December 2, 2019

Council met in regular session at the Union Dale Borough Hall with President Patti Cino presiding. Members present were Donna Tedesco, Ann Marie Saam, Mike Fortuner and Mayor Jim Heller. Presentation to the flag was performed.

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 Ann Marie Saam with all in favor.

Correspondence-

* PSAB Annual Conference will be held in Hershey from June 7 – 10 if anyone is interested in attending.
* The Borough received the estimated real estate assessment value for 2020 with an assessed real estate value of $5,055,100.
* Council received the Susquehanna County Hazard Mitigation Plan update forms which need be filled out and returned.
* Council was notified of several real estate transfers and an expected realty transfer tax distribution of $357.70.
* Council was notified of an expected payment of $110.82 for State Police fines and penalties.

Persons to be heard-

* There were no persons to be heard.

Monies Received-



Treasurer’s Report-



Bills Paid-



A motion was made by Donna Tedesco to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills, seconded by Mike Fortuner, with all in favor.

Committee Reports-

* No Committee reports were reported.

Unfinished Business-

* A motion was made by Donna Tedesco to accept the proposed 2020 budget, and seconded by Patti Cino with all in favor.
* As discussed at the November meeting, Secretary O’Reilly inquired of several different townships and boroughs to see who they currently use for their building inspections. Herrick Township uses COG, Ararat Township uses JHA Company and Bob Bates as an alternate, and Clifford Township uses Northeast Inspections. A discussion was held in regard to the fact that if council were to use COG or one of the other Inspection Companies, it would be required that that company would handle everything, including the sewer inspections currently performed by Jay Lynch. After discussion, council decided to contact Bob Bates and see if they could contract with him as the building inspector, thereby keeping Jay Lynch on as sewer inspector. Mike Fortuner noted that beginning in January of 2020 every township and borough must have an alternate inspector. No decision was made as to who council would contract with as an alternate, and it was decided that council would address the issue in the new year.
* Secretary O’Reilly noted that the owners of the new building built on Mausoleum Road were in compliance with all building and sewer permits.
* Don Bennett reported that all residents are now in compliance with borough rules and regulations.
* The November meeting was attended by a representative of the firm of Rainey and Rainey to discuss the possibility of council hiring a private auditing company. Rainey and Rainey provided Secretary O’Reilly with the DCED Auditor Guide which she forwarded to council members, and all members affirmed that they had reviewed the guide. After a discussion in which it was noted that hiring a private firm could cost several thousand dollars and would also require council to first pass an ordinance to create an Office of Independent Auditor, and then abolish the appointed or elected auditors, a motion was made by Donna Tedesco to leave the current appointed auditors in place, and seconded by Patti Cino with all in favor.
* Ann Marie Saam inquired if there was anyone who cleaned the building as those working the election had noted that the bathroom needed to be cleaned and supplied. Secretary O’Reilly will make a note to address this issue at a future meeting.
* In addition to Ann Marie Saam being elected to her seat on council, John Stephens was also elected as a new council member in November’s election.
* President Cino noted that after more than 20 years, she has decided to resign from council and this will be her last meeting. All members thanked her for her dedication and service.

New Business-

* Council agreed to the following scheduled dates for the 2020 council meetings: January 6; February 3; March 2; April 6; May 5; June 1; July 6; August 3; September 8; October 5; November 2; and December 7. All meetings will take place on the first Monday of each month with the exception of the September meeting which will fall on the second Tuesday of the month due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 7th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Fortuner and seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.

Next Meeting January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.