

Franklintown Borough Council Meeting Minutes January 6, 2021

Council Present: President T. Vasco, R. Stein, D. Isenberg, B. Crespo, and K. Metzger attended in person. S.Blouch & R.Blouch attended via phone.

Borough Staff: Solicitor Z. Rice, Engineer P. Brath, Secretary/Treasurer K. Kunkle.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:18 PM by T. Vasco.

Police Report – Given by Chief Wargo

Visitors: Laura Woodward of N. Church St.

Public Comment: The need for a tax collector was discussed with Laura Woodward.

D.Isenberg made a motion to accept the December 2, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, B.Crespo seconded, and the motion carried.

Building Permits: A permit was issued for a deck for 124 W. South St.

Fire Report: The November report was reviewed. A registered letter had been received about an advisory committee for the Fire Dept. D.Isenberg agreed to attend on behalf of the Borough.

EMS Report: The November calls were discussed. No response was received from either the Solicitor or the Sec./Treas. K.Kunkle's contract concerns. The solicitor is to try again.

NEMA Report: Given by R. Blouch.

Engineer Report: Given by P. Brath. He advised that Barton & Loguidice is getting out of the municipal area in Pennsylvania. He has found another firm to work with, Gibson Thomas, that will allow him to continue working with municipalities. R.Stein made a motion to revoke Barton & LoGiudice's Engineer appointment and to appoint Gibson Thomas as the Borough engineer, K.Metzger seconded, and the motion carried.

P.Brath presented Resolution 2021-2 authorizing the Block Grant application for Borough Road improvements. The Grants being sought were for a period of 3 years and the pledged funds would be over that timeframe. S.Blouch made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-2 for the Block Grant application, B.Crespo seconded, and the motion carried.

Solicitor Report: Given by Z. Rice. Resolution 2021-1 for the attorney's fees associated with delinquent account collections was presented. B.Crespo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-1, D.Isenberg seconded, and the motion carried.

Water Authority: Given by R. Blouch

Street Commission: Given by D. Isenberg

Treasurer's Report: Given by K. Kunkle

B.Crespo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted, D.Isenberg seconded, and the action was approved.

D.Isenberg made a motion to accept the disbursements as presented, B.Crespo seconded, and the action was approved.

Council Committees:

Park & Rec Committee announced that we were awarded the DCNR Grant. A phone call with DCNR will take place Friday January 8th.

Correspondence: The YCPC Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Review is in process. The YCPC Comprehensive Plan Changes Memo was presented.

Old Business:

The need for a tax collector for 2022 was discussed again. Laura Woodward agreed to meet with the current tax collector to see what the job entails but advised of her full-time job and her concern with being able to offer the required hours.

The park trail boundary was discussed. Sec./Treas. K.Kunkle advised that Todd Lyons was not able to mark the boundary. He has us on his list and as soon as his schedule frees up, he will mark it.

Vacation Memo was discussed. B.Crespo made a motion to approve the Vacation Schedule of 2 days after 6 months of service, 5 days annually for years 1 & 2 of service, 7 days for 3 years of service, 10 days annually for years 4-7 of service, 15 days annually for year 8 of service and over; D.Isenberg seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business:

Sharon Blouch's term of service for the Authority was discussed. D.Isenberg moved to reappoint Sharon Blouch for another 5-year term, B.Crespo seconded, and the motion carried.

The bids for regular landscape maintenance were discussed. Council approved advertising for bids in the Banner.

D.Isenberg made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM, S.Blouch seconded, and the motion carried.