

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2021
7:00 PM

President Sean Granahan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Adoption of Agenda: President Granahan questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the agenda. The following items were added: Action Item #4. Soccer Nets; Discussion Item #6. Yield Sign Corner Drinker and Lincoln. Motion to adopt agenda as amended by Councilman Tom Follert; Councilman Ed Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Granahan inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the June 7, 2021 minutes. Motion was made to accept minutes as presented by Councilman Craig Reimel; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Present for Roll Call: Sean Granahan, Ed Herd, Craig Reimel, Tom Follert, Judy Kelly

Absent: Todd Chamberlain, Randy Schuster (arrived at 8:10)

Other Officials Present: Michael Briechle, Solicitor; Lillian T. Senko, Secretary

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: May 2021 Investment Report

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation
RE: Proposed Geiger K 004 Gas Well

President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence. No questions or comments.

Recognition of Attendees: Chief Dale Smith, Ken DiPhillips, Robert Buckman, Tanya Bevilacqua

Approval of A/P: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Reimel motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilwoman Judy Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Payroll: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Payroll report. Councilwoman Kelly motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Receivable/Deposits: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the submitted Accounts Receivable/Deposit Report. No questions or comments.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the submitted Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Councilwoman Kelly; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Report: President Granahan inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. No questions or comments.

Street Department: President Granahan informed Supervisor DiPhillips he had the floor.

Supervisor DiPhillips informed Council something had to be done with the sidewalk and drainage between the gas station property and the building currently owned by Joe Hunt. The sidewalk is crumbling, cracked and unlevel; the curbs are a mess and the water coming off the Livery Lot parking

area is jumping the curb, going over the sidewalk and eroding the bank. An upgrade to the current drainage would also be completed with this project. He said it would cost approximately six thousand dollars to be fixed.

Councilwoman Kelly motioned to approve the repairs needed costing approximately six thousand dollars; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Follert contributed some information on the vicinity of the repair work. He stated he received permission from Fowler Companies to convert the corner property into a pocket park. John Puzo is currently working on a design with the ideas the committee came up with. One major change would be to take down the chain-link fence and replace it with possibly a split rail. Councilman Follert said he would keep Council updated.

Supervisor DiPhillips informed Council about dead trees on Cruiser Street which are literally in the pavement and dropping limbs every storm. He asked DB Tree to quote him a price for removal and he received a quote for three hundred and fifty dollars per tree. Supervisor DiPhillips said they were massive Maple trees, and they would work the job like the current Tree Program with the Street Department hauling the tree to the dump.

Councilman Reimel motioned to allocate the money from the Tree Fund to cut down the two Maples using DB Tree at a total cost of seven hundred dollars; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The incident of the truck driver and lamp post was discussed. Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center's insurance carrier sent in a check for the five-hundred-dollar deductible. Erie insurance reimbursed the Borough for the remaining cost of light post replacement thirteen thousand seven hundred and forty dollars.

If the Borough replaces the triple light post with a single light post the cost would be nine thousand eight hundred and ten dollars. The difference of four thousand four hundred thirty dollars would provide enough money to purchase a bollard to protect the light.

Councilwoman Kelly motioned to replace the light post with a single light and purchase a bollard to protect the post; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Report: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions on the Zoning Report. No questions or comments.

Code Enforcement Report: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions on the Code Enforcement Report. No questions or comments.

Police Department: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report.

Chief Smith informed Council the vehicle is ordered and should arrive next month. He said they also added another location to watch for speeders and they painted lines on the bottom of Spruce Street.

Municipal Authority: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Municipal Authority Report. No questions or comments

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tom LaMont did not attend this meeting or provide a report to Council.

Action Items:

- 1. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Request:** Council reviewed the paperwork submitted by the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Program Coordinator. One of the Borough residents requested the recognition sign stating he has been picking up trash on his daily walks with his daughter.

Council discussed whether or not this would be in competition with PennDot's program "Adopt a Highway" which several roads in Montrose have been adopted.

Borough Secretary sent a letter to the resident informing him this would be discussed at the July 12th meeting and invited him to attend to

provide more information on what streets he is considering for this endeavor. He did not show up to the meeting and Council requested the Borough Secretary to obtain more information on the program.

- 2. Adopt Domestic Abuse Policy:** Councilman Herd by resolution motioned to adopt the Domestic Violence Policy; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Approve NE Signal & Electric Co. Preventative Maintenance Estimate:** Councilman Schuster motioned to accept the annual maintenance estimate of six hundred twenty-five dollars submitted by Northeast Signal & Electric Company; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Soccer Nets / Memorial Park:** Councilman Herd informed Council Albert Johnson, Vice President of Blue Ridge Soccer Association asked if Council would be willing to purchase two eight feet by five-foot portable soccer nets. Mr. Johnson said there are five teams of various ages that would be using the park for practice if the nets would be available. Councilman Herd said he looked into pricing and found them at Amazon for one hundred seventy-five dollars each.

Councilman Herd motioned to purchase two portable soccer nets at a total price of three hundred fifty dollars; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items

- 1. Activities in the Park:** Councilman Herd informed Council the dugouts are not quite finished since the weather is not cooperating.

Continuing conversation from previous month he said the Slip & Slide industrial grade for a twelve foot by seventy-five feet would cost one hundred fifty dollars. Since the slope is not seventy-five feet, they can make two slides out of one order.

Council decided to go into executive session and finish business after the session.

Executive Session

President Granahan closed the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

President Granahan opened the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

- 2. Food Truck Update:** Solicitor Briechle did not provide any additional information for this meeting.
- 3. Parking Downtown:** Solicitor Briechle did not provide any additional information for this meeting.
- 4. Susquehanna County Tax Collection Committee Meeting Minutes:** Councilman Reimel asked Council if they had any comments on information contained in the minutes. No one had anything to add.
- 5. Montrose Restoration Committee:** Council President Granahan informed Council each year the Montrose Restoration Committee purchase the flowers for the planters throughout the Borough. Each year the committee has been dwindling and with less members there are less people to hold any type of fundraising. The committee is requesting the Borough donate five hundred dollars towards the flowers.

Councilman Reimel motioned to reimburse the Montrose Restoration Committee five hundred dollars for the flowers; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 6. Yield Sign Corner of Lincoln & Drinker:** Councilman Reimel informed Council he received a complaint about the yield sign at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Drinker Street. The resident said people do not yield and she has been in near misses of an accident several times.

Councilman Schuster motioned to replace the yield sign with a stop sign; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Council President Granahan said he and other residents observed trucks flying up and down Chenango Street and not observing Stop Signs over the past weekend. He identified trucks with the names of Diaz, GDS and Cabot. He stated Chenango was going to be ruined with the heavy trucks; the sides of the roads were already crumbling. Council agreed coming through town was not a good route for heavy trucks and asked the Borough Secretary to get in touch with the PennDot Supervisor Brian Small to see if PennDot could pull the road permit for this route and redirect the trucks to use Route 167 instead of Chenango. Chief Smith was going to reach out to GDS informing them of the drivers not observing the Stop Signs.

Councilman Schuster motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 9:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lillian T. Senko

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