

Monthly Meeting of
Summerhill Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
November 14,2023

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of Summerhill Borough Council was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023. Council Vice President Russ Jones called the meeting to order at 7:02pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Attendance

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

Visitors

None

Approval of minutes

Reviewed the October Minutes. Joni Made the motion to accept October's minutes and Danielle seconded the motion – all in favor - PASSED.

Approval of financial statements/Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet – n/a – no discussion or issues

Approval of payment of bills

Group reviewed. Danielle Made the motion to approve the payment of bills, and Matt seconded the motion.

Fund Transfers

n/a no transfers.

Budgets

n/a – no Discussion or issues.

Correspondence

- Forest Hills Municipal Authority - nothing of note on Sept Minutes
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency – n/a
- Croyle Township Police Report –nothing of note on Oct Report

Old Business

- Delinquent Light Accounts – per Karmen, sent 3 certified – wait to see what happens.
- Electrician/lineman – Eric was to follow-up with AMP (if/when their program begins)
- Ball Field Fence – Received a quote from Sturdy Fence - \$13k. We need 3 (written or verbal/noted quotes. Joni called another company, so we need one more. Joni will work on finding and contacting the 3rd vendor.
- Sidewalk Condition (Curbing Project) – EADs sent us a sitemap, cost breakdown & a resolution (to complete & return). Janice informed all that there is a \$100 non-refundable application fee. Joni made the motion to pay the fee and complete/send resolution. Janice to find out when and where to send check.
- Park vandalism – Resident called Becky to complain that Teens (many) egged her home. Many at meeting stated their houses were “Corned”. Brief discussion – no direct solution or resolution. All agreed residents should call police. Other than that, there was no more conversation regarding park vandalism.
- New Mower – nothing was said about who buying from or when we are buying – only asked if costs could be applied to County Aid money. Janice thought “no” due to Boro being a small boro and no real/true rural areas requiring mowing/weeding to maintain roads. (county aid can ONLY be used for

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road maintenance or vehicles, tools or equipment used to maintain roads, or PennDOT approved signage).

- Jobs – Facility Maintenance & Seasonal Plower – Although confirmed that Becky suggested advertising two jobs, all agreed to just advertise for Street Commissioner. Reminded all that they did not come up with a final name/title for the Street Commissioner. Janice is to combine the job ads and have Russ, Danielle and Brad review before publication. Someone will need to put job ad and Description on both Facebook and Website
- Newsletter – tabled till next meeting due to Becky’s absence.
- Good Citizen Award – tabled till next meeting due to Becky’s absence.

New Business

- 2024 Budget – Reviewed a few item/acct numbers that may be “errors” (actual items numbers on budget spreadsheets are “OFF” a digit from QuickBooks item/acct numbers). Karmen will review and correct. However, this slight error does not distract from True budget creation or publishing. Matt made the motion to accept the Budget and Danielle seconded the motion. Janice will publish (mainline) the budget available for review by public. Final approval at December meeting.
- 2024 Tax Milage – Discussed that the Tax milage rate has been 3.75 since 2016. Danielle made motion to keep milage at 3.75 and Joni seconded the motion.
- Town Egging - See notes above in “park vandalism)

Committee head Updates

- Electric Secretary (Karmen) – n/a
- Streets (Russ) –
 - Russ will try to find out what happened to the mirror on bridge st – probably taken out by truck. (someone asked joni what happened to it).
 - Christmas Lights will go up on Black Friday. Lights installed at freedom park, but not plugged in.
 - The new storage container is now at the Rt 53 site.
 - Park Concession stand was winterized and closed.
 - New stop signs were purchased and installed on Elm and Main.
 - Russ reviewed Ehrenfeld’s plow routes (with Ken Fetsko) Russ will review with Brad for future plowing.
 - Brown Construction will provide a quote on the Back Wall (of Boro Bldg) At this time, Russ is opting to hold off on new ceiling until we fix the leak, then we’ll look at new lights, duct work and ceiling.
 - All snow removal equipment has been checked out and ready for winter season.
- Codification (Danielle) – n/a
- Electric (Joni & Brad) – Met with Asplund – they will provide a quote to do the 2024 tree trimming. They will not require an outage. All their employees are trained to cut without outage. They will also drop the dead Ash trees. They propose 3 days or work. – Additionally, the meter plates will be in on 11/15/23. More LEDs are on order for end of main st.
- Parks & Recreation (Joni) – n/a
- Budget (Becky) –see above

NON-Agenda Topics discussed:

1. Croyle township garbage pickup for the week of thanksgiving will be WED (before), not Friday (after). Janice will make a sign/poster – this will be posted at post office, facebook and website.

Meeting conclusion: Danielle made the motion to adjourn, and Brad seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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