Hawley Borough Council Meeting

September 8, 2021 7:20pm

94 Main Avenue

Present from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilpersons Bartleson, Dougherty, Faubel, Ferrara, and Rojas. Also present were Police Chief Drake, Director of Public Works Mead, Mayor Hawk, Solicitor Bernathy, and Secretary Racht. Present from the public were Peter Becker of Tri County Independent, Rebecca Mead, Jim Dougherty, Bob Myers, John Nichols, Matthew Smith, Duane Austin, Pat Bartoszak, Kristin Krauss, and Tim Rowland.

Prior to the meeting there was an executive session regarding personnel matters and a conditional use hearing regarding the request from Kevin and Tiffany Hoffman of Purdytown Property LLC to build a two family dwelling at the corner of Park and Rowe. 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 approve the agenda as flexible.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed with six yes and one abstention, which was by Councilperson Ferrara who was absent last month, to approve the August Council meeting minutes.

Correspondence: Pack 229 requested permission to use the Borough building as a backup for meetings.

Public comment: Pat Bartoszak wanted to know who was dumping in the woods off River Street. President Monaghan explained that was borough property and Director of Public Works Mead said he was dumping stone and dirt there.

Duane Austin spoke about problems caused on Paupack Street by the contractor for Aqua.

Motion: made by Vice President, seconded by Councilperson Faubel, and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer’s 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 out of General of $9.49 to Luhr’s for a socket, $90.77 to Quill for Norton and flash drives, $704.55 to SFM for 70% of a building permit, $682.50 to SFM for zoning hours, and $43.72 to Aqua for the building.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Ferrara, and passed unanimously to approve the liability insurance.

Planning: There was no meeting.

Rental: no inspections.

Ambulance: Commonwealth had 18 calls in August, on file.

Fire: Chief Mead gave the report, on file.

Lake Region EMS: eight calls in August, report on file.

Code Enforcement: emailed by Code Enforcer Bolinger, report on file.

Park and Rec: Councilperson Dougherty emailed, on file.

911 Remembrance: President Monaghan said the event will take place at 10 AM at Bingham Park.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to ratify the vote for the Borough engineer to do a site visit on Paupack Street.

Motion: made by Councilperson Dougherty, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to pass Resolution 2021-5 to authorize the 2021 application to County Block Grant for paving Welwood from Church to Atkinson.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to ratify the vote to include Welwood in the grant application.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to pass Resolution 2021-6 to apply for and pay the application fee for Church Street paving through Monroe County Local Share Grant.

Levee Report: Councilperson Rojas reported that the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers was very pleased with the inspection but had two recommendations to be addressed down the road; to consider widening the stream around the island, and to fix the concrete crack down by Cora’s.

EMA: Mayor Hawk reported that the Borough is one hundred percent in compliance for FEMA and PEMA assistance.

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

Solicitor: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog to list the Borough truck without equipment on munibid for a reserve of $2,200. Motion: amended by Vice President Herzog to raise the reserve to $5000. Motion: made by Councilperson Ferrara, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to get the truck appraised. Vice President Herzog removed her prior motions.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Ferrara to approve the inter-municipal agreement in 48 hours if everyone reads it.

Finance: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty to earmark $25,000 from PLIGIT to be used for Paupack Street. Motion: amended by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously that the Borough no longer has the original $67,000 for Paupack Street so $25,000 will be earmarked from PLIGIT to be used for Paupack Street.

Police: the committee did not meet due to the holiday.

Chief: report on file. The American Legion donated towards bulletproof vests. Palmyra Township donated towards National Night Out.

Streets and Roads: report on file.

Building: nothing to report.

Health and Welfare: nothing to report.

Landlord: nothing to report.

Personnel: nothing to report.

New Business: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Ferrara, and passed unanimously to replace the faded ordinance sign at the entrance of Atkinson and see if there is a better spot to put it. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to authorize Scott to investigate which signs are faded and replace as needed. Motion: amended by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to authorize Scott to create a list of signs that need replaced.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to adjourn. The time was 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary