

White Haven Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7pm by President John Klem. A roll call was taken and the following members are present: Charlie Best, Tim Janosco, Patty Horn, John Klem, Bob Lamson and Rose Swerdon. Also, present Don Totino Borough Engineer, Sean Lodgson, Borough Attorney, Dean Raudenbush Fire Chief, Thomas Szoke Police Chief, Linda Szoke Borough Manager and members of the press.

Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were presented, a motion by Janosco and seconded by Swerdon to approve minutes as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

Petitions and Complaints – there were none

Engineers Report

- Prepared a budget/sketch for fire company regarding their new building and discussed during work session.
- LSA second floor edition, working on plans for bids look to have something for the April Meeting
- CBG Contract for paving Susquehanna and sections of Elmira. The borough can go ahead and advertise the engineering services so you are ready go when the funds are available.

Attorneys Report

- Police committee reviewed the police policy changes and directives are they ready to have council adopt the new directives by resolution 4 of 2017. Includes using cell phones, calling off, court schedules, and use of personal weapons. A motion was made by Best and seconded by Horn, roll call vote, Best-yes, Janosco-yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes, motion carried.
- Library amendment has been prepared and ready for signature to include the land “d” in the drawing attached to the amendment so Library will use Land all the way to Susquehanna Street.
- Cell towers, the attorney’s office is reviewing all the leases and updating them from the White Haven Water Authority to White Haven Borough and make sure all documentation is correct and current. A full report will be available for council at the next meeting.
- Borough property deeds. There is unknown current ownership – not on tax rolls deeds are from the 40’s and some from the 70’s to find out we would need to get pricing to do a formal paper title search on those deeds. The spread sheet outlines some of the findings. Council asked to give us an idea of the cost on those we couldn’t identify. Attorney is going to provide two separate prices one for those after 1981 and those listed with the water authority.

Managers’ Report

- Request to adopt resolution 3 of 2017 to shred the list of records on resolution, motion by Horn and seconded by Swerdon to pass resolution 3 of 2017, roll call vote, Best-yes, Janosco-yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes motion passed.
- Clyde Morrison is resigning from council, motion by Best and seconded by Janosco to accept Mr. Morrison’s resignation. All in favor motion carried.

- Received a Letter from Mr. Zane Writer to serve on Council to fill the seat. Council to arrange meeting with him and learn more about his interest with the borough.
- Received a letter from St Patrick's Church for their annual festival in July to close 1 block of Maple Street and Allegheny along with traffic control for their 5K race. A motion was made by Best and seconded by Janosco to approve street closure and race. All in favor, motion passed.
- Requesting a zoning amendment re: fences with wires on top, zoning state no to any of them in any district but we have them on fencing located at the water tower, Schliers Towing, the Aqua sewer plant around cell towers. After a lot of discussion, it was table to ask the attorney to further research the issue and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting. We need a controlling factor for denial of the permit.

Zoning/Building/Code Enforcements – reports on file

Tax Collector – Reports on file

Fire Chief's Report – Report is on file, trucks have been serviced and working on boot drive permits

Ambulance Report – on file

Mayor/Police Chief Repots – interviewing police officers currently. Police Chief will be attending training with Fire Chief in Nanticoke. Also, confirming a class for exploited Children that will be attending later in March.

Public Works – have been working with employees and their wages, looking at taking the supervisor position and making it salary position than hourly. Also, reviewing the Job Description to go along with these changes. It's also requested that the supervisor attend a council meeting and prepare a report that shows work completed and work to be scheduled for the following month. Snow plowing was also discussed and that the supervisor would schedule the snow removal and staff. A work session to finalize the job description is scheduled for March 9th at 6:30pm.

Finance - holding our own with bills haven't need to take funds while waiting for taxes to come in

Recreation – nothing to report

Building and Grounds – Borough building has wash out next to the building we need to work on fixing this before it does any damage to the building. There is also a report from meeting at the fire house.

Windows at fire house need to be replaced, committee will work on getting prices to fix them.

Also discussed was the Buda pump in the police garage area and if it could be sold. The other option would be to clean it up and display it at the future, new fire house.

Parade Committee – next meeting is March 1st at VFW, sponsors, flags and food, looking for tricky trays

Water Committee – signed up with Niagra to provide spring water for another 5 years

Borough received a request for the placement of benches in the borough in exchange for advertising and the borough would receive a percentage from the advertising. After some discussion Linda will meet with them to work out locations. A motion was made by Janosco and seconded by Lamson to approve allowing the benches with advertising in the borough and to receive 20% income from the advertising. Locations to be approved by Borough. Northeast Outdoor Advertising will need to provide insurance and maintain the benches. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Janosco had a request from a resident to look at how we post the no parking signs for the snow ban. The concern was that they were being stapled into live trees. Public Works to look into signs that we can put them in the ground with stakes.

Bills were presented for payment, all items looked in order with a motion from Best and seconded by Janosco to approve the bills as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Best and seconded by Horn at 9:02 to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke

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