

Union Dale Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

Attendance:

The council met in regular session at the Union Dale Borough Hall. Members present: Donna Tedesco, Ann Marie Saam, Tom Yale, Mike Fortuner, John Stephens and Diane Gomola.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public comments: Each person will have 5 minutes to comment. Comments only taken from Union Dale residents and those who pay taxes to the borough.

Resident asks if we can put up our Christmas decorations on the utility poles.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Motion to approve made by Donna 2nd by John.

Correspondence since last meeting will be read aloud:

NEPA ATV & TRAIL- Motion to send letter of support for their grant made by Mike. 2nd by Donna. All in favor Motion passed.

Susquehanna council on aging- send \$200.00 donation same as was done last year.

HNB Sewer CD renew- Motion made by Donna " I will go to HNB and do a 13 month length certificate at a better rate." 2nd by Mike. All in favor, motion passed.

Accu Audit for SWIF policy- Ann Marie suggested secretary call DGK insurance our policy holder as she is under impression our workers compensation is coverage only for firemen. (audit required UC amounts from all employees.)

RECEIPTS:

- Joe Svcez- ck 330 -\$709.75
- Susq Cnty Delinquent taxes- Ck #011068 \$117.22
- Susq Cnty Transfer tax June \$ 1,813.00
- Susq Cnty Transfer tax July \$14.70
- Berkheimer EIT \$4,794.81

- Interest on MMDA acct \$97.91
- Interest on Liquid Fuels MMDA aact \$23.33

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Liquid Fuel \$45,784.63 •
- Liquid Fuel General Fund \$ 5,502.21
- • General Fund DDA \$55,769.28
- • General fund MMDA \$153,800.79
- • Sewer CD \$ 53,323.63
- • Ed Jones CD- no paper statement received this month

BILLS:

- 1543 Dept Labor (SWIF) \$2.00
- 1544 Carl Sinawa \$5,000.00
- 1545 VOID
- 1546 Diane Gomola \$425.03
- 1547 reimburse secretary MS 365 monthly fee \$74.19
- 1548 PPL 657.31
- 1549 PPL \$29.25
- 1550 VOID
- 1551 Ann Marie Saam Q3 \$69.55
- 1552 Donna Tedesco Q3 \$69.55
- 1553 Tom Yale Q3 \$69.55
- 1554 John Stephens Q3 \$69.55
- 1555 Mike Fortuner Q3 \$69.55
- 1556 Teri Madrid Q3 \$69.55
- *1557,1558, 1559 unused (out of order) future use
- 1560 Joe Svecz -\$35.49

FROM LIQUID FUELS ACCT: Prince Excavating * #115- \$1,800.00

Motion to pay bills made by Donna, 2nd by Ann Marie. All in favor, motion passed.

Borough Reports:

1. Mayor - none
2. Committee -none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Ann Marie makes motion to allow Secretary to speak with Edward Jones on behalf of Boro to find missing September statement. 2nd by Tom. All in favor, motion passed.
- Diane has permission to choose best PPL supplier rate for both PPL bills. Make sure there is no contract or fees involved in plan chosen with best rate.
- Diane to order 3 3x5 flags from the Valley Forge Flag company. Can pay using new HNB debit card.
- Open discussion on using QuickBooks accounting software beginning January 1, 2024.

Fees, & pro's & con's for use from SEK Accounting Firm was taken into consideration. This accounting firm was recommended by PSAB & they service many townships throughout Pennsylvania. Many government Federal & state agencies are requiring more reports & audits annually in order to assess proper use of federal & state funding. They ask for summaries from QB. Excel does not have these. Efficiency & accuracy is a major consideration. Several boro's within the state the size of Union Dale, are beginning to switch to proper accounting software.

John makes a motion "to approve the Boro switch to QuickBooks." 2nd by Mike, All in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Secretary to contact Forest City news to put in an ad for BID's for snowplow & cindering of Boro. All BIDs due by October 2, 2023.
- Secretary to call PPL ask for permission to hang Christmas decorations on utility poles.
- New street sign for Church Street ordered by Ann Marie.
- Secretary to call Carl Sinawa to see if he is still on schedule to start Norton Hill Road.
- Tom will speak to Prince Excavating to ask for estimate to grate upper half of East Mountain Road. Motion made by Donna " if estimate is under \$5K, Tom should give him the Okay to start ASAP." 2nd by John. All in favor, motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 2023 - 7PM.