

Monthly Meeting of
Summerhill Borough Council Minutes

June 13, 2023

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of Summerhill Borough Council was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023. Council VICE President Russ Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Attendance

Council Present: President, Becky Templeton (via Zoom), Vice-President, Russell Jones, Joni Trovato, Brad Bodenschatz (via Zoom), Danielle Ritchey, Ray Penatzer, Matt Penatzer and Mayor Eric Miller.
Others present: Karmen Baumgardner, Tax Collector/Electric Secretary & Treasurer, Janice Anderson Borough Secretary. Absent: n/a

Visitors Brianna of Mainline Newspaper: supplied her w/ copy of agenda AND Flyers for upcoming events.

Approval of minutes

Joni made the motion to approve the May meeting minutes and Ray seconded the motion – all in favor, motion passed.

Approval of financial statements

There was NO motion to approve financial statements.

Approval of payment of bills

Reviewed Karmen's payment of Bills. Danielle made the motion to accept the payment of bills and Ray seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Fund Transfers n/a

Budgets

Russ stated that it seemed like we are sill over regarding the material for the crack sealer, but there was no line item so it was put in that number, but since we know why, Eric stated this should be "OK" but should add a new number to the 2024 budget. Motion to accept the budget was made by Matt and Danielle seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

Correspondence

- Forest Hills Municipal Authority –nothing discussed – council advised to review/read.
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency - (no permit activity – but LMI held their meeting – Per Eric, LMI's solicitor (Bill Barbin) was there and stated he is cutting back his workload (retirement prep). He recommended Toby McIlwain for LMI and possibly SMH Boro Since Beyer is OUT now that he is a Judge. Eric asked if we wanted to get a resume from and USE McIlwain, but Russ wanted council members to come to next meeting with attorney names and suggestions.
- Croyle Township Police Report – Still dog issues – Per Eric, a dog officer has been notified and Per Karmen, 1 dog has been removed but she is unsure of other location(s).

Old Business

- Delinquent Light Accounts –Still the same people as last month: Posted 2 shut off notices, and the one account on hold did PAY (power back on) There was a discussion as to whether boro should do re-inspections and apply charges when "Shut-offs" turned back on – and if this should be put into bylaws and/or an ordinance. Per Brad – if no problems w/ systems before shut off, he sees no reason to inspect or charge; However, if there were a fire or water issues, inspections will need to occur.
- Codification – Danielle sent Nils the proposed changes and our comments (approx. 3 wks ago). Nils is now working on updates but did not supply a timeline.

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- Code Violations – Discussion held on the several addresses that have issues: unkept grass, uninspected vehicles, unkept sidewalks, etc. Janice will work with Karmen to acquire addresses for each location and send letters about violations.
- AMP Advanced metering –Put off till July meeting.
- HW&S project – form was reviewed, some answers were confirmed/clarified – Janice will send form to EADs (as instructed)
- Summerhill Boro Block Party – Council agreed to pay for bouncy-house and other children’s amusements. Matt made the motion to pay the invoice and Joni seconded the motion. All in favor – motion passed.
- Ball Filled Fence – Brad does not yet have quotes – may lump costs with firehall – put this off till July Meeting.
- Concreate Apron –Russ gave project folder to Janice file/save. Luke is aware of logistics and needs for the equipment that will be used to complete the apron. – should take about 3 days to complete (cure time is 72 hours)
- Insurance Update – Per Becky, Bret Insurance still to tough base (no update yet)- Push till July Meeting.
- Sidewalk Condition – Janice received basic/general info and FORM from Representative Burns’ office- gave the form to Becky to complete, but she still needs input from Dam at EADs (need info on Linear feet of sidewalk). Push out till July Meeting.
- Crack Sealer Insurance issues: SMH boro has sealer listed on the liability insurance as an Operator for any property damage(s) – Our insurer will NOT cover damage to sealer; only any damaged property – FWF to send over updated certificate of liability – Janice to send copy of this to Carrolltown.

New Business

No “New Business” (on Agenda) But RUSS Discussed the following:

- No quotes yet for doors at concession stand – Serve Pro was interested in and may ~~DONEATE~~ ^{Spelling}
- Brad will touch based and if they can’t do this, SMH will do “In House”
- Kids/people are still at the park after dark. Although it was decided (several meetings ago) to simply call the police, Russ wants council to come up with solutions/ideas for next meeting.(July). Camera and/or Gitting’s security was discussed as well as motion lights. Eric will get a quote from Gitting’s. (a “GOOD” camera will be expensive and inexpensive have bad identification quality). Push out till July meeting.
- Floor upstairs needs epoxy painted. One contractor turned work down and have not yet heard from other. May do “in-house” half at a time. Per Russ, material should run around \$600 or \$700 which we have in budget.
- Volleyball and Tennis Nets need replaced for 2024

Committee Head Updates

- **Electric Secretary (Karmen)** – n/a
- **Streets (Russ)** –Computer (for Dum and tailgate) of truck needs serviced, so it will be unavailable while being fixed. Russ to contact JW Flemming.
- **Codification (Danielle)** – See above (old business)
- **Electric (Joni/Brad)** – Joni and Brad created a brief job description – and a discussion on how, where and when to post this job was discussed. Suggested: Johnstown Tribune Democrat, Mainline, Facebook and our website, (possibly Link-in and Indeed)
- **Parks & Recreation (Joni)** –. Have 10 upcoming rentals. still need input from Dan of EADs regarding freedom park. Completion is likely to be next year (-ish). AND...Need DCNR’s data uploaded. P.s. fire company has extra mulch – per Joni, we should GET IT!
- **Budget (Becky)** – Becky reminded all to start thinking about what they need for the 2024 budget.(volley & Tennis net projects)
- **Office/General (Janice)** – Janice let everyone know that ALL BOXES, BINS, Crates, etc. have been reviewed/emptied/filed/trashed/shredded. All documents that required being kept have been filed (and possibly logged if required). Shel will present a “What is Where” at July Meeting

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- **ERIC gave an update on a new “CPR App” now available to anyone wanting to download the app on their phone** – this app will ALERT you as to where the nearest ARD systems are located within 5 miles of your area.

Misc: discussion: Regis Wilburn will be honored on July 8th – they required the roll of honor to at the firehall at 1pm

Danielle made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting and Joni seconded that motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm



President



Mayor



Secretary/Treasurer