

CURWENSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday September 9, 2019
Place: Curwensville Municipal Building
Purpose: To discuss any business brought before council.

Council Members Present

Sara Curulla, President
Harriet Carfley, Vice President
Robert Moore, Councilperson
Tom Carfley, Councilperson
Rhonda Carfley, Councilperson
Dave Donahue, Councilperson

Mayor John Adams

Borough Secretary / Treasurer

Terri Bracken- Secretary/ Treasurer

News Reporters

Kim Finnegan – Gant Daily

Others Present

Dennis Curry
Dan Monella- Stephenson Equipment
Sean & Christina McCracken

Opening Meeting:

At 6:00 p.m. President Sara Curulla called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Of Minutes

Council was presented with the minutes for the meetings held August 26, 2019. Councilperson Rhonda Carfley made a motion to approve those minutes. Councilperson Robert Moore seconded that motion. The minutes were approved 6-0.

Citizens to Address Council-

None

New Business

1. PennDot informed the borough that plans are being made to install a Gate and lights at Cooper RD railroad Crossing. There will be no expense to the Borough for this project.
2. DCNR Grant Workshop November 20th in Clarion- Secretary Bracken requested Councils permission to attend the workshop.
 - a. Councilperson Dave Donahue made a motion to allow Secretary Bracken to attend the workshop.

- b. Vice President Harriet Carfley seconded the motion
 - c. The motion passed 6-0
3. Forestry Ordinance Letter. – The Borough received an information Packet from the Department of Agriculture explaining the need for careful consideration on any ordinances regarding tree harvesting. They request Boroughs and Townships seek more information before passing any ordinances that may conflict with their regulations.

Old Business

- a. Art exhibit at the park- Elementary Art Teacher Rebecca Miller is planning an art exhibit to be held at Irvin Park in January. She sent a list of requests of the Borough. This information is provided to the Park Committee and Council for review.

Monthly Reports

Police

Mayor John Adams reported Penndot will be doing traffic studies throughout the area from August 2019 to January 2020.

Animal Control

Animal Control Officer Tom Shaffer submitted his monthly report that states he had received 64 Calls in August and travelled 486.8 miles. He Issued 6 verbal and 2 written warnings and 2 citations.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carfley issued the following fines & Permits in August:

- 8 Land Use Permits and 5 Mowing Grass on Street Fines.
- Code Enforcement collected \$825.00 in fines & fees in August.

Code enforcement Officer Tom Carfley also presented the Rental Property Ordinance that was returned from Solicitor Ryan Sayers who reviewed and approved the ordinance.

Officer Carfley made a motion that Council move forward with the ordinance.

- Councilperson Robert Moore seconded the motion.
- The motion passed 6-0
- Secretary Bracken will advertise the ordinance as required.

Officer Carfley also remarked that the public should call him directly about Code Enforcement issues not the Borough Office.

Parks & Recreation

The inclusive swing set equipment has arrived. The street crew will arrange for site preparation and workers to help with the installation. Council was informed and agreed that some overtime will be required to install the swings on the weekends when help is available.

Street Department

- a. Funding for Walnut & Thompson. The grant funding has been secured for the project. The next step is to advertise for bids. Street Committee Chairman Dave Donahue recommends advertising in December or January for the best chance of getting bidders.
- b. Street sweeper- The street department requested the Borough purchase a street sweeper from Stephenson Equipment at a cost of \$169,500.00 stating that the machine would pay for itself due to the fees we already pay to have others sweep the streets and clean the storm drains.
 - i. B&D charges \$6625 to sweep the Borough streets once in 2019. Plus an additional \$574 for fuel. Also the Borough pays \$2000 annually for storm drain cleaning which can now be done with this machine.
 - ii. Finance Committee Chairperson Harriet Carfley presented council with a proposal for purchasing the Street Sweeper.

Purchase Price	\$169,500.00
Down Payment- Liquid Fuels	\$20,000.00
Down Payment-Reserve Fund	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Financed Amount	\$119,500.00
Interest Rate	4.4%
Term of Loan	5 Years
Yearly Payment	\$27,191.61

- iii. Chairperson Carfley explained that the Borough would save the fees to pay others for these services and with the Backhoe being paid off in 2020, that payment of \$18,000.00 per year would be applied to the street sweeper payment.

Backhoe Payment Per Year	\$18,000.00
Street Sweeping Per Year	\$7,199.00
Storm Drain Cleaning	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Current Yearly Expenditures	\$27,199.00

- iv. Street Leadman Dennis Curry also noted the Streetsweeper would be purchased through a state authorized COSTARS vendor program so taking bids would not be required. This information had been verified earlier in the day by Secretary Bracken who contacted the PSAB directly for the proper procedure in purchases of this size.
- c. Councilperson Robert Moore made a motion to purchase the Street Sweeper from Stephenson Equipment.
 - i. Councilperson Dave Donahue seconded the motion.
 - ii. Council felt more discussion was required before a vote could be taken.
 1. Councilperson Tom Carfley stated he did believe the Borough needed a street sweeper and that the money could be spent elsewhere.
 - iii. After a brief discussion Borough Council voted 5-1 to purchase the Street Sweeper with Councilperson Tom Carfley voting no.

Fire Department

Fire Committee Chairperson Harriet Carfley informed council the fire department had been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$185,000.00. They will use that money to purchased several items needed by the department.

Finance

Vice President Carfley presented the bills to be paid for August in the amount of \$27710.29

- Vice President Harriet Carfley made a motion to pay the bills for August.
- Councilperson Robert Moore seconded the motion.
- The motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

- Councilperson Dave Donahue made a motion to adjourn.
- Councilperson Robert Moore seconded the motion
- The motion passed 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by

Theresa Bracken
Secretary / Treasurer