

***Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
April 13, 2021***

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, Russell Jones, Danielle Ritchey, Becky Templeton, Joni Trovato and Terri Washko.

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

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

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

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

There is no need for a transfer of funds for the paying of the bills.

The budgets for the end of March were reviewed, being at 25%.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were reviewed, with their next meeting to be held on April 14th, at 7:30am at the Ebensburg Borough building.

The Forest Hills Regional Alliance has still suspended all meetings until the spring of 2021.

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of March had eight incidents, ranging from Domestic, Harassments, Check on the Welfares, 911 hang-ups, Disabled Vehicles, Vehicle Crashes, Criminal Arrests and Non-Traffic Citations.

Old Business:

There were seven delinquent light accounts on the April report, with certified letters to be sent out accordingly.

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The steps at the park have been completed and are to be inspected tomorrow. Many thanks to Travis Hutzell for donating his time and labor for the project!

Codification is currently still being handled by American Publishers, pending an updated draft from their company.

The Recreational Park Grant remains pending, due to COVID-19. Decision day was to be on or around March 23rd, still keeping all fingers crossed!

The crack sealer grant continues to be pending.

The code violation property along Railroad Street has sold to Matthew Golden with Allegheny Belt Company, therefore, all violations should be handled in the near future.

A reminder to all that Spring Clean-up is on Thursday, May 13th.

The Dollar General expenses that were paid to Tercek Electric, have been repaid through GBT Realty Corporation in the amount of \$38,066.70.

Payment has also been received from Donegal Mutual Insurance Company for the damaged guidrails on West Jackson Street, in the amount of \$688.85.

Part-time help for the summer was again discussed, with Councilwoman Terri Washko helping Street Commissioner Russell Jones with the applications and advertising.

As requested by Council, Secretary/Treasurer Laura L. Penatzer reported local wages, job descriptions, contracts, and benefits from several local secretary positions locally. After some discussion, a committee for wages was formed, consisting of Terri Washko, Eric Miller, and Daryl Bodenschatz, to discuss the wages and job descriptions of the municipality's employees.

New Business:

It was expressed from Councilman Russell Jones that the streets cannot be measured from Mike Bowser, Penn DOT, until after April 26th. Only then, after the measurements are completed, can the paving project be advertised.

Mr. Jones also reports that there are still potholes that need to be patched, that the bathrooms at the park are up and running, which will be left open and cleaned once a week, placing sanitizer and paper towels in the restrooms. It has been two years since the mulch at the playground has been replaced, therefore, it was the consensus of Council to add new mulch. All fire extinguishers will expire next month and will be inspected soon. The LED floodlights at the municipal building will be switched over, ordering four LED floodlights for

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approximately \$320.00, by a motion from Russell Jones, second by Terri Washko, unanimous approval. The spreader will also be taken off of the truck tomorrow.

Councilwoman Joni Trovato reports that the ball schedules have been given to the Street Commissioner, with the first pavilion rental being held on May 8th.

Reported by Brad Bodenschatz, Councilman, New Enterprise will be setting up an inspection trailer along side Penn Installations along SR 53. A transformer will need to be erected on the existing pole for temporary electric service. The bill for the electric usage will be sent to the state.

Meters have arrived, with the Electrician to start the replacements. LED streetlights are in and arms will be ordered. Tree trimming will be done on McCardle Street, Pine Street and Wendroth Avenue.

A verbal complaint has been turned in to Council regarding a candy truck being illegally parked at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Main Street, blocking driver's sight, not being able to make the turn, parking too close to the intersection. With this being said, the street curbs will be accurately measured and marked, then enforced.

Questions arose if the cameras in the municipal building actually work, which they do and record all action. Concern was over an individual hanging around at the back door of the municipal building, which if it happens again, it is to be reported to review the cameras.

The Recreational Association would like Council to have the single door removed from the concession stand building and replace with double doors, at the Borough's expense, so the recreational committee can store a tractor with its drag, so they would not have to haul it each time they drag the ball field, with the consensus of Council being no, not at this time.

An executive session was held by a motion from Russell Jones, second by Brad Bodenschatz; unanimous approval, at 8:28pm.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:51pm.

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By a motion from Danielle Ritchey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm, second by Russell Jones, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer