

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, Rich Siget, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, and Jan Livingston. Other officials in attendance included Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, Firefighter Charlie West sitting in for Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the agenda. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from February 16, 2022, be approved. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Remembrance – Council remembered VFD President Larry Barkley and Ron Tyger, former Fire Chief and Borough Mayor, who both passed away recently. Resolutions of appreciation will be drafted and presented to their families on Community Day.

Police Report – The February Police Report showed 53 sessions of traffic monitoring, plus 19 other calls for various incidents. The Chief also reported that he told an Amazon delivery person that they could not park in the middle of the street, and asked him to spread the word to other drivers. He also explained, in response to a question, that an incident of “harassment” involves kicks, strikes, or shoves, most often seen in domestic disputes. The hit and run incident involved one car sliding into another. Later the same day, the offender exchanged information with the owner of the car that was hit.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 17 calls in February. Jim Turnbull was concerned that the garage expansion might be too close to the resident next door. He asked Charlie West about requirements for the overhead door size, with the intention of making the building a little smaller. Jim told Charlie that he needed more information on exactly what the firemen require, as well as who will be doing the work.

Visitors – (1) Caren Turnbull, of 613 5th Avenue, told of almost hitting a little girl on a motorized scooter, who went through a stop sign while using earbuds. After having a discussion with a person who claimed that our stop signs are illegal, she asked for clarification on whether our stop sign ordinance was enforceable. Bill Starn responded that anyone who believes that the signs are illegal can take us to court, because all the documentation is in place making the signs legal. Chief Stanislawski related a conversation with the magistrate indicating that he will enforce our stop sign laws, with the understanding that anyone has the right to appeal his ruling to the court. (2) Doug Hupp of the Chippewa Area Lions Club offered to donate a park bench to Patterson Heights. The bench is a product of their recycling program to collect plastic film (grocery bags), and Trex processes the bags into the benches. The Borough will choose a color, Mr. Hupp will order the bench, and Trex will have the bench ready in about six months. Council will prepare a resolution thanking the Lions Club, and present it at Community Day.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie presented Resolution 160322-1, a recipient agreement required by the County for the Borough to be able to receive ARP funds. Bryan Landman motioned to approve the resolution, Laura Trehar seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Paganie presented Resolution 160322-2, allowing the Borough to permit installment payments of Borough taxes for the current tax year. Installment payments will be due June 30, August 31, October 31, and December 30, and taxes paid in installments will be paid at face value. Laura Trehar presented a motion to approve the resolution. Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Paganie recommended creating an ordinance and requirements for issuing permits if the Borough is going to allow block parties which close down Borough streets or alleys. After much discussion, mostly concerning the reduction of safety resulting from the closing of streets and alleys, Council decided not to take action which would permit such a party or gathering.

Code Enforcement – (1) The owner of the property at 756 7th Avenue has sent in a Rental Registration, and the trash problem there has been resolved. There is still a vehicle parked on 7th Avenue too close to the intersection with 8th Street, and more investigation needs to be done. (2) Frank Salvano, of 608 8th Avenue, said that he intends to repair the gutter hanging down across the front of the house as soon as the weather improves. (3) A complaint was received about burning being conducted in the Golf Club parking lot. The owner of the Club was contacted, and the burning was stopped.

Correspondence – No correspondence this month.

Tax Collector – Nadine deposited \$435.96 from the 2021 tax year, leaving a balance of \$3,150.60 yet to be collected. The tax bills for 2022 have been mailed out.

Treasurer's Report – A report of revenues since the last council meeting was provided to the Council.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman said that children are still not paying attention to traffic on Borough roads, and recommended a safety program, perhaps in conjunction with Community Day.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull said they are waiting for the weather to break before starting to work outside.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan Landman discussed possible alterations to the alley that runs behind 716 8th Avenue. Installing a French drain seems to be the most reasonable solution. More consideration and discussion will be needed. Bryan went on to relate how much repair work needs to be done on the primary roads due to the excessive freezing and thawing this past winter. Council discussed the possibility of establishing a Storm Water Authority so that they would be able to raise money for repairs to alleys as well as compliance with MS-4 regulations.

Recreation – Laura Trehar reported that Food Truck Nights will be held the second Wednesday of each month, from May through August. The first Movie Night will be June 11, with the Ladies' Auxiliary also holding a meatball sub fundraiser the same day.

Laura also discussed the condition of the playground equipment, and the cost of repairing or replacing it. More information will be gathered, and community involvement is encouraged.

Recycling – Jack Doyle presented information from the 2021 Recycling Report presented to the County. The report showed a little under four tons of cardboard, about 4-1/2 tons of paper, and 227 tons of yard waste were picked up. The yard waste numbers broke down to 162 tons of yard waste and 65 tons of leaves. In addition, Valley Waste picked up 23 tons of single-stream recyclables.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – Statements of Financial Interest were distributed to the Council members, and should be returned by May 1. All other Agenda items have been discussed.

Old Business – The first item under Old Business relating to leaf pickup, snow emergencies, etc., is still in progress. Special Event Permits have already been discussed.

Mayor – No report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – No announcements this month.

Fiscal and Contractual – Laura Trehar moved that bills be paid or ratified as presented. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jan Livingston seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 8:45.

William A. Starn, President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary