**GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

July 14, 2021

6:00

The Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jacob Morisi with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Mayor Kim Mock swore in the Oath of Office to new council member Eric Lindrose.

**ROLL CALL:** President Jacob Morisi, Vice President William Schrader, Alice Hummel, Dennis Munko, Don Scott, Eric Lindrose, Attorney Mike Carbonara and Mayor Kim Mock were present. Mike Oliver was absent.

**AGENDA:** Jake Morisi requested an Executive session for personnel issue and legal matters.

Alice Hummel made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of an executive session, Dennis Munko seconded and motion passed.

**MINUTES:** Dennis Munko made a motion to approve minutes of June 9, 2021, Alice Hummel seconded, and motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Don Scott made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report dated June 30, 2021, Dennis Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

**OUTSTANDING INVOICES:** Dennis Munko made a motion to approve the outstanding invoice list and pay bills, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

**VISITORS:**

Tom Morisi from Keller Engineers, in gratification, thanked the Council for being able to serve the community for 20 years and gave an update on the Walters Avenue project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Don Scott, Public Works,

1. Don Scott made a motion to replace the garage door and opener from the 2020 quote paid by the insurance company, seconded by Bill Schrader and unanimously approved. Don told Gary Paul to order it right away.

2. Don Scott discussed paving the side garage floor with the help from the Stonycreek Twp. Road Dept., paving some of the deplorable streets in the borough and also to try to set aside 2 mils of taxes (approx. $48,000.00 in budget for 2022).

3. Alice Hummel made a motion to accept the interpretation of the ordinance for paving cuts so that Gary Paul may tell Jeremy Horvath, from HSWA, that for the paving cuts made on Cemetery Drive by HWSA are to be paved to the center line, and move to review verbage by the ordinance committee, seconded by Dennis Munko and unanimously approved.

Vice President William Schrader, Public Safety, Bill discussed the RPM sign estimates that Gary Paul received for replacing the Borough Welcome signs. Council is to look into different ways to pay for the signs including getting donations from businesses and from Richland & Stonycreek Townships.

Mike Oliver, Personnel, NO REPORT.

Eric Lindrose, NO REPORT.

Alice Hummel, Technology, NO REPORT.

Dennis Munko, Ordinances, NO REPORT.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Kim Mock, NO REPORT.

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Channing McGinnis was present and reviewed the monthly report.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Karen Giebfried, Secretary/Treasurer, NO REPORT.

Chief Nicholas Zakucia, Police, reviewed his monthly report.

Rick Truscello, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed his monthly report and noted a matter on 113 Radian Drive.

Dennis Munko made a motion to make an offer of $1.00 on 113 Radian Drive following a Deed Title search, seconded by Alice Hummel, unanimously approved.

Gary Paul, Lead Road Worker, NO REPORT.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Attorney Mike Carbonara, Solicitor, made comments on Resolutions #2021-02 and #2021-03 will need to be passed and made comments about the class action lawsuit.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

President Jake Morisi said he will have a new committee list by the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Don Scott made a motion to appoint Tom Morisi to the Zoning Hearing Board from the Alternate position, Alice Hummel seconded, and President Jake Morisi abstained, unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Don Scott made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-02, the donation of abandoned property (bicycles), Alice Hummel seconded, and motion passed.

B. Alice Hummel made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-03, the opening of a bank account for the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Don Scott seconded, and motion passed.

C. Don Scott made a motion to approve the move to advertise the RFP Garbage service 2022 through 2024, Dennis Munko seconded, and motion passed.

D. Don Scott made a motion to approve contacting Burgmeier’s to cut down the tree and removal of the stump of tree on the corner of Teaberry and Boise that was struck by their truck delivering a dumpster to the Elks, Alice Hummel seconded, and motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Attorney Mike Carbonara asked Borough Council to table the release form Cambria County and the Cambria County Prothonotary from claim caused by the class action lawsuit contingent upon payment due to Geistown of $.50 for review.

2. Dennis Munko made a motion to approve the defendant in the accident that totaled the cruiser to have the case resolved through the Accelerated Rehabilitation Disposition (ARD) program as long as costs are covered, Don Scott seconded, and motion passed.

President Jake Morisi adjourned the meeting to Executive session at 6:55.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:51.

 Motion by Don Scott to approve MOA with a 4 month limit for amount of time on administrative leave and to authorize Attorney Mike Carbonara to negotiate with the union if that is not acceptable, 2nd by Allice Hummel, and unanimously passed.

Alice Hummel made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 P.M., Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Leonard S. Beiter

Borough Assistant Secretary/Treasurer