Hawley Borough Council Meeting

September 9, 2020 7pm

94 Main Avenue

Prior to the meeting there was an executive session regarding litigation.

 Present for the regular meeting from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilpersons Bartleson, Faubel, and Rojas. Present on Zoom were Councilpersons Dougherty and Ferrara. Also present were Mayor Hawk, Junior Councilperson Sealey-Otero Dougherty, Chief Drake, Director of Public Works Mead, Property Maintenance Officer Bolinger, Solicitor Bernathy, and Secretary Racht. Present from the public was Peter Becker of the Tri County Independent.

President Monaghan began the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence in honor of 9/11.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to accept the August minutes. Correspondence: This included information about the levee inspection and Wright Center’s information regarding a trunk or treat and request for support to house a food pantry. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to provide a letter of support for the food pantry. VIP sent a request to put purple ribbons and contact information on the lampposts for October. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to allow VIP to put ribbons on the lampposts and for Rachel’s Challenge to put ribbons on the parking meters. MRM trust sent information on Workmans’ Comp.

There was no public presentation.

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

Rental Inspection: Inspector Corino had emailed the report, on file.

Ambulance Report: Commonwealth reported 34 calls, on file.

Fire: Chief Mead gave the report, on file.

Hawley Are Authority: President Monaghan had emailed the report, on file.

Zoning: Mike Manter had sent the report, on file. He issued a junkyard warning and a pool violation.

Code Enforcement: Sent by Property Maintenance Officer Bolinger, on file.

Planning: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Faubel to appoint Mary Sanders to the Planning Commission with Barb Dyson as alternate; motion passed with one no from Councilperson Dougherty regarding Sanders. Motion: made by Councilperson Dougherty, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously for Solicitor Bernathy to not research if Mary Sanders lost her residency while she is living elsewhere while a new home is being built on her lot to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Grants: motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to pay Reilly Invoice # 1 at $4,611 for engineering out of Pennvest. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to pay Reilly invoice # 2 at $1,389 for consulting out of the Pennvest grant. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Faubel, and passed with six yes and one abstention from Councilperson Dougherty who was unable to hear the discussion to authorize Councilperson Rojas to continue the paperwork for $25,000 grant money for the spillway project.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to apply for an LSA grant for a portion of Church Street.

Levee Certification: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to pay Attera invoice #2114 for $15,700 from the grant.

Park and Rec: Councilperson Dougherty said there were no updates.

Emergency Management: Mayor Hawk had a training seminar. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson and passed with six yes, and one abstention from Councilperson Dougherty to appoint Patrick Dougherty as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mayor’s Report: He performed eight weddings on August.

Solicitor: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Faubel, and passed unanimously to approve filing a complaint at Wayne County Court of Common Pleas for injunctive relief on the property owned by Robert Tebenhoff. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously that if Tigue pays in full the $3,294 for the judgment, attorney’s fees and interest to withdraw the November 4th Sherriff’s sale. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Faubel, and passed unanimously to pursue permission from Realtek for the three items listed in their letter.

Finance: The budget workshop will be held October 27th at 6:30.

Police: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to purchase six used Motorola radios at $120 each from the Wayne County Sherriff’s Department.

Chief’s Report: on file.

Streets: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to have Solicitor Bernathy draft an ordinance to make Wayne Avenue no parking on either side so emergency vehicles can get through. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to purchase two roll up roadwork safety signs for $125 each with PLIGIT funds.

Building: Motion: made by Councilperson Bartleson, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to contact a mason to get a quote on repairing the front of the building where the stucco fell off.

Health and Welfare: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to give Solicitor Bernathy the green light to meet with the solicitors of Palmyra Wayne and Paupack to discuss what to do going forward regarding ambulance coverage for the three municipalities.

Landlord/Tenant: Councilperson Ferrara gave the report.

Personnel: Employee reviews will take place.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Faubel, and passed unanimously for the borough building to be used as a polling place. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to recommend that Trick or Treating be done only between 4pm-7pm on Halloween.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary