

Meeting was called to order by Council President Klem at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following council members were present: Charlie Best, Rose Diel, Tim Janosco, John Klem, Bob Lamson, John Zurgarek and Mayor Fred Meier. Absent Zane Writer. Also, present, Linda Szoke, Borough Manager, Sean Logson Attorney, Thomas Szoke Police Chief, Don Totino Engineer, Joe Wychock Public Works, and Chris Zwiebel, EMA coordinator.

Public hearing as discussed at the last meeting was listed on tonight's agenda but we have not met the 30 days for local and county planning to give comments so we will be able to have the hearing at our July meeting as explained from Sean Logson.

Minutes were presented to council from the May meeting, a motion was made to adopt minutes as presented by Janosco and seconded by Diel, all in favor, motion carried

Petitions and Complains

- Gordy Ackers – Wood Haven resident, asked about update on odor from Standard Farms and that he is still experiencing any problems. Sean Logson said they council is working on an ordinance. Gordy also requested about possible adding high shrubs to block off the corner at the end of Susquehanna Street, ownership of the property has to be researched before council could commit to purchasing anything. Also, council cannot plant anything in the write away and that would have to be confirmed as well. The Mayor thought that Susquehanna street was supposed to go to East Wood Haven Drive.
- Robert Scolnick introduced himself to council and his interest in developing the townhouse project in Wood Haven.

Engineer Report

- In speaking with Linda with this zoning change we spoke about updating the map of \$1000.00 to also show the lots on the map. Lamson suggested adding some other items. Linda said we should also put Thorn Ridge Development and its roads. Also, to be saved in a CAD format so it could easily be updated into the future. Lamson said we would be required to adopt a new map anyway so we could adjust a few of those lots. Lamson asked if map could bring in GIS data and utilities. So, we could search by name. It could be made live on the website. After further discussion this is something, we will be included in the 2020 budget to keep it current and available.
- Architect is necessary to move forward on the borough plans for the grant. Sean is also going to send some names of people that can be hired.
- Don's complete report is on file and he reviewed the highlights.

Attorneys Report

- Council needs to pass resolution 7 of 2019 for a multimodal grant for sidewalks and repairs along Main Street to the Library. A motion made by Janosco and seconded by Best to approval

Resolution 7 of 2019. Roll call vote, Best-yes, Diel-yes, Janosco-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Zurgarek- yes, motion carried

- Sean then went over the nuisance ordinance that council has been working on. If council is satisfied, they can make a motion to advertise the changes for a public hearing. A motion made by Zurgarek and seconded by Lamson to advertising advertise the nuisance ordinance for public comment at the July meeting, all in favor, motion carried.
- Hunting Club lease is still being negotiated.
- Waste collection bids, Sean opened the sealed bids the borough received two bids. The first is JP Moscaro for 5 years at \$758,820.00 and the second is from County Waste for five years at \$621,222.00. With County waste being the lowest bidder for five years a motion was made by Janosco and seconded by Best to approve County waste for a five year contract provided attorney reviews and all documents have met the requirements of the bid. Roll call vote, Best-yes, Diel-yes, Janosco- yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Zurgarek-yes, motion carried.

Borough Managers Report

- F650 went out on Muncid and the bid closed today at \$19,300.00 to Mr. Tulio. A motion was made to have Sean prepare a sales agreement for the purchase and authorize Linda Szoke to handle all the sale paperwork for the borough by Best and seconded by Lamson, roll call vote, Best-yes, Diel-yes, Janosco-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Zurgarek-yes, motion carried.
- 70 trash account went out for notices, roughly \$27,000 in unpaid bills. Attorney is going to help with collections
- Update on phase 2 of the building, we need to get moving on architect so we can go out to bid. We don't want to lose the grant money because we haven't gone out to bid.

Tax Collectors – report on file

Code/zoning and building – report on file

Fire Chief – no report tonight

EMA coordinator – Chris reported about Valley gorge MHP residents for tornado warnings to set up an agreement with the Methodist Church to accommodate them during a tornado warning. Borough attorney to review documents so the procedure could move forward. Look into SWIFT with county again and how it can be used for this situation. Next Chris will work on the agreements with St Patrick's and the White Haven Center for any larger events weather etc. Linda stated several residents from VGMP has stopped by and asked about what the procedure will be for them.

Mayor/Police Chief - Mayor has nothing right now. The BUPA grant from the police department is on file for review. Officers are doing a rafting trip with the teens on July 30 for ages 12 to 17. Police Chief asked council to accept the resignation of Srgt David O'Brien from the White Haven Police Dept, his last day is June 26, 2019. A motion by Lamson and seconded by Zurgarek to accept O'Brien's resignation, all in favor, motion carried. Chief Szoke said in the past several weeks in White Haven and in Dennison Township the department has had some very heavy calls. The state police have been outstanding with assisting the department. Also, thank you to our neighboring departments who have also been in town. The Police department does need some additional safety gear for some of these gun/riffles' calls. 911 center is not always able to tell us what we are walking into.

Public works – mileage report on file, swale in Wood Haven has been completed. Exploring some possible options for a bucket truck for the department. This will help a great deal with home town hero flags, changing lights, and tree trimming. Maranuk equipment suggested looking at a couple of auctions for the borough. Renting is hard to find because of the liability of using the bucket truck. Lamson said if we own one of these types of trucks someone from the borough will need to be certified to operate one. The employee would need to go to a class. Joe reported that they are continuing with hot patch for roads and on rainy days trimming back roadways. Joe also suggested we look into an excavator attachment for the skid steer for the department.

Committee Reports

Police Committee - Janosco would like to recommend the hiring of two part time police officers pending their back ground checks, Richard Molokan and Patrick Wall. A motion was made by Janosco and seconded by Lamson, all in favor, motion carried.

Finance – Charlie gave a report on bills and said we are holding our own

Recreation – Rose touched on the summer reading program

Building and grounds – nothing, Joe mentioned a hole has developed in Lehigh Park, not sure if it's a gopher hole or a water leak

Water – Charlie and Linda reviewed update on our permit application renewal. We believe we have answered all of the DRBC questions.

Parade – John Klem thanked Tim and his committee for another very nice parade. Tim also said there will now be a running history of the parade kept in this leather bond book and brought to parade each year.

Payment of bills – Charlie reviewed the bills, with no questions he made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Janosco, motion carried.

Unfinished Business – John Zurgarek reported on exploring an economic development committee. Sean is going to share some of the information that Freeland Borough used to develop theirs for grants.

John Klem announced there would be a short executive committee meeting about personnel matters after this meeting. There is no reason to come back to the meeting afterwards.

With no other business before Council, Lamson made a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm and seconded by Janosco, all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke
Borough Secretary

