

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
January 12, 2021

The regular monthly meeting for Summerhill Borough Council was opened by President Daryl Bodenschatz with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Council members present; Brad Bodenschatz, Daryl Bodenschatz, Russell Jones, Becky Templeton, Joni Trovato and Terri Washko.

Others present; Secretary/Treasurer Laura L. Penatzer, Mayor Eric J. Miller, Electric Secretary/Tax Collector Karmen Baumgardner, and Ron Portash (Mainline News).

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion from Brad Bodenschatz, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval.

By a motion from Joni Trovato, the financial statements from the previous meeting were approved, second by Russell Jones, unanimous approval.

The bills were approved, with the addition of Cumberland Truck for \$73.06 and the Jesco bill to be moved from the electric bills in with the general bills, with a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Terri Washko, unanimous approval.

There is no need for a transfer of funds for the paying of the bills.

The budgets for the end of December were reviewed, being at 100%.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed, with an increase of \$1.00/month/year for the next three years.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were not discussed, due to not having a meeting, with the next meeting to be held on January 13th, at 7:30am, via Zoom; with only one permit being issued.

The Forest Hills Regional Alliance has suspended all meetings until the spring of 2021.

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of December had five incidents, ranging from 911 hang-ups, to ambulance assists, disabled vehicles and vehicle crashes.

An appreciation letter was received from the Borough of Ehrenfeld, for erecting their Christmas Lights for the holidays.

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Nomination forms were received and distributed to Council from PSAB, for outstanding Council Member, Mayor of the Year, In Honor of Service Award, A.C. Scales Award, Anthony J. Defilippi Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Communication Contest.

Old Business:

There were thirteen delinquent light accounts on the January report, with six certified letters to be sent out accordingly.

The steps at the park have been put on hold until spring of 2021.

Codification is currently pending the committee's approval.

The Recreational Park Grant remains pending, due to COVID-19.

The crack sealer grant continues to be pending.

The property at 1335 Railroad Street, is again in question, due to glass remaining shattered all over the property from the demolition and trees hanging into other residents' property. Phone calls have been made, with LMIA to be working on the issue. Mayor Eric Miller will ask at their meeting tomorrow as to where the issue stands.

New Business:

Resolution 1-2021, Municipal Record Retention, was approved by a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Terri Washko; unanimous approval.

Tax Collector Karmen Baumgardner questions on a few electric accounts that are still outstanding from 2016 through 2018, if she should write them off or follow through with them. After some discussion, Councilwoman Becky Templeton moves to make a motion to go after any electric accounts with an outstanding balance of over one hundred fifty dollars, second by Joni Trovato; unanimous approval. Councilwoman Becky Templeton will check with her accountant to see who they use and so on, being that the municipality does not have a collections agency currently.

It is also questioned if an extra streetlight can be erected on Nelson Road, by the Brummert residence, due to when the Dollar General shuts their lights off, it makes Nelson Road extremely dark. If it would be erected, it would be at the customers cost, with Councilman Brad Bodenschatz remarking that the one light could possibly be turned towards Nelson Road, instead of in the Dollar General's parking lot. Mayor Eric Miller will speak with the Croyle Township Supervisors also for advice.

Councilman/Street Commissioner Russel Jones gives an update on the street department. Stop signs in the size of 30" x 30" are approximately \$34.75, to reface them are \$15.00, but the refaced ones are not PennDOT approved. Also, he would like to replace the green signposts and have them replaced with galvanized posts for around \$31.61 (which is what PennDOT uses). The street signs are still non-compliant; therefore, both the street signs and the stop signs can be consolidated together. Councilmen Brad Bodenschatz and Russel Jones will review and have prices for the next meeting. Mr. Jones will also have a new inventory done of the equipment, to be given to the insurance company.

A few of the residents have been asking Councilwoman Becky Templeton if there are any rebates on appliances for the electric. She believes it is only for the Ohio residents, but will look into further. It is also based on funding that is available, and again she believes there is nothing in Pennsylvania from AMP at this time.

Councilwoman Joni Trovato reports that the little league sign ups will be at the municipal building on January 13th and January 19th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Also, Payton McGough has raised approximately \$2300.00 to date for her project and would like to flatten out the tennis court and basketball court, which Council will consider after some review.

The bucket truck will be taken to Laurel Fluid for a hydraulic fluid leak, reported by Councilman Brad Bodenschatz. He will also be ordering meters and cut outs, in order to be ready for spring. He would also like to state that a small compressor has been donated by the Summerhill Borough Volunteer Fire Department.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 vaccines. They are currently doing them in tiers through the County, with a possibility of using either the municipal building or the fire hall for pods.

The ceremony for the naming of the electric substation for Bob McCormick went extremely well, with both Mr. McCormick and his family being very appreciative! Happy Retirement Bob!!!

By a motion from Terri Washko, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm, second by Becky Templeton, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer