

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
April 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting for Summerhill Borough Council was opened by President Becky Templeton with the pledge allegiance to the flag.

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

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

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

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

Brad Bodenschatz approved the bills from the previous meeting by a motion, second by Russell Jones, unanimous approval.

No fund transfer was needed for payment of bills.

All budgets, at 25 % for the end of March.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed.

One permit was issued by Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency, with no minutes being received.

Forest Hills Regional Alliance continue not holding any meetings until the spring, or the weather breaks.

The Croyle Township police report for the month of February, March, December and annual were asked for and submitted with the minutes.

There will be an event held by the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Luke Dierling, on May 28th at the St. Michael Sportsman's Club, with Council being invited to share in the celebration. RSVP to the Secretary/Treasurer by May 14th.

Old Business:

There were twelve delinquent light accounts on the electric report, one shut-off and certified letters to be sent out. Account# 01-01190-00 was filed at the local Magistrates Office, with the constables not being able to find the current address of the resident. The claim will be kept open until an address can be obtain and the paperwork will be forwarded to our solicitor.

The Codification Committee continues to review the files.

No further update has been received from Payton McGough on her Gold Award Project; she will update as needed.

Code violations will be filed with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency for 936 Dibert Street and 165 Pine Street, by a motion from Brad Bodenschatz, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval.

The DCNR grant for Freedom Park is being applied for, with the sidewalks needing to be ADA complaint on Market Street and First Avenue.

New Business:

An email from Randy Stager with the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance would like Summerhill Borough Council to submit a letter to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation releasing PennDOT from all liabilities for the trails on its right-of-way and that Summerhill Borough would maintain the trail infrastructure. It was the consensus of Council to not send the letter and consult our solicitor.

Councilman Russel Jones received a phone quote from Sturdy Mountain Fence to replace the fence at the volleyball court for \$2,600.00. By a motion from Russell Jones, Sturdy Mountain Fence will replace the fence, second by Brad Bodenschatz, unanimous approval.

Mr. Jones questions Council if he can purchase a weed burner for approximately \$37.09 and a twenty-pound propane tank for around \$60.00, with it being the consensus of Council to move forward with the purchase. He also reports that the park has been vandalized, with juveniles pulling the fence posts out, damaging the concession stand door, with himself and Councilman Brad Bodenschatz handling the issue with the parents.

The crack sealer materials have been placed on hold for purchase until the machine is in service, along with Mr. Jones getting the road signs and posts, but will still need eight signs and two posts, costing approximately \$500.00, which would put him over budget. It was the consensus of Council to purchase the extra signs and to complete the project. The old signs will be kept, in order to sell in the near future.

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Hydraulic fluid from the plow truck is leaking, with Laurel Fluid to repair at the end of the month.

It is reported by Councilman Russell Jones that Street Commissioner Luke Fresch would like full-time, with Council asking what his intentions are and what benefits is he looking for. Mr. Jones will report back to Council after Mr. Fresch is spoken with.

A little league schedule was sent to the Street Commissioner and will be sent to President Becky Templeton, with the Recreation Association questioning Council if a metal frame building, no floor, can be erected at the ballfield only during the ball season and will be taken down after the season is over. The issue will be discussed with the solicitor regarding liability.

The pavilion is starting to get rented reports Councilwoman Joni Trovato, one in June, one in July and one in August so far.

Per Councilman Brad Bodenschatz, the bucket truck has been taken for repairs and Mr. Bodenschatz will pick it up when finished. He also questions Council if a tomopathy has ever been done on the electric lines and would like to have this done. It is a minimum of \$90.00/hour, which it checks for hot spots and failures in the lines. It was the consensus of Council to do so.

President Becky Templeton will have an estimate from Wessel and Company for the next meeting for them to update QuickBooks to on-line with training and reconciling.

Mrs. Templeton also reports that the Summerhill Social Club/GBU will sponsor a Movie in the Park night, once a month, possibly behind the fire hall, with all funding done through the Social Club. Councilman Brad Bodenschatz will confirm with the firehall, and it is the consensus of Council to have the events.

It was questioned by President Templeton if the curbing at her residence and the Mathison residence along New Germany Road could be replaced, due to it crumbling. Representative Frank Burns will be contacted to see if there are any grants available for such things.

The lady's group that plants the flowers around town would like to start their project, with estimates being received from Karmen Baumgardner from Poorman's and Miller's will also be considered as usual.

Secretary/Treasurer Laura Penatzer states that a replacement will need to be found for the annual yard sale, being that she is stepping down. This will also be a great place to sell the old street signs.

Tax Collector Karmen Baumgardner reports that there has been illegal postings and fraudulent entries on ziprecruiter.com and that they may need to be reported.

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By a motion from Brad Bodenschatz, a drop-off box will be placed in the front door of the municipal building for tax collection and electric bills, No Cash will be excepted through there, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval. The installation process and drop-off box shall not exceed \$500.00, by a motion from Joni Trovato, second by Russell Jones, unanimous approval.

Secretary/Treasurer Laura Penatzer reports that it still remains that the new rates for the employees has not been given to her, with President Becky Templeton to send them and payroll adjustments will be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm by a motion from Joni Trovato, second by Brad Bodenschatz, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer