

The regular meeting was called to order by Council Vice-President Jim Turnbull at 7:02 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 Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, Jan Livingston, and Rich Siget. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Assistant Fire Chief Charlie West, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

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

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Rich Siget seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from May 17, 2023 be approved. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The May Police Report showed 55 calls for service. The Borough Secretary asked the Chief what could legally be done about children riding scooters, often motorized, through intersections while motorists go through without stopping. He said that the only thing we could do is call the Police. Charlie West also responded that the surveillance cameras could be adjusted in hopes of picking up license plates of cars going through the intersection at 7th Avenue and 6th Street without stopping.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 16 calls in April.

Visitors – (2) Edie and Jim Ciganik of 516 4th Street complained about the condition of the property beside them at 518 4th Street. The Code Enforcement official at BIU will be notified.

(2) Shari Vetica of 722 7th Avenue spoke about the Borough Council's plans to rectify the misnumbered houses, particularly on 7th Avenue, south of 7th Street. She stated that she felt she was being singled out unfairly. Frank Paganie responded with a synopsis of what has been done to this point, working with the 9-1-1 Center for Beaver County. The Center has provided several options, including one where about 50 houses will need to change their addresses to comply with a Borough Ordinance. The council has not come to a decision, but realizes that a good number of people will be displeased, and hopefully making the Borough safer will be enough to mitigate their discontent. A final decision is forthcoming.

(3) Matt McGeary of 711 7th Street suggested that the street names be changed as well. While changing street names would avoid having duplicates with Beaver Falls, it would also require everyone in the Heights to change their mailing address.

(4) Donna Ceriani of 722 7th Avenue gave a detailed account of the house number situation and her discussions with the Council about resolving the issue. As for the involvement of the police, Jim Turnbull explained that a person coming onto another's property is a legal, law enforcement issue, and is not the business of the Council.

(5) Joe Signore, 611 8th Avenue said that the Borough's backhoe is parked too close to his house, and too close to the playground. He said it is an eyesore, and kids are often climbing on it. He asked why the Borough needs a backhoe, and why we need two trucks. He said that the Borough paid 60% of the cost of the truck, which was in error.

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement – The house at 518 4th Street was discussed previously. The resident at 410 7th Street has been notified that her dead tree is a hazard and needs to be taken down.

Correspondence – Correspondence included a notice from the State that we would receive \$126 due to state police activity. We also received a report regarding the camera work done at the backyard of 619 7th Street.

Tax Collector – Nadine reported receipts of \$9,042.53 during the month of May, leaving a balance due of \$24,210.98.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer noticed a mistake on the report. The state police provided \$126.92, not \$1,080 as the report indicates. The \$126.11 from PNC was due to overpayments over the life of the sewer loan, which is now paid off. One more \$50,000 payment is due on the road loan.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan expressed his concern for the small children of Patterson Heights. He told of seeing two boys lying in the middle of the street, oblivious to traffic, looking into the hole of a manhole cover. He saw nine children, under the age of 10, on the playground with no adult in sight. Backing out his driveway, he saw 8 small children, 6 on bikes, 2 on scooters, go racing through the intersection with no thought of stopping or looking. He also spoke of the damage that is being done to the basketball court and other equipment by small children. Council has discussed these problems many times, and unfortunately, it will probably take a tragedy before parents start monitoring their children's behavior.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull stated that the Borough has the authority to park vehicles on Borough property wherever they wish.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan reported that street resurfacing is planned for this year. We are on a waiting list for the equipment. Street sweeping is scheduled for June 22.

Recreation – Laura reported that the first Movie Night was a success, and was thankful for the help she got from Kelly Manning, her husband, and her son. She would like to have others come out to help, so they could learn the setup for when she is no longer on Council next year. The next Movie Night is scheduled for July 8. Community Day plans are being finalized, and she could use some help for the August 5 event.

Recycling – The paper retriever is filling up quickly, because people keep using it to dispose of cardboard.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new.

New Business – (1) Laura Trehar has gotten quotes for new playground equipment ranging from \$22 thousand to \$94 thousand dollars. She said that a large percentage of the price is in the installation. We could do the installation ourselves, but she did not know how that would affect and warranty or insurance.

Old Business – The feasibility study of borough property and equipment has begun. The architect has asked for an itemization of the things that need to be done to the current municipal building, assuming it will be kept. Jim said he would meet with Bryan to compile the list.

Mayor – Mayor Luger thanked the Laura for putting on another successful Movie Night, and she passed on the accolades to Chad, her husband. Jack thanked that Charlie West’s wife, Kelly, has been working on the garden alongside the parking lot, and it looks great.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – None.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the 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 7:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be July 19, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Jim Turnbull, Council Vice-President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary