November 4, 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, Tom Yale, 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 Patti Cino with all in favor.

Correspondence-

* Debbie Gillette, with Northeast Inspection Consultants had sent a follow up email to Secretary O’Reilly asking if the borough solicitor had looked over the paperwork she provided at the last meeting or had any questions. Donna Tedesco indicated that the solicitor had reviewed the documents and had some concerns. Council was in agreement that the solicitor should put her concerns in letter form for the borough to review and discuss at the next meeting.
* Council received a flier from another inspection company, JHA Company in Montrose.
* The Susquehanna Emergency Management Agency will hold coordinated management training in Montrose on November 12 for anyone interested in going.
* Council was notified that nominations for the Governor’s awards are due by December 13.
* Council was notified that the language of the Labor Laws notice has changed, and it was agreed that something should be placed on the website pertaining to this.
* The Susquehanna County Historical Society and free library would like to send two representatives to a future meeting to give a short presentation of the services they offer.
* The Keystone Mission in Scranton is seeking donations.

Persons to be heard-

* The accounting firm of Rainey and Rainey sent a representative to discuss prior questions regarding council members having to pay withholding tax, and whether the borough should hire an independent auditor. According to the representative payroll taxes must be paid by municipal employees. As to audits, the representative stated that Rainey and Rainey conducts their audits using borough DCED reports and that typically, small municipalities like this one don’t need a full audit. Mike Fortuner noted that the borough has never had an audit and it might be beneficial to make sure everything is fine in order to prevent future problems. Council asked the representative to look into whether we can legally use elected or appointed auditors of if we are required to hire an accounting firm to do the audits. Council will await the answers and discuss it at next month’s meeting.
* Don Bennett reported that he had made rounds throughout the borough to ensure that everyone is in compliance, and noted that one resident was in violation as to the number of vehicles on his property. Mr. Bennett will draft a letter giving the resident 10 days to clean up the vehicles. If the resident is not in compliance at the conclusion of the 10 days, council agreed that Mr. Bennett should go ahead and file with the magistrate.
* Bill Conrad was in attendance and reminded council that voting would take place the next day at the borough building, and that those working would appreciate the heat being turned on. Tom Yale had already indicated that he would turn the heat on that evening.

Monies Received-



Treasurer’s Report-



Bills Paid-



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

Committee Reports-

* No Committee reports were reported.

Unfinished Business-

* A proposed budget was presented to council and all were in agreement that the borough should run a legal ad indicating that the proposed budget was available to view for anyone who might be interested in doing so.
* Mike Fortuner mentioned that Brian Zembrycki contacted him to let him know that he had purchased a new piece of equipment that would enable him to cut and dispose of hanging tree limbs in the event of a heavy snowstorm. It was noted that in previous years, hanging limbs on East Mountain Road had hindered his ability to plow and cinder, and that when the limbs were cut, it left a lot of debris on the roadway. Council agreed that should Brian need to cut and dispose of hanging limbs in the future he need only get permission from one council member to do so.

New Business-

* It was agreed that Secretary O’Reilly would inquire of other municipalities as to who they are using for their building inspections, and also check to see that the owners of the house being built on Mausoleum Road have obtained all the necessary permits.

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

Next Meeting December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.