

White Haven Borough Council meeting was called to order by President John Klem at 7:00 p.m. The following members are present: Charlie Best, Patty Horn, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Rose Swerdon and Mayor Fred Meier. Absent Tim Janosco (attending meeting for council at county) and Zane Writer. Also present are Borough Manager Linda Szoke, Police Chief Thomas Szoke, Attorney Sean Lodgson, and public works supervisor Les Saxon.

Minutes from the August 2017 meeting were presented for approval, motion made by Horn and seconded by Swerdon to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Petitions and Complaints

- Pete Melynk asked if council had any questions about the ordinance sent in to consider chickens in the borough residential districts. Council requested time to review the ordinances. President John Klem after speaking with council members agreed to have an answer at the next meeting in October.
- Mr. Ed Price complained about the properties around his home. Over grown vegetation at two lots blocking sidewalks and filled with debris. He provided photos of the items for council to review. There was discussion between council and borough manager about who owns the properties and the issues that have occurred there in the past. Tenants have dogs at property and they are leaving waste on the sidewalks and no one is cleaning them up per Mr. Price. Council will have Linda and Attorney pursue Notices of violations on the properties.

Engineers Report

- Engineer was unable to attend report is on file. There is one item and that is to add Maple street from Elmira to Chemung to the paving for the cost of \$6084.00. Linda suggested that the funds come from liquid fuels for that block. We would need a motion to approve the additional change order as this work will be done while Pennsy is paving Susquehanna and Elmira Streets. Motion made to add this work to the agreement by Best and seconded by Lamson. Roll call vote: Best -yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes,

Attorneys Report

- PUC hearing for the railroad for a formal hearing will be filed this week. Formal complaint to be signed by John Klem and it will be out in the mail. A motion by Lamson and seconded by Best to verify and file the formal complaint to the PUC, all in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution 14 of 2017 is to sell 201 Main Street to Darrin Gallagher for \$10,000.00 A motion to approve resolution made by Swerdon and seconded by Horn, all in favor, all in favor.
- Request by Mr. Iaconis to be exempt for trash billing. Attorney requested a motion to send a letter and deny the request. Motion made by Lamson and seconded by Swerdon, all in favor, motion carried.

- Working on zoning ordinance changes for define home rentals. It will be a special exception only in the R3 and O1 districts. Sean will give this to Linda to send to the council members for consideration.
- Lengthy discussion regarding land owned by borough at Fire house and borough garages. A title investigation will be ordered by Sean Lodgson. Lamson also requested a survey needs to be done as well. Lamson knows someone who will do it for the fire company. Lamson will give that info to Attorney so he can get this all started.
- Luzerne County 911 cell tower to negotiation the new lease agreement. The lease needs to be updated into the boroughs name. Sean will work on setting up a meeting with them to get the paperwork straightened out.

Managers' Report

- Request to hire Diana Patton to assist with corrects to Quick books for the borough accounting and payroll systems for the cost of \$450.00. A motion by Best and seconded by Horn, all in favor, motion carried.
- Pipe in Woodhaven by Surfinko home was discussed, Contact was made to adjacent property owner to see if they will grant the easement on the property.
- Tire recycle is Oct 6th for residents and drop off will be on the 7th. Advertised to residents was done.
- Collection letters are out for past due trash accounts, in next 30 days or we will move forward to the Magistrates office.
- Request via letter to allow the White Haven Lions to hold their annual Halloween Parade, use Lehigh Park and have assistance with traffic from the Police Department for October 15th, with a rain date of October 22, 2017. Motion to approve by Horn and seconded by Swerdon, all in favor, motion carried.
- Would council like to look at the construction noise ordinance currently on the books. Right now, they can work 6am to 9pm 7 days a week. Do we want to look at the hours and maybe no work on Sundays? After some discussion the following would be considered – hours changed to no heavy construction equipment noise 8pm to 7am, no Sundays, No Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, 4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Halloween) Attorney will draft up the changes and advertise for a hearing.

Tax Collector – reports on file

Code, Zoning and Building – reports on file

Fire Chief – report on file, week of October 9th is fire prevention week there will be an open house.

EMA Coordinator – nothing this month

Ambulance – Report is on file

Mayor/Chief – Mayor has nothing and Police Chief is good

Public works – Les is working on snow plow drivers and the storm drains. Klem stated drain on Buffalo street looks good. Nice job. Mayor has a question about the pipe that goes across Chemung Street, will

the opening have a screen across it. Les said they will be putting a screen or grate over the opening to catch the heavy items so they don't clog the pipe.

Committee Reports

- **Public works** – good, prepared a draft for chain saw policy. Horn wants to make sure that the gloves are included on the agreement for the chain saws. Also requested executive session for personnel matters.
- **Police** – Lamson requested council make a motion to hire Adam Ganware as a part time police officer pending his interview and background check meet the requirements. A motion made by Lamson and seconded by Best, All in favor, motion carried.
- **Finance** – bills were steep this month but we are holding on, also given additional funds for paving.
- **Recreation** – tree lighting December 3, 2017. Clara Holder will light the tree for us, next meeting in October. Santa will also be there.
- **Building and grounds** - nothing for this meeting.
- **Planning** – nothing for this meeting all good
- **Parade** – nothing for this meeting
- **Water** – meter is right on track and they paid us the back increase for July so we are caught up now.

Unfinished business – Patty Horn asked about an ATV law in the borough. She is concerned that most recently a witnessed one driving in Woodhaven. Driving right down the middle of the street. Chief asked to please call 911 when you see it so they can speak with them. They are not permitted on the roads. Also suggested that a notice be put on social media for residents.

Payment of Bills – discussed invoice for Peters Engineering, we do get this money back from the applicants. Motion made by Best and seconded by Lamson to pay the bills, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment – motion to adjourn by Best and seconded by Horn at 8:35pm, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke
Borough Secretary