

***Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
August 11, 2020***

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; Daryl Bodenschatz, Russell Jones, Danielle Ritchey and Becky Templeton.

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

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

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

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

No fund transfer is needed for the paying of the bills.

The budgets for the end of July were reviewed, being at 59%.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were discussed, with two permits being issued. The next meeting will be held in Ebensburg at 0730am.

There was no meeting held for the Forest Hills Regional Alliance last month due to COVID, and no meetings will be held until the fall.

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of July had eleven incidents.

Old Business:

There were ten delinquent light accounts on the August report, with three certified letters to be sent out and one shut off.

The steps at the park have been put on hold for the time being and will be done by the winter, per

H & S Remodeling.

Prices continue to be received for The Welcome to Summerhill signs.

Codification is currently pending the committee's approval.

The West Jackson Street project has not been started yet, with Council suggesting that Quaker do the job half at a time. A call will be placed to Quaker with the information.

The Electric Secretary gave a presentation on a handheld meter reader from L.B. Water. It will be able to sync with Redline Data. The purchase of the reader can be done in steps, to avoid a large total at once. Eventually all meters could be transferred over to smart meters at the cost of \$103.95 each. L.B. Water will be asked if a demo could be used first, being that there are ten digital meters that we have currently, before one is purchased. Council would like to see if L.B. Water could possibly come to a meeting, and Council will see if the it can be worked into the budget.

The new bucket truck will need to be certified that it is safe to be driven, therefore, by a motion from Becky Templeton, approximately nine hundred dollars is allotted to replace equipment for the truck, such as two sticks, a ladder, etc., second by Russell Jones; unanimous approval.

The Street Commissioner reports that he met with Luke from Penn DOT regarding the run off on New Germany Road. He states that there is no funding in Penn DOT's budget at the current time to repair and that they cannot do it at this time. Council discusses the issue with the consensus being not to repair at this time.

Councilman Russell Jones questions Council what will be done with the old bucket truck. By a motion from Becky Templeton, the truck will be given to the Cambria County Fire School, second by Russell Jones; unanimous approval.

Mr. Jones also questions why the Post Office has not complied with their violations, which it is explained to him that the violation claim is currently open with L.M.I.A., due to the fact that he has a contractor, but due to COVID, it has pushed back the start date. On that note, he also questions the Jones property along SR53 where the building has been torn down. It is starting to look disgraceful for being along the main route of Summerhill. L.M.I.A. will be contacted.

The grant for the crack sealer is pending currently, but is looking good. Mayor Eric Miller will report back to Councilman Jones regarding the progress of the grant.

With the new Dollar Store opening, Mr. Jones questions the opening date, with it being explained that they still need phase III installed, then most likely shortly after that.

Trick-or-Treat night was briefly discussed by Mr. Jones, with Council suggesting to wait until next month or later to see what the other municipalities are doing, in order to schedule them on the same night.

Councilman Jones would like to see the refuse contact advertised. It is explained to him that Croyle Township works side-by-side with our municipality and it is well worth, and cost effective to stay with Croyle Township.

Lastly, Mr. Jones suggests possibly using a different engineer, but The EADS Group was approved for two years and Council would like to stay with them.

The Electric Secretary would like to see what Council will be doing for our Electrician Robert McCormick, being he has fifty years of service. Ron Portash, from the Mainline Newspapers, will sit down with Mr. McCormick, for an article in the Dispatch. A plaque will be looked into, along with possibly naming the substation after him, or naming the new bucket truck in his name. An article in the AMP newsletter will also be discussed. By a motion from Russell Jones, the plaque will be looked into and purchased, second by Becky Templeton; unanimous approval.

New Business:

Street Commissioner Thomas Susko would like to discuss a list for the budget, regarding a steel cutting edge on the plow truck in the amount of five hundred to six hundred dollars. Council remarks that this is an item that should be written down and discussed at a budget workshop.

Councilwoman Becky Templeton questions if there is a noise ordinance, due to fireworks and loud cars. The noise ordinance is regarding dogs barking, but will be reviewed to see if it includes the above.

Mrs. Templeton also questions if the mining issue on Manor Drive, with DEP is still being watched, which it is currently being watched and if anyone sees them working, they are to contact DEP to have them catch them in the act.

Tress around town need to be cut that are overhanging in alleys, streets and sidewalks. Mrs. Templeton will schedule a budget workshop and will send out an email with dates. Danielle Ritchey will also be placed on the budget committee.

Lastly, Mrs. Templeton remarks that a person from the Rails-to-Trails committee has contacted her, questioning why Summerhill Borough has put a hold on the issue, and that our representative is not responding to emails or phone calls. It is explained that there are several other ways/proposals for the trails, with COVID holding up the progress.

It is questioned why there are no speed limit signs on Dibert Street, with it being explained that

for under twenty-five miles per hour there has to be an engineering study done.

The white lines on New Germany Road has been spotted by Penn DOT, with them needing to cease and stop or Penn DOT will go after the homeowner. The cones that are erected for the ball games are not allow also. A crosswalk sign is alright to have in the center of the road, even though this is not the solution to stop speeding during ball games. The possibility of a Speed Sign can be looked into by the Cambria County Highway Safety to see if it can be rented during ball games.

The option of having a lawn service cut the grass in town was discussed, in order to give the Street Commissioner time for other things. This issue will be looked into.

By a motion from Russell Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22, second by Becky Templeton, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer