

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
February 9, 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, Danielle Ritchey, Becky Templeton, Joni Trovato and Terri Washko.

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion from Russell Jones, second by Becky Templeton, unanimous approval.

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

The bills were approved, with a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Brad Bodenschatz, unanimous approval.

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

The budgets for the end of January were reviewed, being at 9%.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were reviewed, with their next meeting to be held on February 10th, at 7:30am.

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 January had six incidents, ranging from crisis emergencies to 911 hang-ups, to ambulance assists, fire assists, disabled vehicles, verbal warnings, and vehicle crashes.

The Comcast Franchise Agreement will expire on July 24th, 2021, with copies of the new agreement given to all of Council to review. It was the consensus of Council to see what the old rates were before approving the new agreement. Therefore, the Agreement was put on hold for now.

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A check in the amount of \$124,751.00, was received as a refund, from last years sidewalk project from DCED. Paperwork had been submitted for refunds, with them being approved!

Old Business:

There were eight delinquent light accounts on the February report, with three certified letters to be sent out accordingly and one awaiting LIHEAP. Council suggests, as before, that the landlords must also receive a certified letter, along with their tenants, when delinquent; being they are liable if the tenant does not pay.

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

Codification is currently pending the committee's approval. An email will be sent to the Borough Association, to see who else does codification.

The Recreational Park Grant remains pending, due to COVID-19. Decision day should be on March 23rd, with the same grant being offered for next year also.

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 several times to the owner and the realtor, with no response. Mayor Eric Miller will see where they stand with LMIA.

New Business:

Tax Collector Karmen Baumgardner questions again on what to do 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 Danielle Ritchey remarks to contact Johnstown Collections to see what their rates are, for a collection agency.

Councilman Russell Jones questions if we have any information regarding the guiderails that have been destroyed from a vehicle accident, with him remarking that he will get the information from Croyle Township, to be turned into the insurance company.

Mr. Jones also will be ordering a mower from Ray's Lawnmower Sales & Service, along with the cutting edge for the plow. He also mentions to Council that he would like to replace four stop signs with posts that are Penn DOT approved with galvanized posts, and to replace eight other posts, slightly more expensive, but they are Penn DOT approved. Council gives their consent.

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Lastly Mr. Jones notes that several residents from town have been remarking nice comments on the Christmas Lights. It's so nice to see that the town is enjoying them!

Councilman Brad Bodenschatz updates Council that he has ordered twenty meters, with G.E. lights being erected on the streets that are PennDOT approved. The Nelson Road street light issue, after some discussion, is that the resident needs make the Croyle Township Supervisors aware of her issue, being she is in Croyle Township and Summerhill Borough pays for the streetlights, with one really not needing to be erected, being the cost would be approximately forty-six dollar a month for the light.

By a motion from Russell Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm, second by Terri Washko, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer