Hawley Borough Council Meeting

February 10, 2021 7pm

94 Main Avenue

Present from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilpersons Bartleson and Dougherty. Present via zoom were Councilpersons Faubel, Ferrara, and Rojas. Also present were Police Chief Drake, Solicitor Bernathy, Junior Councilperson Sealy-Ortero-Dougherty and Secretary Racht. Mayor Hawk was absent due to work. Director of Public Works Mead was absent as he was responding to a fire. Present from the public were Peter Becker of Tri County Independent. Present via zoom from the public was Susan Brockner.

 President Monaghan began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to accept the January minutes with the clarification under Landlord/Tenant that inspections are waived, except for new tenants and properties with complaints, during 2021 due to health concerns due to the ongoing virus.

Correspondence: emailed, from Census Bureau. One person had called regarding snow removal on Main Street but had not joined into zoom.

Motion: made by Councilperson Faubel, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to pay the bills as on the bills list.

Rental: there were no inspections.

Ambulance: Vice President Herzog gave the report from Commonwealth Health, on file. There were 29 calls.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Mead was absent due to responding to a fire.

Hawley Area Authority: President Monaghan gave the report, on file.

Zoning/Building: emailed, on file.

Planning: no meeting.

Grant: Councilperson Rojas reported that the Borough is receiving a $3,650 grant for the required video inspection of the levee pipes. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to electronically execute documents needed for the video inspection grant.

Park: There was no meeting in January. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously Resolutions 2021-1 and 2021-2 for the erection of banners for the June and September Craft Fairs by the Chamber of Northern Poconos.

Emergency Management: Mayor Hawk was not present due to work.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Hawk was not present due to work.

Solicitor: The Tebbenhoff hearing was continued until May.

Finance: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to transfer all but one dollar from the Pennvest Account to the General Account to pay bills.

Police Committee: nothing to report.

Chief’s Report: Chief Drake reported that the department had received a $4,000 donation from Palmyra Township, Wayne County and a $1,800 uniforms grant from Wayne County. Motion: made by Councilperson Dougherty, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to spend $199 for Corporal Bertholf to receive training in Evidence Room Administration.

Streets and Roads: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to conditionally approve purchasing a plow truck. Motion: amended by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to amend the previous motion to put down a refundable down payment of no more than ten percent as long as refundable to hold the vehicle until the next meeting or a special meeting. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimouslyto advertise a specialzoom meeting regarding truck purchase and any other business that may come up on Monday, February 15th at 4pm.

Building: nothing to report.

Health and Welfare: nothing to report.

Landlord/Tenant: nothing to report.

Old Business: Mayor Hawk and Public Works Director Mead were not present to give their findings regarding political signs and the Penndot right of way. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously for Solicitor Bernathy to reach out to Palmyra Township, Pike County to get acknowledgement that they will not be charging five hundred dollars per call for ambulance service.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to adjourn. The time was 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary