Hawley Borough Council Meeting

March 10, 2021 7pm

94 Main Avenue

Present from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilperson Dougherty. Present via zoom were Councilpersons, Faubel, Ferrara, and Rojas. Councilperson Bartleson was absent due to illness. Also present were Mayor Hawk, Police Chief Drake, Director of Public Works Mead, Solicitor Bernathy, and Secretary Racht. Present from the public were Peter Becker of Tri County Independent, Dean Johnson and Kristin Krauss**.** Present from the public via zoom were the Brockners, Walker Day, Doug Nahoghyl, and the Tebbenhoffs.

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 minutes from the February 10 Council meeting with the correction under Old Business to clarify that Solicitor Bernathy would reach out to Palmyra Township, Pike County regarding ambulance service.

Correspondence: Wayne County Commissioners sent notice that the tax assessment appeal by the Silk Mill was denied.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to write a letter of support for Wallenpaupack School District’s new program that addresses the shortage of EMTs and firefighters by providing training for students so they can graduate with a certificate that can be used in the community immediately.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to allow Pike County Autism Support to put ribbons on the parking meters for the month of April.

Public presentation: Dean Johnson discussed the condition of Paupack Street. Walker Day discussed the condition of Pike Street.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Faubel, and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer’s report.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Ferrara, and passed unanimously to pay the bills as on the bills list with the addition of $80 to reimburse Scott Mead for purchasing two tables for the Council room.

Rental: there were no inspections.

Ambulance: Vice President Herzog gave the report. Last month in the borough Commonwealth Health had fifteen calls and Hawley Ambulance had three.

Fire: Fire Chief Mead gave the report for January and February because he was on a fire call during last month’s meeting. Report on file.

Hawley Area Authority: report was emailed, on file.

Zoning: SFM sent the report, on file. There were two building permits and a notice of violation was sent to Settlers.

Code Enforcement: Property Maintenance Officer Ralph sent the report, on file.

Planning: Planning recommended that Tiffani Hoffman’s lot line adjustment be sent to the county for review.

Grants: nothing to report.

Park and Rec: The Committee provided information to Jason Woods for his survey. Park and Rec began planning for 9/11.

Emergency Management: Mayor Hawk said that the training had been cancelled.

Solicitor: the TAN closing will be Friday. The need for a fireworks ordinance was discussed.

Finance: Councilperson Faubel noted that the tuck loan closing might occur at the same time as the TAN closing. The total invoice for the truck is $80,546. The down payment will be $22,000. The five-year loan will be for five years from the Dime bank with 3.25%. New Holland had quoted 4.75%. The annual payments will be due April 15th.

Police: The Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 27th at 10am. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to approve DHP’s request for Church Street on August 28 and Church and Keystone for October 2.

Chief’s Report: Chief Drake reminded everyone to follow CDC guidelines for the Easter Egg Hunt and if they feel sick or uncomfortable don’t come.

Streets and Roads: Director Mead emailed, on file.

Building: Nothing to report.

Health and Welfare: Vice President Herzog reminded everyone to practice being safe about Covid.

Landlord/Tenant: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Mayor Hawk and Director Mead are researching the Penndot right of way regard to signs.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to adjourn. The time was 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary