

## June 4, 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 Donna Tedesco, Patti Cino, Tom Yale, and Mayor James Heller.

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 Donna Tedesco with all in favor.

### Correspondence-

- The GFCBA will hold a summer mixer on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Comprehensive Physical Therapy if anyone is interested.

Persons to be heard- CEO Don Bennett was in attendance and stated that the Conrad property now has a fence erected that is covered with tarps, so it is now in compliance with the ordinance. The Saam property has several items that need to be resolved, but they are anticipated to be resolved in the next week. There is a trailer that has been sold but hasn't been picked up yet, 2 vehicles that will be removed in a week, leaving 2 left to make the property compliant. Mr. Saam was in attendance and stated that he still plans to erect a fence.

### Monies Received-

EIT-Berkheimer	\$1,266.15
Delinquent Taxes	\$57.98
Donation	\$30.00
Susquehanna County General Fund- Ren	\$50.00
RE Taxes (\$746.34 to sewer)	\$3,731.71
State Police Fines	\$139.28
Building Permit- Saam	\$994.50
Building Permit- Price	\$50.00

### Treasurer's Report-

As of	5/31/18
General Fund Balance	\$262,597.00
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance	\$29,925.54
6 Month CD Balance (Renews 10/6/18)	\$6,937.63
12 Month CD Balance (Renews 12/8/18)	\$7,383.12
Sewer CD (Renews 3/10/19)	\$43484.20

### Bills Paid-

6041	True Friends	\$100.00
6042	Brian Zembrzycki Excavating	\$525.04
6043	PPL	\$632.54
6044	Joe Svecz	\$164.71
6045	Union Dale Sewer Fund	\$746.34

6046	Patti Cino	\$25.00
6047	James Montenegro	\$25.00
6048	Donna Tedesco	\$30.00
6049	Jim Heller	\$30.00
6050	Tom Yale	\$30.00
6051	Jennifer Slick	\$264.84
6052	Don Bennett	\$77.23

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 had nothing to report.
- Tom Yale reported that the county came and met with the contractor for East Mountain Road. There are two properties that the borough will need access to in order to perform the work. One is located in Wayne County and the other is in Susquehanna County. The property in Wayne County will only be affected in the easement area. Donna Tedesco will get addresses so the secretary can send a letter to the property owners indicating that they borough will be doing road repairs and will need access to correct problems.
- Tom Yale has no updates on the grant application that was submitted this year.
- Tom Yale and Bob Tedesco filled potholes with the cold patch that the borough had delivered.

#### Unfinished Business-

- There was a discussion about the proposed nuisance ordinance with the solicitor's comments. President Montenegro stated that he would like to add the mayor to the nuisance ordinance, so that he can contact the state police if an urgent need arises and then follow up with the code enforcement officer. Mayor Heller stated that he is fine with being added and will contact the necessary people as long as it is understood that he will not be putting himself at risk and physically going out to enforce ordinances. He questioned the possibility of using a constable. It was unknown whether a constable from another area can serve for the borough, but the borough has not been able to fill the elected constable position for several years. The solicitor suggested the elimination of the 10 day requirement for the filing of the written determination with the Borough Secretary if a written or oral complaint is made. The solicitor also said that it needs to be defined how people can receive permission to violate the ordinance. A motion to advertise the nuisance ordinance for passage at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the mayor being added as an "Officer", the elimination of the report being filed in 10 days, and the authority being granted to the mayor to approve violations was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco with all in favor.
- President Montenegro stated that he will not be withdrawing his resignation letter. A motion to advertise for a new council member was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.
- President Montenegro stated that his goal for a garbage collection discussion was that he felt the borough should seek to implement a recycling program and a way for the residents to dispose of bulk items. Patti Cino and Tom Yale stated that they are presently happy with how

garbage collection is currently handled by allowing each individual household to decide on their collector. Patti Cino suggested that the borough may consider getting a dumpster for residents to bring large items to at some point in the future. Donna Tedesco stated that she believes Freddy's Refuse will take recycling if it is in a separate bag. A motion to keep garbage collection as it currently is was made by Patti Cino and seconded by Donna Tedesco. Tom Yale was in favor, and President Montenegro dissented. Motion carried with a vote of 3-1.

- President Montenegro stated that three volunteers were appointed to the grievance committee in May. He will look for the guidelines to provide them.

#### New Business-

- Donna Tedesco said she received a question from a resident about a stop sign on a state road. She said she looked at the sign and it is reflective and the normal size. Council agreed that because it is on a state road, council does not have any control over it.

Bill Wolfe questioned if a copy of the report filed about his nuisance ordinance complaint was reviewed based on the complaint he had made. The report was read aloud. He claimed he never received a copy of the report, and he does not feel that the ordinance was enforced.

Ann Marie Saam questioned why the street light bill was so high if the lights have been converted to LEDs. She stated that when she was secretary it was \$300 a month. Council explained that it was close to \$800 per month before switching to LEDs.

Josephine Hollis asked if council could have the bathroom remodeled. A motion to get quotes to make the bathroom handicapped accessible, insulate the wall, and modernize it with new paint and point of service hot water was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco with all in favor. Quotes to switch from electric heat to a propane heater will also be obtained. Josephine also said it would be nice if the voting stalls could be painted and the floors refinished. Council said that they have already approved installing new lights over the voting stalls.

Bill Conrad said that a great job was done fixing the transition from the parking lot to the ramp for Election Day.

Mike Fortuner submitted a letter of intent to be considered for the vacancy on council. A motion to appoint Michael Fortuner III to fill the remainder of the term was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco with all in favor. Secretary will not advertise the vacancy, although a new member will now need to be found for the grievance board.

Someone mentioned that the phone was not working. Secretary will contact NEP.

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