

Monthly Meeting of
Summerhill Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of Summerhill Borough Council was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023. Council President Becky Templeton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Attendance

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

Visitors

Brianna of Mainline Newspaper,

Solicitor: Toby McIlwain- spoke / introduced self . prefers email: provided email address. Provided Mr. McIlwain with a signed/sealed agreement – Mr. McIlwain will have his office execute and return a copy for our records.

Approval of minutes

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

Approval of financial statements

It was noted that Wessell is back from maternity leave. Becky will review financial data and get with Karmen if necessary.

Approval of payment of bills

Group reviewed. Russ made the motion to Pay the Bills and Matt seconded – all in favor – PASSED

Fund Transfers

n/a no transfers.

Budgets

Becky commented on the numbers looking better with adjustments made. All seemed on track.

Correspondence

- Forest Hills Municipal Authority - nothing of note
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency – Per Eric, organization is growing – got a few new municipalities on board, but council of gave notice of retirement.
- Croyle Township Police Report – parking tickets

Old Business

- Delinquent Light Accounts – group reviewed -
- Code Violations – explain – Group reviewed the list (violation log) provided – talked about 102 tunnel st.
 - Group also talked about Rt 53 Tractor trailer, but did not provide an address (No Letter sent).
 - Additionally, Eric is to contact LMI/CCBCEA about 770 2nd Ave as it was reported they are installing new roof (with trusses) over existing. – NO UPDATED from LMI provided.
 - Karmen reported a house with a hole in roof – Karmen & Eric going to check on this..
 - There are two vacant homes (Main & Jackson) – per Eric send to code – No addresses provided (LMI not contacted)
- Attorney -the agreement with Toby McIlwain's firm was briefly discussed (\$150 per hour/no retainer). Matt made the motion to accept the agreement and hire and Ray seconded - passed.
- AMP Advanced Metering System – waiting on grant program (not here yet), but moving ahead. Additionally, it was announced that Sam is no longer our representative. It will be Harry until new Rep

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announced. AMP will be supplying us (municipalities) with SAMPLE/Example ordinances for Solar panels and Electric Vehicles (2nd/separate meter)

- Electrician/lineman – Eric, AMP & PA Power – talked about lineman – is a bigger issue than just Summerhill. All municipalities relying on Barclay or Penelec – Amp looking to put program together for hire and utilize a lineman for many (close) areas. AMP sees this as a problem and looking for solution. This (1) person will be the PM for ALL projects (per municipality). Also discussed aging system. AMP to look at system and process and advise (likely would put costs of plan of attack in our bill & work off over x amount of time!)
- Ball Field Fence – Brad can't get anyone to call back - - PIN IN THIS.
- Insurance Update – got NOTHNG from Brett Insurance – Becky dissatisfied – so reached out to FWF to do a full review.
- Sidewalk Condition (Curbing Project) – nothing from EADs or Burns.
- Park vandalism (Watkins Security)- Janice let all know that if not already done, Watkins will be at park to review/inspect area.
- Job Descriptions – all to review
- Crumbling Barricades – Penn dot will handle – just where existing ones
- Animal Control Contract – all reviewed the 6 answers to 6 questions. – motion to adopt agreement/contract – Ray made the motion to adopt/sign agreement and Matt seconded. – passed - .
- SWIF Audit – Karmen and Janice gave brief update and informed council we passed audit -

New Business

- 2023 County Aid (\$3,200) – explained what we have in invoices, what Mike Bowser wants , and what might be used. However, all wanted to use upcoming invoices paving of trunnel street project to acquire this money. (not sure this will work)
- Trick or Treat Date – Croyle & SMH twp Oct 31 – Tuesday night - -Karmen to count/inspect last year's necklaces before ordering more. Need someone to had out candy -
- Paving – Tunnel Street(NES&L quote) –group reviewed the NES&L quote to complete this work. Russ made the motion to pay for the paving of tunnel st out of the Liquid Fuels AND County Aid Funds and Ray seconded the motion – all approved – passed.
- Speed Bumps – Russ provided a count of possible speed bumps for main/dibert/elm (6 elm 6 main 3 dibert) - Attorney Toby explained there could be concern/issues with using (temporary) speed bumps (lawsuits, property damage, etc/(tort claims limits our liability)). Suggested digital signs. Eric will call Burns' office. All suggested putting the ISSUE in the upcoming Newsletter.

Committee head Updates

- Electric Secretary (Karmen) – 14th 24th – Karmen will be OUT -
- Streets (Russ) - Contractor came into look at floor to epoxy – no response yet /Street light at tunnel / Talked to felix about finishing driveway.
- Codification (Danielle) Janice informed all about the new Sect 15 inserts), but since Danielle is out, this is table till next month/meeting, until Daniell present -
- Electric (Joni) –we received text form barclay, asking what work was available. Talked about underground at gates house. Cable co. problem to put conduit in – we are off the poles so cable co is on their own. -
- Parks & Recreation (Joni) – no design for gazebo yet –.
- Budget (Becky) – budget reminders – work shops in oct – Oct Nov & dec timeframe -
- MISC Topics/Discussion:
 - Matt – festival - 16th & 17th festival -
 - LVTech – needs to know how we want our NEW emails set up (first name, last name, initials,, etc) as we will be migrating out gmial and into something elsel 1st initial last name –
 - Newsletter for fall / winter topics needed. Eric will provide public power stuff. Becky talked about “good citizens” award – (flower ladies). Spotlight in newsletter. Plaque? Ribbon? Decree?

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Out of regular session at 8:29 pm and council held a executive session. Attorney McIlwain stayed for the executive session. Matt made the motion to adjourn the executive session at 8:51 pm and Russ seconded that motion.

Regular meeting was reconvened at 8:51pm when Joni made the motion to Adjourn the meeting and Russ seconded the motion – all in favor - PASSED – adjourned at 8:53 pm.



President



Mayor



Secretary/Treasurer