pay increase for Rich Hill. Motion was 2nd by Chad Westerman. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve a 4% pay increase for Carol Crytzer. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve a 4% pay increase for Ken Boroski. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve a \$3.00 per hr. increase for Mike Greiser. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried. Josh James abstained from the motion.

Motion was made by Rich Macura to approve a \$2.00 per hr. increase for Josh James. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried. Josh James abstained from the motion.

Motion was made by Josh James and 2nd by Stephanie VanTine at 8:30 P.M. to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.