

## February 4, 2019

Council 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, Doris Young, Tom Yale, and Mayor James Heller.

Bill Wolfe had no comments.

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 Susquehanna County Treasurer sent a letter asking the council to vote to accept any price negotiated by the tax claim bureau on the trailer only owned by Carol Hollister at the next meeting. The property has been through two public sales and is no longer generating income from taxes. A motion to accept any price negotiated by the tax claim bureau was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor.
- The Susquehanna County Department of Public Safety is having a training session on Initial Damage Assessment and Reporting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Information has been provided to Tom Yale.
- The Susquehanna County Conservation District is holding the Annual Heavy Equipment Contractors Workshop on March 28.
- Selective Insurance sent a notice that the policy premium may increase, decrease, or stay the same.
- The DCNR has grants available.

### Persons to be heard-

Solicitor McAndrew was in attendance and is happy to attend a meeting any time council would like her to. She said that she was happy to discuss the revised nuisance ordinance and answer any questions. A motion to advertise the revised nuisance ordinance for passage in March was made by Doris Young, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

### Monies Received-

EIT-Berkheimer	\$5,136.60
RE Transfer	\$17.25

Treasurer's Report-

As of	1/31/2019
General Fund Balance-FNB	\$16,964.99
General Fund Balance-Money Market	\$96,013.80
General Fund Balance-Checking	\$4,763.24
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance-FNB	\$932.92
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance-Money Market	\$23,001.89
Liquid Fuel Fund Balance-Checking	\$2,000.00
6 Month CD Balance @ FNB (Renews 4/6/19)	\$6,946.32
14 Month CD Balance (Renews 3/17/20)	\$107,426.07
Sewer CD (Renews 3/10/19)	\$44,522.27

Bills Paid-

1002	Briechle Law Offices	\$37.50
1003	Jennifer Slick	\$264.84
1004	PPL	\$28.14
1005	PPL	\$586.52
1006	The Forest City News	\$21.00
1007	DGK	\$250.00
1008	Jennifer Slick-checks	\$110.70
EFT	GoDaddy	\$218.84
<u>Liquid Fuel Fund</u>		
102	Brian Zembrzycki Excavating	\$2,610.00

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-

- Mayor Heller had nothing to report.
- Mike Fortuner said that Brian Zembrzycki did contact him about the severe ice condition on East Mountain Road, and they placed cones until it could be cleaned up further. He was very happy with the way that Herrick cleaned up East Mountain Road with their grader. Mike mentioned that there is a broken tree hanging and that Brian has agreed to remove it. Brian had reported an issue with residents pushing snow onto East Mountain Road. Tom Yale stated that he felt the problem was compounded by the quick freeze after the snow. It was mentioned that pushing snow onto a road is a violation of state law and could be handled as such going forward if the problem continues.

Unfinished Business-

- The Nuisance Ordinance was addressed earlier in the meeting.

New Business-

- A motion to adopt resolution #2019-001, which adopts the Susquehanna County and Municipal Emergency Operations Plan was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Doris Young, with all in favor.
- It was decided to hold off on advertising for bids for the repair of the bottom part of East Mountain Road until the snow is gone.
- Secretary had emailed out a copy of the Fireman's Relief Association audit report. It was noted that there were no findings.
- Donna Tedesco asked the solicitor what the borough's liability is if there is a dangerous spot in the borough and nothing is done by the borough. The solicitor explained that people can sue for anything. If something is reported to the borough as a complaint, then the borough must act and follow through. If the borough fails to investigate, it can potentially be held responsible. A motion to have the Code Enforcement Office do a routine inspection twice a year (April and October) to check for violations of borough ordinances at the regular hourly pay rate was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.

Bill Wolfe suggested that the borough apply for funding from Trout Unlimited for the repair of the lower part of East Mountain Road and that the geo-tech cloth be checked to see if it is holding up. Tom Yale said that the grant monies have already been obtained, and the road will be built up and the geo-tech wouldn't be disturbed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doris Young, seconded by Mike Fortuner, with all in favor. Next Meeting March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.