The meeting was called to order by Council President Bill Starn at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded, and the roll was called.

**Attendance** -- Council Members attending included Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, and Laura Trehar. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Solicitor Frank Paganie.

**Agenda** – Bryan Landman moved that Council add items to the agenda. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved. Bryan Landman then moved to add under Old Business discussion of the budget, a resolution on the tax rate for 2022, discussion of the hours and signage at the Park, discussion of the elevator repair, discussion of the sale of borough property to Mr. Autenreith, and discussion of the proposed garage/survey of Borough property. Also, an Executive Session, with no action to be taken, will be added. Andy Briggs seconded, and the motion carried. Bryan then moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved the revised agenda.

**Minutes –** Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from November be approved. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved. Jim Turnbull asked to have added under “Buildings and Grounds” that TEC Electric offered to remove unnecessary wiring from the side of the municipal building for a price not to exceed $2,000. The minutes, as amended, were approved.

**Police Report** – The November Police Report showed 13 calls for service, one parking citation issued.

**Fire Report** – The Fire Company had 18 calls in November.

**Visitors** – Barbara Weinfurther of 619 7th Street asked about progress in determining the source of water in her yard. The Borough Engineer and Solicitor have checked the situation, and more research will be needed. The Solicitor could find no evidence that the Borough is involved, and could not recommend we take any action.

**Solicitor** – Mr. Paganie told Council that he has advertised the intention to pass a budget for 2022 in the amount of $439,100. Andy Briggs moved the final passage of the budget. Bryan Landman seconded, and the budget was approved.

Frank then asked for approval of Resolution 15-12-1, maintaining the Borough tax rate at 24 mills for 2022. Bryan Landman moved to approve, Andy Briggs seconded, and the Resolution was approved.

Mr. Paganie asked for authorization to publish the dates and times for meetings for 2022, with Reorganization on January 3, and regular meetings the third Wednesday of the month, all at 7pm. Bryan Landman so moved, Laura Trehar seconded, and the motion was approved.

The hours of operation for the park can be changed to “dawn-to-dusk” once the signs are changed, as this time schedule is already called for in a Borough Ordinance.

The Council decided not to sell the parcel of land as requested by Mr. Autenreith at previous meetings.

It was decided to try to get a better price for elevator repairs.

Bryan Landman moved that we have a survey and a title search performed on the property between 7th and 8th Avenues, at a price not to exceed $2,500, Laura Trehar seconded, and the motion carried.

Frank informed the Council that a Planning Commission must contain at least two members from the Borough.

**Code Enforcement** – No report.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine deposited $2,529 in November. $8,581 remains unpaid.

**Secretary/Treasurer** – No report.

**Public Safety Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Bryan Landman related a conversation he had with representatives of the Fire Department. The VFD would add onto their building next to the municipal building, and the Borough would have the use of the space currently below the meeting room to keep the leaf machine and truck. Council will get more information and discuss the project at a future meeting.

**Streets and Sewers** – Bryan has talked to the Borough Engineer about drainage in the alley behind 716 8th Avenue, and Mr. Sadaka believes that we can improve the situation by removing grass which is preventing the water from running in the right direction.

Bill Starn related that Widmer has our USDA loan application ready to submit, but is waiting for the proper time from the government.

**Recycling** – Jim Turnbull asked about notifying DEP that we will not spend all the money we applied for.

**Recreation** – Nothing new to report.

**Budget and Finance** – Nothing to report.

**Rental Property** – Nothing new to report.

**New Business** – Council discussed how to notify residents about putting leaves in the streets after it has been determined that pickup will stop.

**Old Business** – All items already discussed.

**Mayor** – Regis Luger commended everyone who worked on the Santa parade through the Borough.

**Emergency Management** –Nothing to report.

**Announcements** – None.

**Fiscal and Contractual** – Necessary bills will be paid and ratified at a future meeting.

**Adjournment** – Laura Trehar moved that Council adjourn to executive session, Bryan Landman seconded. Executive session commenced, followed by adjournment.

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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary