

January 7, 2019

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, Mike Fortuner, Patti Cino, and Donna Tedesco.

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

SEO- Jay Lynch

CEO- Don Bennett

President Pro Tempore- James Heller

Tax Collector- Joseph Svecz

BPO- Lyndon Wormuth

EMO- Tom Yale

Secretary/Treasurer- Jennifer Slick

Solicitor- Marissa McAndrew

President Cino appointed committees as follows:

- Road Committee- Tom Yale, Mike Fortuner, and Patti Cino
- Building Committee- Doris Young and Donna Tedesco

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 3rd due to Labor Day holiday was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor. Secretary will advertise meeting schedule.

Keith Foster was in attendance and asked that council request that snow not be plowed into a pile in front of the Masonic Lodge. Secretary will contact Brian Zembrzycki.

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

Correspondence-

- The PSAB is seeking award nominations. Secretary has the information if anyone is interested.
- Information regarding the positions that are to appear on the ballot was received from the Susquehanna County Board of Elections. Secretary will return it.
- The Susquehanna County Commissioners are seeking updated borough contact information. Secretary will revise and send it in.
- The Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency will be holding a training session on January 30th. Tom Yale is aware and told the secretary he will attend.

- The revised bidding thresholds effective 1/1/19 was received. Purchases and contracts below \$11,100 require no formal bidding or written/telephonic quotations. Purchases and contracts between \$11,100 and \$20,600 require three written/telephonic quotations. Purchases and contracts over \$20,600 require formal bidding.

Persons to be heard-

- There were no persons to be heard.

Monies Received-

EIT-Berkheimer	\$1,751.94
Coughlin & Gerhart LLP for RTKR	48.58
RE Taxes (\$87.16 to sewer)	435.78

Treasurer's Report-

As of	12/31/2018
General Fund Balance	\$223,658.23
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance	\$27,281.18
6 Month CD Balance (Renews 4/6/19)	\$6,946.32
12 Month CD Balance (Renews 12/21/19)	\$7,423.87
Sewer CD (Renews 3/10/19)	\$44,435.11

Bills Paid-

6147	Jennifer Slick	\$264.84
6148	Brian Zembrzycki Excavating	\$600.00
6149	The Forest City News	\$21.00
6150	PPL	\$590.54
6151	PPL	\$123.44
6152	DGK	\$651.00
6153	KBA	\$3,930.00
6154	Briechle Law Offices	\$112.50
6155	Jennifer Slick	\$46.05
6156	DGK	\$325.00
6157	Lyndon Wormuth	\$85.00
6158	IRS	\$843.60
6159	Bob Bates	\$375.00
6160	DCED	\$18.00
6161	Joe Svecz	\$19.23
6162	Union Dale Sewer Fund	\$87.16
EFT	PA UC Fund	\$1.89
EFT	PA Dept of Revenue	\$110.90
EFT	Berkheimer	\$36.13
<u>Liquid Fuel Fund</u>		
1251	Brian Zembrzycki Excavating	\$1,357.00

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

Committee Reports-

- Mayor Heller stated that on December 16 & 17, he was contacted by Donna Keslo regarding East Mountain Road because the trees were bent over due to the ice. He stated that Brian

should have notified someone of the condition of the road instead of leaving it as it was. Tom Yale cut the trees with the fire company's equipment. Mayor Heller then contacted Brian and had him cinder. Council agreed that Brian should have notified someone since he was aware of the problem. Secretary will discuss with Brian and provide him with the road committee's contact information so that a decision can be made promptly on how to resolve any problems. Secretary will also ask if he would be willing to cut trees in the event that Tom Yale and/or the fire department cannot take care of them in a timely manner. Mike Fortuner stated that he was on East Mountain Road and that it was very icy because the temperature had warmed up and then dropped causing the runoff to freeze. He asked that Brian err on the side of caution and apply extra cinders if he deems it necessary.

- There were no committee reports.

Unfinished Business-

- Secretary reported that the 12 month CD was cashed at FNB and moved to HNB. It was temporarily placed in a flex CD with the intention of moving it to a longer term at a higher interest rate. Currently, money market accounts at HNB would pay .35% for the liquid fuel account and .40% for the general fund. FNB is currently paying .75% on both accounts. Secretary stated that HNB is offering a 14 month CD at 2.33% so a larger amount could be placed in the CD to recoup some of the interest that would be lost if it was decided to switch. A motion to move the liquid fuel checking account and the general fund checking account from FNB to HNB, with \$100,000 from the general fund being put into a 14 month CD with the money currently in the flex CD at HNB was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.
- After some discussion about the combination nuisance/junk car ordinance, Mike Fortuner said that he felt the permit for \$30 was redundant. He felt the permit option should be eliminated. Donna Tedesco said that she interpreted the ordinance to mean that the only way a property owner could have more than 2 vehicles, would be if they had a permit and erected a fence. A motion to remove the permit from section 6 was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor. Secretary will contact the solicitor to have it revised in the hopes of being able to pass it in February.
- Mike Fortuner stated that he contacted the two auditors, but he heard back from neither. The solicitor had advised the secretary that Ararat Township was considering using Brian Kelly from Carbondale. Donna Tedesco stated that she had received another firm and had sent it to the secretary. She will follow up.

New Business-

- A motion to pass Real Estate Tax Ordinance 2019-001 which sets the property tax rate at 2.5 mills was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doris Young, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

Next Meeting February 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.