

Summerhill Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
October 12, 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, and Joni Trovato.

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

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

By a motion from Joni Trovato, the financial statements from the previous meeting were approved, second by Russell Jones, 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 September were at 75%.

Correspondence:

The minutes from the Forest Hills Municipal Authority were discussed.

The minutes from Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency were reviewed, with no building permits being issued. New inspection officers have been hired, a new pick-up truck has been purchased, with the next meeting to be on October 13th at 7:30am, at the Ebensburg Borough Building, as usual.

No agenda was received from the Forest Hills Regional Alliance for their October 2021 meeting. The next meeting will be held on October 20th at the Adams Township Municipal Building.

The monthly activities report for Croyle Township Police for the month of September had nine incidents, ranging from Alarms, Flooding Incidents, Suspicious Vehicles, 911 Hang ups and Traffic Incidents.

Old Business:

There were seven delinquent light accounts on the October report, certified letters will be sent out accordingly.

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After some discussion on the Local Fiscal Recovery Funding, Russell Jones made a motion to split the funds of \$23,236.57 three ways between Forest Hills EMS, Croyle Township Police and Summerhill Borough Volunteer Fire Department, with each receiving \$7,745.52, second by Danielle Ritchey; unanimous approval.

Codification is being worked on, with updated Ordinances being added.

Discussion of the donating of funds to the Allegheny Ridge Corporation and The Main Line Canal Greenway, is placed on hold until next year, after the budget is approved, so an amount can be discussed prior to the approval of the budgets.

The recreational park grant continues pending.

All code violations that were reported for grass and shrubs, were managed by the Secretary/Treasurer.

The military bench will be erected within the next few days.

No updates have been received from Payton McGough, for her Gold Award Project.

New Business:

Budget workshops will be set up to complete the budgets for 2022.

Trick-or-Treat will be held on Thursday, 28th, from 6:00pm-8:00pm, by a motion from Brad Bodenschatz, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval.

Councilman Russell Jones remarks that he has received complaints of the gate to the creek being left open, therefore Council agrees to put locks on all gates. The lights at Rita's Bakery have been repaired, the brush at the burn pile will be pushed back over the bank, the salt spreader will be put on the truck at the end of the month, with Street Commissioner Luke Fresch to have all the equipment serviced for year end.

Mr. Jones will also email the revised Large Vehicle Ordinance to all of Council for discussion at the next monthly meeting. He reports that he has the Highway & Maintenance Budget ready, apart from paving and will send it to the budget committee. He explains that the workers hours have been kept track of, with May being a tough month with ninety hours, June with one hundred twenty-nine, July with one hundred, then with August and September slowing down. More hours will need to be budgeted for next year, plus raises if approved by Council. Talk of possibly putting the Street Commissioner on salary with benefits, but all will be reviewed prior to the budgets.

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Mayor Eric Miller reports that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is in progress, with Councilman Brad Bodenschatz to give an estimate of the cost the rebuild the electric system, if lost.

By a motion from Russell Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm, second by Joni Trovato, unanimous approval.

President

Mayor

Secretary/Treasurer