

June 3, 2024

Regular council meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Ann Marie Saam, Donna Tedesco, Tom Yale, Bill Wolfe, & Diane Gomola.

Public Comment: Each person will have 5 minutes to present their concerns. Only residents or those paying taxes to the borough may comment. Karen Wray resident asks when Norton Hill will be paved? Paving begins June 5th 2024 weather permitting. Asks how we can beautify the falls and gazebo area? Council advised that is private property must contact property owner. Asks How can we stop the ATV speeding? Council advises we have no control over this and no police enforcement in Boro, advised Ms Wray to call state police to report any incidents.

Previous meeting minutes: Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and will be sealed.

Correspondence:

- Astra Ins- policy changes coming for 8/1/24 renewal.
- John Dollard- Engineer from Lewis Lake 2025 road/bridge project. Old hand drawn sewer map was emailed to him.
- FOIA buddy email- suspicious- motion made by Donna “to place a notice on our boro webpage stating we do not accept 3rd party anonymous RTK .“ 2nd by Tom. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Justin Ford Septic approval received.
- W-4 & I-9 received from Justin Ford
- DGK Ins Treasurer bond renewal
- Penn DOT Audit manager letter, accepted our 965 form for Liquid Fuels
- GRM Paving- phone call- no reply need W-9 completed. Will mail to GRM
- US Dept of Treasury SLFRF- signed by Ann Marie but she has no PW or online ID. Diane will need to reset profile with US Treasury to file the form.
- Resolution 2024-6-1 Susquehanna Emergency Operations Plan- resolution signed and dated.
- Sample tax bill- no millage for sewer found - discovered thru minutes from December of 1999 that there was an intention to set ½ mil. At that time only discussion ,no motion, no ordinance, to send this amount to Susq County tax bill dept. Discussion . Councilman Wolfe states this sewer CD monies was originally thought to be invested to use as money to match a grant for any future infrastructure. Secretary advises she spoke to the taxation Supervisor Sarah Seamans. They have no ordinance about sewer millage on file. If Boro wants this we can only change going forward since this year’s tax bills already set . The procedure is to public announce this millage ordinance for regular meeting so public has opportunity to ask questions. Then it must be submitted to Tax dept. Council decides they will *not* impose a mil for the sewer. When current CD matures, council will consider a better investment rate.
- Ed Sumski-Rd info turnbacks email contains several old maps as well as a signed document from 1965 apparently signing the roads in question (Norton Hill, Darrow & Church Streets)

over to the Boro. Secretary will inquire with PSAB legal dept for help deciphering. If they can not assist, turn this over to Solicitor McAndrew to review.

- Per Auditor Carol – An EIN needed for Yale Yard Service. Diane will send a W-9 to complete.
- Carol Hale submitted final 2023 audit hourly time sheet for payment.
- Solar ordinance- Several questions need to be answered before signing. Table signing until July meeting when council man McAndrew is in attendance.

Receipts:

- Berkheimer \$5,568.09
- Susq Cnty Elections \$50.00
- Edward Jones \$2,040.00 Interest on Morgan Stanley CD
- Edward Jones 31.91- cash account
- SEO- \$550.00
- BSO(Bob Bates) \$364.50
- Joe Svecz Tax Collector \$6,762.50

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund : \$ 79,862.53
- General MM \$154,845.93
- Liquid Fuels Gen Fund \$18,751.70
- Liquid Fuels MM: \$5,876.25
- Sewer CD \$53,431.15
- Ed Jones- 3 CD's = \$118,958.66

BILLS:

- BILL PAY- PPL \$617.44
- BILL Pay- PPL 41.56
- DEBIT CARD-USPS \$70.11 roll of 100 & send audit to Susq County Prothonotary
- #1617 Marissa McAndrew \$450 inv 254
- #1618 Bob Bates \$300.00 Inv 458
- #1619 VOID
- #1620 Joe Svecz \$ 274.34
- #1621 Diane Gomola \$445.53
- #1622 Carol Hale \$295.07
- #1623 Forest City News \$57.75
- #1624 DGK Ins. \$325.00
- #1625 Diane Gomola \$299.47

LIQUID FUEL:

#132 Prince Excavating-\$6,000.00 Norton Hill- inv 176

Mayor report: none

Committee Report- roads

- Councilman Wolfe announces that the ditch work and pipe replacement completed. GRM will start skim coat & paving Wednesday June 5, weather permitting. He reports that the pipe was failing structurally as well as blocked with a basketball.
- Councilman McAndrew was not in attendance but sent an email stating he is in conversation with Pleasant Mount for coordination with dust control for their portion and same contractor will continue to do our portion which Union Dale boro will pay for our portion of East Mountain Road. Grant window application opens in August. The ATV club will make a donation for repairs to the O& W crossing part of East Mountain that they use. Councilman Wolfe stresses that any road repairs by Prince Excavating must be completed *prior* to the dust control.

New Business :

- Prince Excavating invoice received via email today -\$6,000 for Norton Hill ditch & pipe replacement project. Payment using liquid Fuels funds approved.
- **Resolution 2024-6-1** signed by council adopting the Susquehanna County Emergency Management Plan

Unfinished Business:

- Outstanding W-4 & I -9 forms still need to be returned.
- PPL- work order has been placed to adjust street light (171 & Mausoleum Rd) and get boro a map of all our street lights.
- Ed Jones CD- Council chose a 9 month CD at rate of 5.4 %
- Diane's compensation for 34 hours on audit research needed for Auditor. Council agrees to "payment of \$10/ hour as hours involved are in excess of the secretary's monthly salaried hours." Motion made by Donna, 2nd by Tom, all in favor, motion passes.
- Bob Bates is working with a land owner on their required permits.
- **Meeting Adjourned** motion to adjourn 8:05 PM 2nd by Ann Marie Saam. All in favor, passed.

NEXT MEETING

Monday July 1, 2024