

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
March 8, 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, Matthew Penatzer, Raymond Penatzer, Danielle Ritchey, Becky Templeton, and Joni Trovato.

Others present; Secretary/Treasurer Laura L. Penatzer, Mayor Eric J. Miller, and Ron Portash (Mainline Newspapers).

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

By a motion from Matthew Penatzer, the financial statements from the previous meeting were approved, second by Danielle Ritchey, 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 16 % for the end of February.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed. (Sent via email)

There were no permits issued by Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency, with the minutes being discussed. (Sent via email)

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 will be sent via email, being it was not received on-time.

Mayor Eric Miller met with our representative for American Municipal Power who gave an update of our power supply. An email of the handouts was sent to all Council members for further review. A projection rate until 2026 is looking to stay at a lower rate. Electrician Brad Bodenschatz will research with AMP on LED projects and meters for possibly better rates.

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Old Business:

There were eleven delinquent light accounts on the electric report, with five possible certified letters to be sent out.

A list of members from the Summerhill Borough Volunteer Fire Department, who are borough residents and have reached over one hundred hours of volunteer services for their department during the past year of 2021 has been submitted requesting to receive their tax credit through Act 172 of 2016. The list will be forwarded to the tax collector.

Codification files were discussed, with a consensus of all of Council to receive them via email, review the sections from their committees, send their findings to Councilwoman Danielle Ritchey for further completion.

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

Code violation on 102 Tunnel Street is being closed due to their progress. A residence on Second Avenue will be given a courtesy call regarding our junk ordinance.

New Business:

The Cambria County Borough's Association spring dinner meeting will be hosted by Tunnelhill Borough on April 19th, with anyone interested in going to advise the Secretary/Treasurer in order for a total count by April 1st.

A DCNR grant is in the process of being applied for to be used at Freedom Park, with the deadline approaching soon.

The No Parking sign for Station Street, will be erected once the ground thaws.

The new shared crack sealer is discussed, as to where it can be used, kept, material, etc, with Councilman Russell Jones making a motion to purchase a pallet of crack sealing material, in the approximate amount of \$5,000, second by Matthew Penatzer, unanimous approval.

Mr. Jones also reports that he would like to finish the project of replacing all of the street signs in town, needing forty-four signs, twenty-two posts, twenty-two caps, twenty-two crosses, and to do so would cost \$4,200, making a motion to purchase, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval.

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The chain link fence by the volleyball court also needs to be replaced, with an estimate to be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

It was brought to Councilwoman Danielle Ritchey's attention that St. James Catholic Church, located on Main Street, would like the handicapped parking space made more visible, being that non-handicapped residents are parking there, leaving the elderly and handicapped unable to park close. Keeping in mind that Main Street does not have sufficient parking for the residents, but the handicapped parking should be respected. With that said, a few calls will be made to the residents that are parking there, the spot/spots will be repainted with blue paint and a sign will try to be erected, but there may be complaining regarding the sign as to where it may need to be placed.

Councilman Brad Bodenschatz reports two power outages, that the Bucket truck will be going to Kaza's for a state inspection, then on to Altec for more work as previously discussed, for a price of \$7,735.18. He also has fifteen PennDOT approved streetlights ordered, with one new electric meter already ordered, and the other meters to be ordered after the new meter program is purchased.

Mr. Bodenschatz was also made Council aware of a large pothole, located on Dibert Street that needs to be repaired once the weather breaks, Council approves.

Representative Frank Burns met with Council on Monday March 7th, to discuss the new legislation alignment, what all he is available to help with, and is happy to be representing his new areas once the vote goes through. The meeting left Council with very informative information that can be used in the near future.

President Becky Templeton reports that she will have a quote from Wessel and Company regarding updating QuickBooks to on-line for the Secretary/Treasurer, with training and reconciling. By a motion from Becky Templeton, Adobe Pro License will be purchased to aid the Secretary/Treasurer with current issues, second by Danielle Ritchey, unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm by a motion from Matthew Penatzer, second by Raymond Penatzer, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer