

August 19, 2019

Due to the lack of a quorum at the August 5, 2019 meeting, Council rescheduled to this date and met in regular session at the Union Dale Borough Hall with President Patti Cino presiding. Presentation to the flag was performed. Members present were Donna Tedesco, Mike Fortuner, Tom Yale and Mayor Jim Heller.

Bob Tedesco Jr. questioned the fact that East Mountain Road was raised so high he can no longer mow the lawn to the road or gain access to the property from the road as he's been able to do all his life. Additionally, he stated that large, red shale stones are falling into the lawn, and questioned whether there were any plans to fix the sides of the road. Tom Yale indicated that the grant was only to raise the road, therefore any plans to fix it would have to be paid for by the Borough, and Mike Fortuner asked if the Borough paid to fix one section, would they be responsible to fix the entire road. Ann Marie Saam noted that the sides of the road are so high it could pose a danger if a car were to go off the edge and questioned whether the borough would be liable if such occurred. Mike Fortuner noted that there are many other roads with steeper embankments that aren't protected by guiderails or other protective measures. Ann Marie Saam suggested that council members drive up East Mountain Road to see how bad the problem actually is. No decision or solution was agreed upon.

Tedesco also questioned the sewer fee that is taken out of the borough taxes and, noting that Union Dale doesn't have public sewers, asked how long it would continue to be withdrawn. President Cino stated that the sewer fee was started when Thompson put in public sewers, so that Union Dale would have some initial funds should they be required to put in sewers as well. President Cino also noted that at the time it was enacted, it was put before a vote and passed without objection. Although both President Cino and Mike Fortuner indicated that the money is for the future benefit of the Borough, Tedesco requested that council look into the matter regardless.

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 Mike Fortuner with all in favor.

Correspondence-

- A Leadership Conference will be held on October 11 & 12 in Harrisburg for anyone interested in attending,
- The Area Agency on Aging is seeking donations for Meals on Wheels. It was suggested that council donate \$200. A motion was made by Donna Tedesco and seconded by Patti Cino with all in favor.

Persons to be heard-

- Don Bennett said that Sam Long has removed the third car on his property and is now in compliance with the Borough ordinance.

- The Solicitor had been contacted about the Borough adopting the issuance of driveway permits. Solicitor responded by email and indicated that because of what would be involved, she felt it would be cost prohibitive. Council was in agreement.

Monies Received-

Act 13	\$25,338.54
Joe Scvez	\$633.75
Susq. Cty. Delinquent Taxes	\$162.77
Jay Lynch	\$150.00

Treasurer's Report-

As of	7/31/2019
General Fund Balance-Money Market	\$185,231.57
General Fund Balance-Checking	\$3,773.71
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance-Money Market	\$34,544.82
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance-Checking	\$215.00
6 Month CD Balance @ FNB (Renews 10/6/19)	\$6,954.97
14 Month CD Balance (Renews 3/17/20)	\$107,426.07
Sewer CD (Renews 3/10/20)	\$46,824.09

Bills Paid-

1069 Swif	\$3,900.00
1070 PPL	\$28.97
1071 Joe Svecz	\$27.98
1072 Tammy O'Reilly	\$231.34
1073 Jay Lynch	\$115.91
1074 VOID	\$0.00
1075 DGK	\$1,619.00
1076 Pykus	\$78,886.00
1077 Tom Yale Jr.	\$315.00
1078 Forest City News	\$28.00
1079 Don Bennett	\$61.79
1080 PPL	\$593.13
1081 Jennifer Slick	\$264.84

A motion to accept the receipts and treasurer's report and pay all bills was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

Committee Reports-

- No Committee reports were reported.

Unfinished Business-

- It was noted that with Ann Marie Saam taking the vacant council seat, a new person would be needed to serve as resident of the vacancy board. Council members were asked to think about competent people who might serve.
- Secretary O'Reilly provided Mayor Heller with the W-4 Withholding Tax Forms he inquired about at the July meeting.
- Mike Fortuner reported on the Block Grant discussed at the July meeting and indicated that it was not something we could use at this time, but planned to look into it again next year.

New Business-

- A motion was made by Donna Tedesco and seconded by Patti Cino to switch the Borough insurance to Astra, with all in favor.
- The Worker's Comp Audit took place on August 19, 2019 at the Borough Building at 1:00 p.m. where Secretary O'Reilly met with the auditor.
- President Cino asked that Lyndon Wormuth be notified again regarding whether a building permit was obtained for the new pole barn erected on Darrow Street.
- Council agreed that Bill Pykus Excavating should be paid in full for their work on East Mountain Road.
- It was agreed that East Mountain Road should be treated with calcium, and Ann Marie Saam agreed to provide contact information of the company that treated Svcez Road. Secretary O'Reilly will contact them for pricing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.
Next Meeting September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

