

***Summerhill Borough Council***  
***Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting***  
**May 12, 2020**

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

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

Due to the pandemic, this months meeting has the month of April's meeting packet included also.

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

By a motion from Terri Washko, the financial statements from the previous meetings 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 and April were reviewed.

**Correspondence:**

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were reviewed, with the next meeting to be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Wilmore Borough.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were discussed, with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am via Zoom.

There was no meeting held for the Forest Hills Regional Alliance due to the pandemic.

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of April had five incidents.

A Comcast letter regarding programming changes was reviewed and will be included in with all resident's bills.

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Councilwoman Becky Templeton speaks on Chicken Permit 1-2020, from Jacob Ritchey. She questions Council being that Mr. Ritchey has two lots, can he have double the run area and must the vegetation surrounding the area be fully screened in. By a motion from Becky Templeton, it is approved for the double run area, second by Brad Bodenschatz, Danielle Ritchey abstained.

Bodenschatz,Brad	Yes	Templeton,Becky	Yes
Bodenschatz,Daryl	Yes	Trovato,Joni	Yes
Ritchey,Danielle	Abstained	Washko,Terri	Yes

It was also mentioned that another resident in town has chicken in their basement, more than four, with Councilwoman Becky Templeton advising the resident that they must apply for a permit by the end of April and that they must have the permit approved prior to the chickens being outside.

The term for the representative for the Board of Directors for Forest Hills EMS is up, with Larry Penatzer declining to be placed back on, therefore Steve Parks, who previously submitted a letter, was approved for the two year term by a motion from Terri Washko, second by Becky Templeton, unanimous approval.

Resolution 2-2020, a resolution authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program (Emergency Disaster Declaration; COVID-19) was approved by a motion from Joni Trovato, second by Becky Templeton; unanimous approval.

**Old Business:**

There were eighteen delinquent light accounts on the May report, with no certified letters being sent out due to the pandemic.

The street committee will need to inspect the sidewalks now that the weather is better. If any have cracks, they will need to be turned into Kishmo.

Ordinance 2-2020, An ordinance for sidewalks and curb maintenance, was approved by a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Brad Bodenschatz; unanimous approval.

Prices again will be received for The Welcome to Summerhill signs.

Codification is currently pending the committee's approval.

Price quotes for the West Jackson street curbing will be again received, two ways, with black top and also concrete.

Ordinance 3-2020, An ordinance of Summerhill Borough, establishing a credit for borough earned income tax and real estate tax for active volunteer fire department members and

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establishing procedures and rules to claim this credit, was tentatively approved by Becky Templeton, second by Joni Trovato; Brad Bodenschatz and Daryl Bodenschatz abstained.

Ritchey,Danielle	Yes
Templeton,Becky	Yes
Trovato,Joni	Yes
Washko,Terri	Yes

**New Business:**

Region 13 photo IDs will be taken for badges for all of Council and employees.

With another Greenways, Trail and Recreational Program (GTRP) being applied for, Resolution 5-2020 was approved by a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Brad Bodenschatz; unanimous approval.

Councilwoman Joni Trovato questions if Little League practice can be held during the “yellow phase”. Unfortunately, no organized sports are allowed during this phase. Bathrooms are not to be opened, nor any pavilion rentals at this time.

Being in the “yellow phase”, Councilman Brad Bodenschatz remarks that now is the time to have a company in to spray the ballfield and park for weeds. Mr. Bodenschatz will get quotes, with Council approving for him to stay under five hundred dollars, and then to get it done, by a motion from Becky Templeton, second by Joni Trovato; unanimous approval.

Payton and Carle McGough are working on a “Gold Award” through the girl scouts, with Councilwomen Joni Trovato and Terri Washko sponsoring them. Payton would like to redo the benches, replace nets, repaint the poles and possibly resurface the basketball court, with Carle to do a mural on the concession stand. This project will be in effect until March of 2021. By a motion from Joni Trovato, Council approves for the projects to be done, second by Terri Washko; unanimous approval.

Councilman Brad Bodenschatz questions Council to define that if more hours than thirty-two is needed by the Street Commissioner, with no overtime for the laborers, then it can be taken, if there is work to be done, i.e.; grass cutting, plowing, etc., with it being the consensus of Council that Yes, it is agreed to be taken; if necessary.

Being that the price of oil is down due to the pandemic, Councilwoman Becky Templeton suggests filling the oil tanks now, instructing the Secretary/Treasurer to take care of.

Ruth Furchalk, along with Vivian Hogue and Rose Tripp would like to get started on the flower

pots around town, therefore by a motion from Becky Templeton, a budget of not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars to remove the metal boxes (24), purchase different boxes, flowers, dirt, etc.; second by Terri Washko; unanimous approval.

For the safety of our Electrical workers, Councilman Brad Bodenschatz would like to purchase a tick tracer, pole, gloves, boots. Becky Templeton moves to make a motion to purchase what he needs, not to exceed one thousand dollars, second by Terri Washko; unanimous approval.

Councilwoman Terri Washko questions if Council should waive the late fees on property taxes due to the pandemic, with Council disagreeing.

Karmen Baumgardner, Electric Secretary/Tax Collector, remarks that when she reads the meters, that some are not up to standard, such as the box being off the ground five feet, having three foot of clearance around the box, and could something be done to correct this issue. Councilman Brad Bodenschatz states that the cost would have to be to the resident, but must be deemed “unsafe” to do so and should be handled case by case. The Borough owns the dial, the homeowner owns the box.

It was questioned by Councilwoman Becky Templeton if a bonus could be given to the Secretary/Treasurer and Electric Secretary/Tax Collector, being that the extra work of cleaning the files out and the attic could be given. It was stated that they are paid by salary and that would be frowned upon if done so.

After some discussion, a certified letter will be sent to 421 Jackson Street for the high grass.

Some discussion was held regarding another town letter/newsletter. Mayor Eric Miller will work with Councilwoman Becky Templeton to publish one for the residents.

By a motion from Becky Templeton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45, second by Brad Bodenschatz, unanimous approval.

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President

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Mayor

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Secretary/Treasurer