

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
April 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting for Summerhill Borough Council was opened by President Daryl Bodenschatz at 7:00pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Others present; Secretary/Treasurer Laura L. Penatzer, Electrician Robert McCormick, Street Commissioner Thomas Susko, Electric Secretary Karmen Baumgardner, Daniel Beyer (The EADS Group), Ron Portash (Mainline Newspapers), Jacob Ritchey, Steve Larocca and Leslie Digiaino.

Leslie Digiaino and Steve Larocca were present asking what the status was on the Summerhill Real Estate property, with the safety issue. It was explained that Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency is currently working on the violation and it's going to be a long process for the clean-up process, due to the new NJET issue and they will be kept informed.

Jacob Ritchey questioned Council if he would be allowed to have a small chicken coop with approximately six chickens, no roosters, on his property. Secretary/Treasurer Laura Penatzer reports that there is currently an ordinance on the books, which would have to be reworded, being it's a very old one, with the consensus of Council to review different ordinances and discuss again at the next monthly meeting. Mr. Ritchey requests to be kept informed on the decision and thanks Council for their time.

The minutes were approved, by a motion by Russell Jones, second by Becky Templeton; unanimous approval.

The financial statements were approved by a motion from Terri Washko, second by Joni Trovato; unanimous approval.

By a motion from Becky Templeton, the bills were approved, second by Terri Washko; unanimous approval.

The budgets for the end of the March are at 25%.

No fund transfer was due for the paying of the bills.

Correspondence:

The minutes were received and reviewed from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority, from their

February meeting.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency from March were reviewed with no permits issued. An email was received from Barb Frantz regarding JNET, which identifiers are now needed for citations. There are four different options on how each municipality can proceed. Mayor Eric Miller will explain further in detail and suggest which option is best for Summerhill Borough.

No agenda was received from Forest Hills Regional Alliance, with the next meeting to be held in Adams Township on the 17th of this month, at 7:00pm.

The Croyle Township Police Department report was received for the month of March with ten incidents reported.

A letter was received from Comcast informing all customers that as of May 2, 2019, the monthly rate for Acorn TV will change from \$4.99 to \$5.99 per month, due to an increase in programming costs from Acorn TV.

A notice of payment for liquid fuels letter was received informing Council that the 2019 allocation for Liquid Fuels will be \$17,307.38 and will be received by the end of April.

Old Business:

There were fifteen delinquent light accounts, with Accounts #471, 703, 1525, 2200 and 2210 receiving certified letters. Accounts #2600 and 2610 has until April 12th, then they will receive a shut off notice.

Daniel Beyer, from The EADS Group, reports to Council that one signature is still needed, with notarization, then advertising will take place this week through The EADS Group for sealed bids for the sidewalk project. By a motion from Becky Templeton, the sidewalk project will be advertised, second by Nicole Crowell; unanimous approval. A special meeting will be held on May 9th for the deadline and opening of the sealed bids at 7:00pm at the municipal building, with final awarding at the regular monthly meeting on May 14th, second by Joni Trovato; unanimous approval.

Mr. Beyer will also submit another application for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of up to \$250,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Summerhill Borough Recreation Park Improvement Project. A resolution for the said grant will need to be approved at the next regular monthly meeting.

The draft for the codification process is still ongoing and should be ready within approximately

three to four months. Council will then have to approve the draft for publication.

The Welcome to Summerhill Signs are currently pending and will be kept on the agenda.

The town letter that Councilwoman Becky Templeton drafted will be in the mail within two days. Council will be kept informed as to how many come in.

Paving estimates were received from a meeting with Mike Bowser from PennDOT. West Jackson is approximately \$45,000 to \$55,000, Dibert \$26,500, Bridge \$16,000 and Willow \$5,500. That's being milled at 1 ½", leveling at ¾" and wearing at 1 ½". It was the consensus of Council that West Jackson should be their first priority, Bridge second, Dibert third and Willow forth. Street Commissioner Thomas Susko will contact Mr. Bowser to discuss bituminous curbing and get both types of curbing estimates for the next meeting.

New Business:

By a motion from Russell Jones, the above street project will be part of the County Aid Project through County Liquid Fuels, second by Brad Bodenschatz; unanimous approval. The appropriate paperwork will be completed and filed with the County Commissioners and PennDOT.

Councilman Russell Jones reports that a new compressor is needed and will bring prices to the next monthly meeting.

Street Commissioner Thomas Susko reports that paperwork has been filed with District 9, regarding a meeting discussing SR53 drudging. No decisions have been made through PennDOT, until after all meeting/paperwork have been discussed.

A "Free" PSAB webinar is to be held on April 23rd from 12:00pm – 1:00pm, regarding street lighting per Councilwoman Becky Templeton. All are encouraged to check it out.

Mrs. Templeton also researched quickly other ordinances from other municipalities regarding "Backyard Chickens" Ordinances and she sent copies to all of Council's emails. Being that there is interest in having chickens and larger cities allow residents to have a small amount of chickens (no roosters), that several different ordinances will be reviewed and discussed at the next regular monthly meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by a motion from Russell Jones, second by Becky Templeton; unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer