

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, Laura Trehar, Bryan Landman, and Rich Siget. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief Dave Stanislowski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

**Agenda** – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Rich Siget seconded, and the Agenda was approved.

**Minutes** – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from September 21, 2022, be approved. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

**Police Report** – The September Police Report showed 66 calls for service, most of which were traffic monitoring. There were two parking warnings issued. Trick-or-Treating will be on October 31 from 6 to 8 pm, and as usual, the police and firemen will be out monitoring. Bill Starn asked about enforcement of the new parking restrictions indicated by the yellow curbs. He also asked about the small motorized vehicle that has been parked on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The Chief said that he found that the vehicle has an electric motor rated at 25cc., while Pennsylvania requires licensing at or above 50cc. Liability insurance is also an issue. More research will be required.

**Fire Report** – The Fire Company responded to 8 calls in September. They sold the 1960 International truck, and offered the space it occupied for storing the leaf vac. They also sold the 1991 Freightliner, and replaced it with a 2000 E-One truck. Chief Medlin requested permission to add an extension to the garage of about 6 feet in order to accommodate the longer truck. Jim Turnbull made a motion that the Council permit the Fire Department to add an extension to the front of the Municipal Building to allow the new truck to fit into the building, with the cost to be borne by the Fire Department. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved.

Bill Starn advised Jason that a letter received last month offered monetary incentives for firefighters who take an online safety training.

**Mayor Luger**—Engle Design brought drawings of the proposed new building which has a first floor of about 4,048 sq.ft. The meeting room will be about 700 sq.ft. The three-bay garage is about 2,434 sq.ft. The building will be closest to the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with the trucks entering from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the municipal entrance being on the right end of the building as you look at it from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. After considerable discussion Jim Turnbull moved that we pay Nick Engle of Engle Design LLC \$1,200 for incurred costs regarding meetings and design layout time for the new Borough building. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved. Jim Turnbull then moved that Council prepare a contract to present to Nick Engle

Design LLC, stating his rights and responsibilities in designing the new building, with the remaining cost not to exceed \$4,800, pending Solicitor's approval. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved.

**Visitors** – No one sought recognition.

**Solicitor** – Mr. Paganie had an issue to discuss under Old Business.

**Code Enforcement** – The overhang at 702 4<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled to be fixed by the owner's grandson. There is nothing new on 518 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Correspondence** – (1) Our estimated Liquid Fuels allotment for 2023 is \$20,665. (2) A letter from the Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment to the USDA saying that they approve of our sewer reline project.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine Galbreath was not able to attend the meeting, but she deposited \$2,565.54 in borough real estate taxes in September.

**Treasurer's Report** – There were two items of note, the sewer collections were \$14,000, and earned income taxes of \$7,300.

**Public Safety Committee** – Bryan Landman reported that residents are still mixing items in with their leaves that can damage the leaf vac, including pampas grass, which jams the machine when it wraps around the impeller. Letters will be prepared for residents who are not complying, laying out penalties for their non-compliance. A letter will also be sent to residents who have cars parked, blocking the curb painting.

Some residents have complained about the way curbs in the Borough were painted recently. Council wanted it publicly stated that our public works employees were explicitly told to paint the curbs as they did. Parking is prohibited within 30 feet of a stop sign, 20 feet of an intersection without a stop sign (alleys, for instance), and 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

**Buildings and Grounds** – The Council publicly thanked Mrs. West (Charlie's wife) for cleaning up the garden along the edge of the parking lot. She also planted mums at her own expense.

**Streets and Sewers** – Nothing to report.

**Recreation** – Movie night is planned for October 29, weather permitting.

**Recycling** – No report.

**Budget and Finance** – No report.

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

**New Business** – (1) Trinity Solar has inquired about soliciting in the Borough. Council was not interested in restricting their activities. (2) Council discussed ways of increasing funding for the Fire Department. (3) Council was provided with a preliminary 2023 budget for their consideration. (4) Some members of Council have received complaints that the minutes from the previous meeting are not posted on the website quickly enough. They discussed whether the minutes should be posted at all, but agreed that posting the minutes on the website is not a priority, and posting will be done as the Borough Secretary has time.

**Old Business** – Council was provided with Resolution 22-10-1, required by Pennsylvania Act 57, approving an addition to the local tax collection law. It states that if a person moves into the Borough and does not receive a real estate tax bill in the first 12 months, they are able to get any penalties waived. Bryan Landman moved that the resolution be adopted, Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

**Mayor** – No additional report.

**COG** – No report.

**Emergency Management** – No report.

**Announcements** – Council members are directed to a webinar regarding MS4. The Meatball Sub sale will be held on October 30. Election Day is November 8, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a bake sale fundraiser. Cookies and hot chocolate with Santa will be held December 17. A sourdough bread and pastry sale will be held on Saturday, October 22.

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

**Adjournment** – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 9:04 p.m. The next regular meeting will be November 16, 2022, at 7 p.m.

  
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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary

  
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Bill Starn, Council President