

March 5, 2018

Council met in regular session at the Union Dale Borough Hall with President James Montenegro presiding. Presentation to the flag was performed. Members present were Doris Young, Donna Tedesco, Patti Cino, Tom Yale, and Mayor James Heller.

Bill Wolfe was in attendance and thanked Patti Cino for getting the plow to the borough building on Sunday. He stated that Justin has taken the sign down and is getting it painted. He will be installing a light for the flag, planting flowers under the sign, and will pressure wash the building. He needs to complete his project by his 18th birthday, which is in April.

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

Correspondence-

- Information was received about Penn Dot's 2018 Municipal Road Maintenance and Safety Symposium for anyone interested in attending.
- The Susquehanna County Commissioners sent the finalized real estate valuation for 2018 at \$4,974,200, which is about \$25,000 less than the amount used in the budget.
- Direct Energy sent a termination notice because the borough switched back to PP&L.
- The Greater Forest City Business Alliance is holding a Spring Mixer on Wednesday, March 7 at Hornbeck Chevrolet.
- The PA Municipal Legal Update will be held August 8-9 in Hershey for anyone interested in attending.
- The 2018 Liquid Fuels deposit was to be made March 1 for \$15,196.83.
- Paperwork was received for a sewage planning module for the Warner/Lash property. The Tax Claim Bureau reported that Joe Svecz made returns in full with \$523 being delinquent.
- The Sewer CD will renew on March 10.

Persons to be heard- BPO Lyndon Wormuth was in attendance as he received the paperwork regarding the Warner/Lash property. Solicitor McAndrew will review the requests and provide feedback to council.

CEO Don Bennett was in attendance and provided copies of deeds and maps of the borough owned properties.

Monies Received-

EIT-Berkheimer	\$729.25
Building Permit-Tedesco	\$567.50
Donation	\$30.00

Treasurer's Report- (not discussed at meeting due to lack of bank statements)

As of	2/28/18
General Fund Balance	\$202,826.18
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance	\$20,819.81
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)	\$42,022.90

Bills Paid-

5999	PPL	\$35.01
6000	Doris Young	\$25.00
6001	Patti Cino	\$25.00
6002	James Montenegro	\$25.00
6003	Donna Tedesco	\$30.00
6004	Jim Heller	\$30.00
6005	Tom Yale	\$30.00
6006	Jennifer Slick	\$220.69
6007	Briechle Law Offices	\$150.00
6008	PPL	\$637.68
6009	Susquehanna County Commissioners	\$101.92
6010	Bob Bates	\$1200.00
	Liquid Fuel	
1247	Brian Zembrzycki	\$2923.00

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

Committee Reports-

- Mayor Heller had nothing new to report.
- Tom Yale mentioned that a burn ban is in effect beginning March 15th.
- President Montenegro and Tom Yale attended the meeting regarding Hazard Mitigation Planning. They came up with 4 proposed plans to submit, including an evacuation plan for major gas pumping station hazard, East Mountain Road repair (which will be completed in the spring), an emergency shelter, and tree hazards in the borough. Submitting the plans makes it easier to obtain funding if it becomes available but is not a guarantee that the borough will receive money. Secretary will review and forward them to the county for submission.
- Tom Yale suggested that the secretary request half of the Dirt & Gravel Road grant money so that it is available when the weather breaks and work can start.

Unfinished Business-

- Discussion on possible garbage collection was tabled until April because the solicitor was in attendance to discuss the nuisance ordinance.

- Solicitor McAndrew provided several sample nuisance ordinances. She recommended completely revoking the previous ordinance and drafting a new one. President Montenegro said he feels that the existing ordinance is very outdated. Council is to review the blank sample and make notes and comments to be reviewed and next month's meeting so that a draft can be provided for the solicitor to review.
- Solicitor McAndrew said based on the current definition of a motor vehicle in the junk car ordinance, a stock car would be considered unregistered and would count towards the 2 allowable unregistered per property. It was decided instead of drafting an agreement, a letter would be sent to both Mr. Conrad and the Saam's regarding cleaning up the unregistered vehicles by May 7th. Violation letters will be sent out if they are not in compliance by that date.
- President Montenegro said that he launched the website at <https://uniondaleboroughpa.com>. He said that he had difficulty inserting the charts from the minutes, so the secretary will change them from Excel files to tables to see if the issue can be resolved. He hopes to be able to add the ordinances also, but does not know how to add a link yet. The secretary will take over maintaining the site.
- Patti Cino questioned the additional responsibilities and suggested that the secretary receive additional compensation. A motion to increase the secretary's pay by \$50 was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.
- President Montenegro said he would like to send a letter out to all of the residents once the website is fully functional informing them of the website and what they will be able to view.
- Mayor Heller said that The Forest City News would publish minutes from the monthly meetings at no charge to the borough. A note will be included on the minutes stating that they have not been approved.

New Business-

- President Montenegro said he would like to have a grievance committee. He said that the letter could ask for volunteers.

Mayor Heller asked how often the bid for plowing required the borough building to be plowed out. President Montenegro said he does not believe it was included but will be this year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doris Young, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor. Next Meeting April 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.