

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
June 8, 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, Electric Secretary/Tax Collector Karmen Baumgardner, Ron Portash (Mainline News), Luke Dierling, and Ed Dierling.

Boy Scout Luke Dierling gave an update on his Eagle Scout project. He remarks that since COVID-19, the plans for his project have changed a bit, due to the cost of materials. He suggests using composite decking board over the old boards and using gravel on the bottom, which would be approximately \$1600.00, with the old way being approximately \$4,000.00. He needs to raise funds for the project and will be sending out donation letters, after the approval from Council. The project has been approved by the Eagle Scout Committee but needs Council approval for the new way of construction, cost, materials, and plans. After some consideration, Council suggests doing it the better way, with the higher amount, better materials, being the bleachers are used a lot and the better way would be a benefit. By a motion from Danielle Ritchey, Council approves the project, to sign the paperwork, with an agreement to fund the project up-front and the total of donations the Mr. Dierling receives, to forward to the borough, but try to raise at least \$500.00 on his own, putting Councilmen Russell Jones and Brad Bodenschatz to be Mr. Dierling's contact people, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval.

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

By a motion from Terri Washko, the financial statements from the previous meeting were approved, second by Brad Bodenschatz, unanimous approval.

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

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

The budgets for the end of May were reviewed, being at 42%.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed.

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The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were reviewed, with no building permits being issued. Their next meeting is to be held on June 9th, at 7:30am at the Ebensburg Borough building.

The Forest Hills Regional Alliance submitted an agenda for a June 16th meeting, to be held at the Croyle Township Municipal building.

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of May had four incidents, ranging from Domestic, 911 hang-ups, ATV Complaint, and a Disabled Vehicle.

Old Business:

There were nine delinquent light accounts on the June report, with two certified being sent out from last month. Account #1190 had not signed for their certified as to date, when they do, a shut off will follow. The other certified letter was for Account #2600.

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

New Business:

Two sealed bids were received for paving project #21-11-429-10CA. By a motion from Russell Jones, HRI Inc. was awarded the bid being the lowest, second by Brad Bodenschatz, unanimous approval.

HRI, Inc.	\$68,598.80
Quaker Sales Corp.	\$71,410.83

Council President Daryl Bodenschatz submitted a note of concern regarding gravel on the sidewalks on several sites, with the concern to be put in the Portage Dispatch and a reminder letter will be drafted by Vice-President Becky Templeton to be sent out to all residents.

Electric Secretary Karmen Baumgardner states that Redline Data will be launching their new electric meter program, which she will need a table, which needs no internet or Bluetooth. It will need a case that is waterproof, with a handle, possibly a 10" screen with a screen protector. It is the consensus of Council to purchase one for her.

Twenty new electric meters have been purchased, with a replacement meter for the water authority to be erected, due to it not working.

Councilman Russell Jones advises Council that the curbs have been measured and laid out for painting. The paint is almost all gone, with no one having it currently in stock, but we are currently on a waiting list for more. The town has been sprayed for weeds, trees have been

trimmed on Pine Street, the garage has been cleaned out and organized, Alex Cruely has started working part-time for the streets, and the poles for the plant stands around town will be touched up with paint. Four more stop signs and six more Children at Play signs are needed to be purchased, along with mulch for the playground, which Council approves. It is questioned if the fence at the park can be touched up with silver paint and if First Aid kits can be purchased for the bucket truck and the municipal truck, with again Council agrees.

Councilwoman Danielle Ritchey questions if the gravel that is in the grate at Main Street and Jackson Street can be cleaned out. It is the consensus of Council that the street laborers will take out what they can, and Mayor Eric Miller will contact Gap Vac again this year to clean out all catch basins, but not until after the paving project is complete, along with street sweeping.

The changing of cutouts and poles will be done on June 17th and 18th for uptown and the 21st for downtown remarked Councilman Brad Bodenschatz. Word will be spread to the residents by posting on Facebook and signs at the post office. Mr. Bodenschatz also stated that aluminum streetlight arms have been ordered, but will not be erected until August.

Anderson Windows has made contact with the Secretary/Treasurer notifying her that they will be in town and their representative will be properly dressed and identified.

Councilman Russell Jones moved to make a motion for an executive session at 8:26pm, second by Danielle Ritchey, unanimous approval.

The regular monthly meeting resumed at 9:00pm, with a motion made by Becky Templeton to terminate employment with Tom Susko the morning of 06/09/21, second by Danielle Ritchey, unanimous approval.

A motion was then made by Terri Washko to increase the hourly wage for Luke Fresch to \$15.00 an hour and give him the position of Street Commissioner when Councilman Russell Jones feels appropriate.

By a motion from Russell Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm, second by Brad Bodenschatz, unanimous approval.

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