

January 2, 2018

Council met in regular session at the Union Dale Borough Hall with Mayor Jim Heller presiding. Presentation to the flag was performed. Members present were Doris Young, James Montenegro, Patti Cino, and Donna Tedesco. New council member Donna Tedesco was sworn in by Mayor Heller.

The reorganizational meeting was held. Mayor Heller then opened the floor for nominations for President. A motion for James Montenegro to be President was made by Doris Young, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor. Mayor Heller opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. A motion for Patti Cino to serve as Vice President was made by Doris Young, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor. At this point President Montenegro, took over the meeting. A motion for all other appointments to remain the same was made by Patti Cino and seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor.

- SEO- Jay Lynch
- BPO- Lyndon Wormuth
- CEO- Don Bennett
- EMO- Tom Yale
- President Pro Tempore- James Heller
- Secretary/Treasurer- Jennifer Slick
- Tax Collector- Joseph Svecz
- Solicitor- Marissa McAndrew

President Montenegro appointed committees as follows:

- Road Committee- Tom Yale and James Montenegro
- Building Committee- Doris Young and Donna Tedesco
- Tax Collection Committee- Patti Cino

A motion to set all regular meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Union Dale Borough Hall, except for September, which will be held on September 4th due to Labor Day holiday was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor. Secretary will advertise meeting schedule.

Bill Wolfe was in attendance and asked if the permit has been issued to the gas company. He was told the permit was issued.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and a motion to approve them was made by Doris Young and seconded by Patti Cino with all in favor.

Correspondence-

- The PSAB is seeking award nominations. Secretary has the information if anyone is interested.

- Adams Cable Service will be increasing rates effective 1/1/18.
- The 12 month CD renewed at .5489%. The current balance is \$7,383.12.
- Direct Energy sent a notification that the contract will be expiring on 1/31/18. The rate will increase at that time to \$0.08829/kWh. Secretary obtained a new quote with Entrust Energy. A 12 month contract would be @ \$0.0699/kWh, a 24 month contract would be @ \$0.0685/kWh, and a 36 month contract would be @ \$0.0677/kWh. A motion for the 24 month contract was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.
- A Christmas card was received from County Commissioner Elizabeth Arnold.
- NEP Data Vision will be increasing rates effective 2/1/18.
- PSAB is asking for boroughs to submit resolutions to be debated and voted on during the Annual Conference. The resolutions should call for change and can indicate support for or opposition to a specific idea or legislative measure.
- The Progress Authority has sent a letter asking for assistance in identifying and promoting recognition of emerging, new, expanding, and diversifying businesses in the borough. The Susquehanna County Business Promotion Task Force is trying to increase recognition of businesses and economic opportunity within the county. They are trying to connect business with the wide variety of resources available in the county. It was decided to post the letter at Cable's for anyone interested in contacting The Progress Authority. President Montenegro suggested that a list of businesses located within the borough should be developed in the future.
- A subdivision request was received. A motion to table action until it could be reviewed by President Montenegro and Tom Yale was made by Doris Young and seconded by Donna Tedesco with all in favor.

Persons to be heard-

- There were no persons to be heard, but the secretary reported that the Code Enforcement Officer received the letter from the solicitor to be sent out to the properties with junk cars on them. He will be sending them out next week.
- Secretary also reported that the current nuisance ordinance will need to be revised because it does not allow for the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce it. It was decided to hold off on revising until council can review the existing ordinance. The solicitor will also be asked for sample nuisance ordinances for council to review.

Monies Received-

EIT-Berkheimer	\$998.35
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Treasurer's Report- (not discussed at meeting due to lack of bank statements)

As of	12/31/2017
General Fund Balance	\$201,233.81
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance	\$25,107.99
6 Month CD Balance (Renews 4/6/18)	\$6,929.00
12 Month CD Balance (Renews 12/8/18)	\$7,383.12
Sewer CD (Renews 3/10/18)	\$41,944.19

Bills Paid-

5963	PPL	\$98.82
5964	Doris Young	\$25.00
5965	Patti Cino	\$25.00
5966	Bonnie Byrnes	\$25.00
5967	Keith Foster	\$25.00
5968	James Montenegro	\$25.00
5969	Jennifer Slick	\$220.69
5970	Briechle Law Offices	\$112.50
5971	Don Bennett	\$30.90
5972	IRS	\$586.21
5973	PPL	\$634.45
5974	Forest City News	\$32.00
5975	PSAB	\$10.00
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue	\$78.90
EFT	PA UC Fund	\$1.80
EFT	Berkheimer	\$25.70
Liquid Fuel Fund		
1245	Brian Zembrzycki Excavating	\$2,804.00

A motion to accept the receipts and pay all bills was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

Committee Reports-

- Mayor Heller questioned what properties were contacted about junk cars. He then asked why Saam's was allowed to have so many cars on the property. It was decided to ask for guidance from the solicitor about how to stop problem businesses. The Code Enforcement Officer will be asked to go to Saam's and see if they are in violation with junk cars.
- There were no committee reports.

Unfinished Business-

- President Montenegro started working on the website.
- President Montenegro said he would like to have a full discussion on the possibility of garbage collection in March.
- Information about Newly Elected Municipal Officials Boot Camp was provided to Mayor Heller.

- President Montenegro was the only member of council interested in receiving the Borough News magazine.

New Business-

- A motion to pass Real Estate Tax Ordinance 2018-001 which sets the property tax rate at 2.5 mills was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.
- A motion to appoint Shirley Podwika and Audrey Malinowski as auditors to the two vacant seats was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor.
- President Montenegro stated that he would like to reinstate a grievance committee and would like it be included in the March agenda.

Bill Wolfe stated that there was a grievance committee in the past and asked when a treasurer's report will be provided. He was informed that it is included in the minutes posted outside the borough building each month.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doris Young, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.
Next Meeting February 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.