

Hawley Borough Council Meeting
July 14, 2021 7pm
94 Main Avenue

Prior to the regular session there was an executive session regarding litigation. Present from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilpersons Bartleson, Dougherty, Ferrara, and Rojas. Councilperson Faubel was out of town. Also present were Police Chief Drake, Director of Public Works Mead, Solicitor Bernathy, and Secretary Racht. Mayor Hawk was at work. Present from the public were Peter Becker of Tri County Independent, Keith Corey of Aqua Pa, Rebecca Mead, Duane Austin, Dean Johnson, Franklin Paul and Kristin Krauss. President Monaghan began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Minutes: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to approve the June minutes.

Public Comment: Keith Corey announced that he was retiring from Aqua at the end of the month.

Jeanette Graff was not present to discuss dog waste.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to open a new bank account at the Dime Bank, with the same signers, for the American Rescue Plan.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to pay the bills as on the bills list with the addition of \$7.41 to Palmyra Wayne for motor vehicle fines.

Park and Rec: Motion: made by Councilperson Dougherty, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to support Franklin Paul's skate park art project.

911 Ceremony: letters of invitation went out.

Rental: inspections will start again in January 2022.

Ambulance: 23 calls by Commonwealth, report on file.

Fire: on file.

Hawley Area Authority: on file.

Zoning: there were three zoning permits and two building permits, on file. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously for Solicitor Bernathy to reach out to SFM Consulting regarding a personnel issue.

Code Enforcement: on file.

Planning: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Ferrara, and passed unanimously to approve Purdytown Consolidation Plan. The Settlers' lot consolidation plan was sent to the County.

Grants: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to authorize Ann and Michele to sign LSA paperwork. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed to add Vice President Herzog to the list of potential signers in case Ann is out of town.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to look into preparing an application for CBDG to repair the spillway, with an additional option of Highland Street repair and depending if money is still available, repair of the 100 block of Keystone. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously that if offered monetary funds in place of paving work on Church Street that the Borough accepts it.

Emergency Management: Mayor Hawk at work.

Solicitor: There are several ordinances Solicitor Bernathy wants to work on with Council.

Finance: Councilperson Faubel was out of town.

Police: nothing to report.

Chief: Chief Drake thanked all who helped with the Fourth of July parade and the successful carnival.

Streets: report on file. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to ratify the phone vote to spend \$1,100 to undercoat the new truck. Motion: made by Councilperson Bartleson, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to spend \$9,975 to enable the generator system to power all of the building when needed.

Health and Welfare: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, to use a portion of American Rescue funds towards an inter-municipal ambulance; motion defeated.

Motion: made by Councilperson Dougherty, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to support a grant application by Paupack Township towards funding for an inter-municipal ambulance program.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Ferrara, and passed unanimously to name Lake Region EMS as the next available emergency responder.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to pay Wayco upon completion of documentation and to sign the paperwork for the funds to come out of the Pickleball grant or private funds.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to adjourn. The time was 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary