

White Haven Borough Council President John Klem called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on April 24, 2017. Asking for a roll call vote, the following members were present: Charlie Best, Patty Horn, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Rose Swerdon and Zane Writer. Council member Tim Janosco was absent. Also present was Mayor Fred Meier, Police Chief, Tom Szoke, Borough Manager, Linda Szoke, Engineer Don Totino, Attorney Sean Lodgson, Public Works Supervisor, Dave Dornheim, and members of the press.

President Klem then made an announcement that an executive session for an employee issue on April 3, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Minutes from the March 2017 meeting were presented for approval, motion made by Lamson to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Swerdon, all in favor, motion carried.

Engineers report is on file. Don Totino went over the highlights of the report.

#### Attorneys Report

- The RFP for Engineering services with the community block grant were opened and discussed. The following companies responded: Reilly's, Twin Oaks, Ott Consulting, Peters, and JHA Companies. A motion was made to table the award of RFPs until the attorney could review them all and report back to Borough Council by Best and seconded by Horn, all in favor, motion carried.
- The requested amendments to ordinances will be advertised for May council meeting and hearings will be held prior to the council meeting.
- Request to adopt resolution 6 of 2017 to purchase a new borough plow truck at a price of \$72,259.11, with \$15,000 deposit from equipment fund. The borough would then take a loan for the balance of \$57,259.11. Motion to adopt resolution 6 of 2017 made by Best and seconded by Lamson with the stipulation that this is a 5-year loan not to exceed 3.97% interest. Roll call vote, Best-yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes, writer-yes, motion carried.
- It was brought to the boroughs attention that the trash hauler Gittens, has been sold. The new company is County Waste. After some discussion and reviewing the contract signed with Gittens it was decided that they are in breach of contract. Council asked the attorney to speak with County Waster right away to get this problem resolved.

#### Managers' Report

- Request from the White Haven Chamber of commerce to close Main Street from Northumberland to Susquehanna Street for their annual festival 8/19 to 8/20/17. A motion was made by Swerdon to allow the chamber to hold their event understanding that they need to provide certificate of insurance and assistance in crossing route 940, motion was seconded by Writer, all in favor, motion carried.

- To follow up from March meeting updating the salaries for public work employees the salary resolution 5 of 2017 needs to be adopted. A motion was made by Horn and seconded by Swerdon to adopt the salary resolution, all in favor, motion carried.
- Request from PA State Boroughs Association for White Haven Borough Council to support the new legislation for the radar bill, noting that Pennsylvania is the only state left not allowing municipal police to use it. A motion to adopt resolution 7 of 2017 in support of the Radar bill was made by Lamson and seconded by Best, roll call vote, Best-yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes, Writer-yes, motion carried.
- Request from PA State Boroughs Association for White Haven Borough Council to support changes to the games of chance license for non-profits for fundraising efforts. A motion was made by Lamson to adopt resolution 8 of 2017 in favor of changes to the games of chance license, motion seconded by Writer, Roll Call vote- Best-yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes and Writer-yes. Motion carried.
- Request to send letters to our US congressman and Senator regarding the changes proposed for the community block grant funds. Letter to be sent suggesting we preserve the program and provide some examples of how these funds have helped our borough. Council agreed letter should be sent and also email to council members so they could copy the text and send on individually as well.
- Letter from the White Haven Fire company to hold a music event at the social club on Main Street for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Request is to be allowed to sell beer in the club parking lot during the bands performance and to close a section of Susquehanna St and Main St by the club during their event. A motion was made by Horn provided certificate of insurance, beer is separated from those under 21 and all PA Liquor control regulations are followed, motion seconded by Best, all in favor, 5 yes and 1 abstained. John Klem abstained due to his involvement with the Fire Department. Motion carried.

Tax Collector – report on file

Code Enforcement/Zoning and Building Permits – reports on file

Fire Chief – absent from meeting, no current report on file, Potato pancake was successful and they are re-applying for boot drive permits.

Mayor/Police chief – Mayor has nothing to report. Police chief indicated that there was an interview for a Mr. Joshua Lowe and he would like to bring him in as a part time officer pending his back-ground check. Motion to hire made by Lamson and seconded by Best, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Works – reviewed work completed and work planned for the next month. This will include sweeping the streets. Also discussed was the yard waste and bag pickups. Council will know more on this after they meet with the new trash hauler.

Committee Reports:

1. Public works – nothing further

2. Police Fire Committee – request to Hire part-time officer Joshua Lowe pending his back-ground check. Motion made by Lamson seconded by Best to hire Lowe pending background check at a rate of \$17.00 per hour, part time, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Finance – Best reported we are still holding our own after paying all the bills from storm Stella
4. Recreation – no meeting, Police did a great job with the Easter Egg Hunt, thank you!
5. Building and Grounds – salt shed is almost done and Herrit will be fixing the fire house windows.
6. Planning – had a meeting on 4/19/17 and made recommendation to approve the changes to fences in zoning district, also has a prelim review of plans with Standard Farms.
7. Parade Committee – no report available
8. Water – going well collected \$10,523.75 for March

Payment of Bills, motion made by Best and seconded by Lamson to pay bills as presented, with no questions on the bills all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm by Lamson and seconded by Horn, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke  
Secretary