

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 Stanislawski, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

**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 June 21, 2023 be approved. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

**Police Report** – The June Police Report showed 55 calls for service. Once again, it was asked that residents call the police when they see children acting in an unsafe manner. The chief was asked about the vandalism that occurred on the playground on July 4. He said they are investigating, but he is unable to discuss in any detail, because the offenders are juveniles.

**Fire Report** – The Fire Company responded to 15 calls in June.

**Visitors** – (1) Lynne Hendry of 608 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue spoke about the bamboo plants encroaching on her yard, coming from the Nixon residence beside her. Council is aware of the problem there and at other locations in the Borough, and is considering an ordinance to address this and other nuisance situations.

(2) Donna Ceriani of 722 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue asked about progress on the renumbering of houses in the Borough. Mr. Starn said that the Council is still working on it, coordinating with the Beaver County 9-1-1 Center.

(3) Jim and Edie Ciganik of 516 4<sup>th</sup> Street asked about progress making the owner of 518 4<sup>th</sup> Street comply with our property maintenance code. Our Code Enforcement official cited the owner at 518, and Mr. Connelly has until August 19 to abate.

(4) Joe Signore of 611 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue asked why the backhoe has to be parked beside his house at the edge of the playground. He said it was in violation of an ordinance, but could not cite the particular ordinance. Bryan explained that he parks the backhoe close to the maintenance building in the Winter so it can be plugged in. He parks it beside the playground in the warmer months because there were more incidents of children climbing on it when it was parked behind the building.

**Solicitor** – No report.

**Code Enforcement** – The house at 518 4<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed previously. The resident at 410 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue has emailed us an offer by Contes Brothers to take down her pine tree.

**Correspondence** – Correspondence included a copy of our MS4 permit, a letter from State Senator Vogel advising of a grant opportunity, and a letter from Attorney Colavincenzo that will be given to Mr. Paganie.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine was unable to make the meeting, but she reported receipts of \$10,216.40 during the month of June through July 5, leaving \$14,485.98 in unpaid taxes for 2023.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer pointed out that the amusement tax had been received from the Golf Club, and interest income has increased, providing over \$3,000 in June.

**Public Safety Committee** – Bryan expressed his concern that no one called the police during the July 4 vandalism on the playground.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Jim Turnbull stated that we need a cost estimate for the proposed new firehall, and we need to determine the financing for the project. Bill Starn said he would join the firehall committee.

**Streets and Sewers** – Bill Starn reported that Patterson Township plans to put in their next budget funds to pave their half of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Ross Hill.

**Recreation** – Nothing to report.

**Recycling** – RO Recycling has been doing a much better job at servicing the paper retriever.

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

**Rental Property** – Nothing new.

**New Business** – (1) Bill Starn announced that Widmer Engineering is assisting us in asking for a waiver from MS4 requirements, but he suggested that we proactively put in place MS4 requirements. He has a sample ordinance that will govern such activities.

(2) Council discussed an ordinance prohibiting bamboo and other invasive species as part of a new nuisance ordinance.

(3) Consensus of Council is that small vehicles will have to be regulated through ordinance.

**Old Business** – (1) The Council will continue to consider which, if any, house numbers will need to be changed, primarily for the safety of the residents.

(2) On Community Day, August 5, the BHS band will perform the Star Spangled Banner at 4pm, followed by a bike parade. The VFD will be cooking and selling food, Chad Trehar will provide music, Bruster's ice cream will hand out cones, tables and chairs will be available, and there will be a petting zoo.

**Mayor** – Mayor Luger remarked that the number of distressed properties is increasing.

**COG** – No report.

**Emergency Management** – Nothing to report.

**Announcements** – On Tuesday, July 25, Big Sno will be providing free snow cones courtesy of the VFD and Patterson Township Police Department.

**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. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be August 16, 2023, at 7 p.m.

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Jim Turnbull, Council Vice-President

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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary