Hawley Borough Council Meeting

 June 9, 2021 7pm

94 Main Avenue

Present from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilpersons Bartleson, Faubel and Rojas. Councilperson Ferrara was absent due to illness. Councilperson Dougherty was absent without cause. 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, Rebecca Mead, Duane Austin, Barb Middaugh, Matthew Smith, Nick Lataski, Robert Tebbenhoff, Tony and Lani Sambuka, and Kristin Krauss. President Monaghan began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Correspondence: Dick and Maryanne Teeter were happy to see the Memorial Day Parade take place.

Minutes: Motion made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to accept the May 12 meeting minutes.

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

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to pay the bills as on the bills list with the addition from Park and Rec $37.78 to PPL for bathrooms and out of General $55 for stamps and $85.68 to Dime Bank for interest on the Tax Anticipation Note.

Rental: inspections have not started up again.

Ambulance: Commonwealth had 26 calls in the Borough last month, on file.

Fire: Chief Mead gave the report, on file.

Hawley Area Authority: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously for the Authority to plant English Ivy to hide the chain link around their generatorat Bingham Park. Report on file.

Zoning: one fence permit, one building permit, on file.

Code Enforcement: report from Ralph Bolinger on file.

Planning: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to approve upon the Planning Commission’s recommendation the Tebbenhoff’s Cedar Avenue subdivision into three lots as presented with the conditions put in place by the Solicitor Bernathy, part of which is ninety-days to acquire a building permit and begin the conversion of an existing garage into a single family dwelling.

Grants: Councilperson Rojas reported that the Borough did not receive the LSA grant to repair Church Street and the spillway. This was the second time the application was submitted. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, to resubmit the application for Church Street only. Motion: amended by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to resubmit for the same amount, remove the spillway, and add twenty five thousand dollars worth of paving where the borough engineer recommends. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to accept Koberlein to perform the video inspection of the pipes for $3,650 based upon the solicitor’s review. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to reach out to the Borough engineer and discuss possible sites for such as embedded lighting and signs for a CFA multimodal grant.

Park and Rec: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to proceed with the community funded replacement of a memorial sign.

Emergency Management: Mayor Hawk had nothing to report.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Hawk performed six weddings last month.

Solicitor’s Report: Motion : made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to send notice to the property owner of 310 Bellemonte Avenue, which is being occupied without sufficient sewer service, with the understanding that they have forty-eight hours to vacate the premises with the understanding that if they do not vacate the premises a petition of injunction relief will be filed with the Wayne County Court of Common Pleas.Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously tofile against thefifteen property owners who did not register as per the landlord tenant ordinance despite being notified several times.

Finance: Motion: made by Councilperson Faubel, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to spend eight thousand dollars to pave the Borough section of Garfield Avenue conditional upon the agreement with Palmyra Township Wayne.

Police: Vice President Herzog announced these street closures: August 28 Church Street from Main to Pennfor Wallyfest and October 2&3 Keystone Street Main to Penn for Oktoberfest.

Chief’s Report: Chief Drake thanked all who helped with the Memorial Day Parade. The 4th of July Parade will line-up at Noon and step off at 1pm. The carnival will be held June 30-July 10. National Night Out will be held August 3rd.

Streets and Roads: emailed, on file. There will be an executive session on personnel.

Building: Scott will bring someone in to set up the generator system so the Police side of the building has power when the electricity goes out.

Health and Welfare: nothing.

Personnel: there will be an executive session.

Old Business: Scott will put together specs about the old truck in order to sell it.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to go into executive session. The time was 7:40pm.

Council came back into regular session at 7:50pm.

Motion: made by Councilperson Faubel, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to raise Chris De’Angelo’s hourly wage from $10 to $12 per hour.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to adjourn. The time was 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary