Franklintown Boro Meeting Minutes August 7, 2024

Meeting called to order by Council President M. Adams at 7:00 PM

Elected Officials present: President M. Adams, D. Isenberg, D. Steidler, D. Swab, G. Franks, K.

Metzger, Mayor J. Adams

Elected Officials absent: D. Bible

Borough Staff and Appointed Officials Present: Solicitor B. Kern, Engineer P. Brath, Water

Operator J. Scrivens, Secretary/Treasurer K. Taylor

Visitors: Teresa Adams, Matthew Zarko

Police Report: In Packet

Fire Report: Larry Anderson reports Wellsville Carnival next week, presented contract as discussed in July meeting, which extends our current contract 6 months to convert a Jan – Dec contract for Wellsville Fire other contracts.

July 2024 meeting minutes will be approved with August meeting minutes at September council meeting.

Engineer Report: South Heights denied council's "return of bond requirement" to restore adjacent site. Council agreed P. Brath should emphasize the request is a contingency to bond being returned. Last meeting, the council denied the return of bond until the grading is returned.

Solicitor Report: No report Street Commission. No report

July 2024 Treasurer Report will be approved at September council meeting.

A motion was made to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Teresa updated on parks & recreation. We did have a table set up with the park plans to inform the public. Ace hardware is going to issue a gift card for painting our sign. Costars and Keystone Purchasing set up and access — meeting with K. Taylor to gain access. Mentioned the existing equipment needs to be demoed due to conditions being a liability.

Old Business – No bids received for West Ave Asphalt Repair Project.

G. Franks made a motion to get estimates for the West Ave Asphalt Repair Project; If either no estimates or too high of estimates, then a second authorization exists to re advertise / re bid the project. D. Isenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Council agreed to adopt the NEMA Plan by resolution at the September meeting.

Award of contract for repair of various stone roads in the Borough. After discussion at the July meeting the contract for repair of various stone roads in the Borough was publicly advertised. One contractor, Reddup, LLC submitted a bid for this contract. G. Franks made a motion to accept the bid from Reddup LLC to repair Church St potholes with stone. K. Metzger seconded. Matthew Adams abstained from the vote because of his familial relationship with the owner of Reddup, LLC. Motion carried.

Refuse and Waste & Recycling Contract expires 12/31/2024 with no extensions available due to the time constraint of current contract.

Discussion about a bid packet for Waste Handlers for a 3-year with 2 optional years or 5-year contracts. If the council wishes to deem any handler not responsible, the time to do that is before bids are received. Council desires for the hauler to bill the customer directly in this next contract. Term Length, Size of containers, missed pickups, Direct bill to customers from hauler were all discussed.

A motion was made to have the solicitor Draft bid specs per discussions. Motion carried.

2024 -2025 Snowplowing – there is no current contract. The solicitor recommends that if the borough intends to hire someone, that we would put this on the agenda for September and make a formal motion to the desired qualified individual at a specific hourly rate.

G. Franks made a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. D. Steidler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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