

The regular 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, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, Jan Livingston, and Rich Siget. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief David Stanislowski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from March 15, 2023 be approved. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

President Bill Starn announced that an executive session was held before the regular meeting to update the Council on pending legal matters. No action was taken.

Police Report – The March Police Report showed 62 calls for service. There were parking citations issued, and one parking warning issued. Report on file.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 13 calls in March. Two additional surveillance cameras were installed, bringing the total number in service to eight. The AED/CPR/First Aid class was a great success, with 14 people attending. A second class will be scheduled.

Visitors – Caren Turnbull, of 613 5th Avenue asked about the age at which children riding motorized vehicles must wear helmets. It appears that PennDOT regulations are based on the number of CC's of the vehicle, and electric vehicles are not rated in CC's.

Solicitor – Matters to be discussed in New Business.

Code Enforcement – Our code enforcement official was informed of the dead tree at 410 7th Avenue, and said that there is nothing in the International Maintenance Code regarding it. The Secretary said that he did not believe we have an ordinance about dangerous trees, but was reminded by Bryan that such an ordinance was passed last year. The code official will be notified of the ordinance.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported collections of \$35,851.04 for the new tax year in March. There was also another \$2,000 collected from the 2022 tax year. Report on file.

Treasurer's Report – A report of revenue since the last meeting was submitted. It was also mentioned that we have only one more payment to make to PNC on our sewer loan.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman warned about kids on vehicles of all kinds not paying any attention to signs, and not stopping at intersections. Jim Turnbull related, however, that a young boy actually stopped at a stop sign recently, and waved him through.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull suggested that Council consider putting in a road from the recycling area to 8th avenue so residents can make use of the paper and cardboard retrievers without having to turn around to go back out the alley. No action was taken at this time, but the proposal will be considered again.

Streets and Sewers – Council discussed the paving of 8th Avenue between 4th Street and Ross Hill. There were questions about who owns which parts of the road, and the problem of a large oak tree, along one side of the roadway. Patterson Township will be contacted about a plan for paving, and who will pay what portion. Specs will have to be drawn up so we can solicit for bids, as the entire project will probably coast in excess of \$50,000.

Recreation – Nothing new to report.

Recycling – Unfortunately, Holly Vogt is no longer working for the Beaver County Department of Waste Management.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – We have one new renter, at 511 8th Avenue.

New Business – (1) Council was asked if they would like to consider upgrading or replacing some of the playground equipment. Due to the cost involved, applying for grants will be necessary, but we must first decide how much in matching funds the Borough would be willing to put forth.

Actions of the people using the playground was also discussed, including small children damaging equipment, in full view of adults, and using language so offensive that other families had to leave the area. We will see if pictures from our cameras can be used to identify parents of the children so they can be notified and held responsible.

(2) Frank discussed the reassessments made by the county, and answered several procedural questions about the appeals process. Apparently, it has not yet been decided what the new millage rate will be, but everyone will have the opportunity to appeal.

(3) With the assistance of Lisa Signore, a grant to rehabilitate the elevator has been submitted.

Old Business – Council discussed and decided to have a feasibility study performed on the existing buildings and any proposed buildings. Bill will speak with Nick Engle, the architect who has been working with us on the proposed firehall

Mayor – Mayor Luger noticed that several residents are having new roofs installed.

COG – No report.

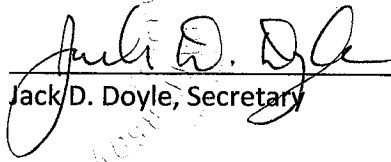
Emergency Management – Bryan mentioned working with the National Weather Service.

Announcements – Bill Starn made a statement regarding Melissa Steel’s Right-to-Know case. Melissa Steel appealed our response to the State. The following was bound by the Appeals Officer, Berk Demeril. With regard to Mrs. Steel’s appeal regarding inquiries into the yellow line painting in the Borough, one, Mrs. Steel’s appeal was bound under the Right-to-Know Law. Two, the Borough provided one additional record on appeal, being Ordinance 72.02 itself, which is on the Borough’s website. Three, the Borough conducted a good faith search, and proved that there are no additional response records in its possession, custody, or control, or the Borough did not act in bad faith. Mrs Steel had 30 days to appeal Mr. Demeril’s decision and mailed on March 9, 2023. She did not do so.

Kelly Manning is planning the first edition of the resurrected *View from the Heights*, and would like to have information by May 1.

Fiscal and Contractual – Jim Turnbull moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved. Report on file.

Adjournment – Jim Turnbull moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 8:01 p.m. The next regular meeting will be May 17, 2023, at 7 p.m.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



Bill Starn, Council President