

***Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2020***

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

Council members present; Brad Bodenschatz, Daryl Bodenschatz @ 7:57pm, Russell Jones, Danielle Ritchey, Becky Templeton and Joni Trovato.

Others present; Secretary/Treasurer Laura L. Penatzer, Mayor Eric Miller, Electric Secretary/Tax Collector Karmen Baumgardner and Street Commissioner Tom Susko.

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

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

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

By a motion from Russell Jones, a fund transfer is to be made, if necessary, for the paying of the bill, second by Brad Bodenschatz; unanimous approval.

The budgets for the end of August were reviewed, being at 67%.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were discussed, with the next meeting will be held on September 22nd, Ebensburg, at Lake Rowena at 6:00pm.

There was no meeting held for the Forest Hills Regional Alliance last month due to COVID, and possibly the next meeting will be on September 23rd, in Summerhill Borough at 7:00pm.

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of August had nine incidents.

Old Business:

There were eleven delinquent light accounts on the September report, with three certified letters to be sent out and one shut off. It was to be noted that shut offs is allowed, even with COVID.

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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, due to lack of materials.

It was the consensus of Council to remove the Welcome to Summerhill signs from the agenda.

Codification is currently pending the committee's approval.

The West Jackson Street project has not been started yet, a call was made to Quaker, with the job to start shortly.

The Electric Secretary stated that L.B. Water would like to meet with Council, with the consensus of Council being, have them meet with the electric committee regarding the meter reader, then the committee can bring their suggestions to Council. By a motion from Danielle Ritchey, Russell Jones is being removed from the electric committee, with Brad Bodenschatz to replace him, second by Russell Jones; unanimous approval.

It was the consensus of Council to continue to have Trick-or-Treat night, on October 31st, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Regarding the old Jones building that has been demolished, with glass and high grass remaining on the property, Mayor Eric Miller will address this with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency. The Secretary/Treasurer will also place a courtesy call to the owner of the property. Also, trees remain hanging over onto McCardle Street, with it being the consensus of Council to have the Street Commissioner cut them back from the roadway and a bill will be sent to the realty company.

The Post Office continues to have an extension from LMIA regarding their parking lot, due to paving companies being affected by COVID.

Councilman Russell Jones prepared a draft for what he suggests for the Highway, of the budget. All was given a copy to review prior to a budget workshop. Each committee head is to do this, prior to a meeting, to keep the meeting times limited.

Loud vehicles continue to make noise around town. Council is to instruct anyone that complains to call 911.

Address placards for the park have been ordered, being constructed of plastic and aluminum.

New Business:

The Street Commissioner would like to purchase some Christmas bulbs, bags of twenty-five, containing six different colors. This way bulbs will be handy, when needed. Council agrees.

Councilman Brad Bodenschatz reports concern over a cluster of four trees at the new Dollar General, that the sewer lines that are being erected, when the roots from the trees are uprooted, they will fall directly on Summerhill Borough's power lines. Mr. Bodenschatz would like the company to be notified regarding the issue, with Council agreeing.

Residents continue to let their grass clippings on the sidewalks, even with the new sidewalk ordinance in place. Therefore, Mr. Bodenschatz will get addresses, a form letter will be drafted, and letters will be sent accordingly.

The estimated Liquid Fuels monies for 2021 is estimated to be \$15,179.84.

Street Commissioner Thomas Susko will contact Mike Bowser, from the state, to get estimates on the alleys around town for next year.

The crack sealer grant remains pending.

Councilwoman Becky Templeton remarks that she will hold two budget workshops in the month of October. If all heads of committees could submit their suggestions to her, that would make the budget workshops easier.

Some discussion was held regarding a walk behind roller, whether to repair it, sell it, possibly get a 6' x 12' trailer for it, costing approximately fifteen hundred dollars; with Council suggesting to possibly put the cost of the trailer in the budget for next year, in order to keep the roller.

The Electric Committee will draft a set of guidelines, for the year 2021, to set rates for the residents to be billed, when our electrician does inspections.

It was the consensus of Council to name the Substation building after Electrician Robert McCormick. A Proclamation/Recognition letter from AMP was received and a plaque with Mr. McCormick's picture on will be purchased.

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By a motion from Russell Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer