

***Summerhill Borough Council***  
***Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting***  
**March 10, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting for Summerhill Borough Council was opened by President Daryl Bodenschatz.

Council members present; Brad Bodenschatz, Daryl Bodenschatz, Russell Jones, Danielle Ritchey, Becky Templeton and Joni Trovato.

Others present; Secretary/Treasurer Laura L. Penatzer, Electrician Robert McCormick, Electric Secretary/Tax Collector Karmen Baumgardner, Ron Portash (Mainline), Dorothy Berkebile and Larry Wilburn.

Dorothy Berkebile submitted a photo, asking permission to erect a driveway off of Croyle Street. The driveway would be 124' in length by 20' wide. After reviewing the picture, it is the consensus of Council to allow her to erect the driveway, with the stipulation that it must be erected back to the original specifications per PennDOT. She must also contact Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency for a permit.

Larry Wilburn questions Council if they could have the workers compensation representative contact him regarding their workers compensation policy, to see who all is covered under their policy.

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

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

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

No fund transfer is needed for the paying of the bills.

The budgets for the end of March were reviewed.

**Correspondence:**

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed.

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The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were discussed, with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in Ebensburg Borough as usual.

The agenda for Forest Hills Regional Alliance was reviewed, with the next meeting to be held in Summerhill Borough on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

The monthly activities report was not submitted from Croyle Township police for the month of February.

The Cambria County Borough's Association spring banquet will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Tunnelhill Borough, to be held at the Gallitzin Sportsman's Association. Please RSVP the Secretary/Treasurer before March 30<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending.

Please turn in all Annual Financial Statements if you have not already done so.

The annual 2019 Audit was prepared by Auditor Mark Bodenschatz. Copies were given to all of Council for review, with no findings.

**Old Business:**

There were ten delinquent light accounts on the March report, with four certified letters to be sent out. Electric Secretary questions Council if the fee to send out certified letters could be raised, with Council remarking that the electric rates were previously raised, so it was the consensus of Council to not raise the certified fees.

Spring Street and First Avenue have cracked sidewalks due to the snowplow hitting them with salt, it was questioned if a sealer should be put on them, with Council agreeing, not at this time.

Discussion over street sweeping resulted in possibly posting on the Facebook page if the residents could clean the gravel from the sidewalks prior to having the streets swept.

The sidewalk committee presented a sidewalk ordinance; 2-2020, with Becky Templeton moving to make a motion to tentatively adopt, second by Russell Jones; unanimous approval.

**New Business:**

Resolution 3-2020; Authorizing the execution of 2022-2025 remaining requirements energy supply schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc., was approved by a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Russell Jones; unanimous approval.

By a motion from Becky Templeton, Resolution 4-2020; Master Service Agreement No. C-2-2004-3948 was approved, second by Brad Bodenschatz; unanimous approval.

Act 172, a tax credit to volunteer fire services was discussed by Council. Councilman Brad Bodenschatz will work with the Summerhill Borough Volunteer Fire Department to revise the wording to either choose the Real Estate Tax credit of \$200.00 or the Earned Income Tax credit to be capped at 20%. It will then be reviewed again.

The Street Commissioner is to be told to remove the “No Parking” signs by the Croyle residence on Holly Avenue and keep them by the Ritchey property.

Councilman Russell Jones reports that the swings will be erected next week at the park, with the bathrooms to be opened also. The crosswalks will also be repainted, along with the curbing around town. He questions if sand should be placed in the volleyball court, with Council agreeing that matting should be placed down first, then use screen sand; most likely around twenty-two ton will be needed. Lastly, he questions if extra part-time laborers will be used this year for the streets, with Council agreeing.

It was mentioned as a reminder, that Rose Tripp and Ruth Ferchalk volunteered to help plant the flowers around town this year. Possibly remove one of the flower boxes at the park and install a sign for the park. This will be kept in thought.

By a motion from Russell Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28, second by Becky Templeton, unanimous approval.

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President

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Mayor

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Secretary/Treasurer