

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting for Summerhill Borough Council was opened by President Daryl Bodenschatz with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Council members present; Brad Bodenschatz, Daryl 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) and John Graessle (Saint Francis Student).

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

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

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

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

The budgets for the end of February were reviewed, being at 17%.

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 March 10th, at 7:30am at the Ebensburg Borough building.

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

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of February had six incidents, ranging from 911 hang-ups, disabled vehicles, reckless driving, and vehicle crashes.

Old Business:

There were thirteen delinquent light accounts on the March report, with five certified letters to be sent out.

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The Comcast Franchise Agreement expires on July 24th, 2021. Copies of the new agreement were given to all of Council at the last monthly meeting, with the Secretary/Treasurer contacting COMCAST to confirm that the franchise fee remains the same or higher, which it will remain at 5% of the annual gross revenues received from the operation of the cable system, and the term of the franchise fee to be ten years instead of fifteen. With that being known, the new agreement was approved by a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Russell Jones; unanimous approval. All paperwork will be mailed in with signatures.

The steps at the park will be under construction prior to the next monthly meeting. Councilman Russell Jones will draft a list of materials that is needed and purchase them for the project to be started.

Codification is currently pending the committee's approval. An email was sent to PSAB for a list of companies to contact that currently do codification. Council is not sure if the current company understands Council's needs, therefore other companies will be reviewed.

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

The crack sealer grant continues to be pending.

New Business:

Discussion on part-time help for the summer was discussed, with Councilwoman Terri Washko to help with the advertising process, with the Street Commissioner.

Councilman Russell Jones updated Council that a bill has been filed to the driver's insurance company for the damage done to the guiderails on West Jackson Street on January 14th. He questions Council if the new materials can be purchased prior to payment, with Croyle Township to help erect them, approved by a motion from Brad Bodenschatz, second by Becky Templeton; unanimous approval.

Mr. Jones reports that there are several other streets that need paved, fourteen in all, with Bridge Street being a priority due to high traffic and Main Street due to water breaks. Croyle Street, First Avenue, Second Avenue and Mill Street also need paving, with Mill Street needing crack sealing done. Mike Bowser from Penn DOT will be contacted to measure Bridge and Croyle Streets, then the process of advertising will be started.

Four new stop signs have been erected per Mr. Jones also.

The volunteers will be notified that they can start with the process of the flowers around town.

Little League will be using the municipal building on March 18th for the pick-up of pizzas.

Councilman Brad Bodenschatz remarks that several poles need replaced around town and he would like to start the project if there is any funding in the budget to do so.

By a motion from Becky Templeton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm, second by Russell Jones, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer