GIESTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2019

6:00

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Schrader with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**ROLL CALL:**
President Schrader, Vice President Mock, Bill Newcomer, Alice Hummel, Linda Sell, Mike Oliver, Mayor Morisi and Attorney Carbonara were present. Frank Hauser was absent. One Visitor was present.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Vice President Mock to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session for legal matters, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Bill Newcomer to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018, Linda Sell seconded and unanimously passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Vice President Mock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report dated December 31, 2018, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

**OUTSTANDING INVOICE LIST:**

Motion by Linda Sell to approve the outstanding invoices, Alice Hummel seconded. Bill Newcomer explained the three invoices from Richland Twp. Fire Dept. Motion unanimously passed.

**VISITORS: NO**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Vice President Mock, Pubic Safety,** reported she met with Daily American concerning the gazette. They no longer will mail the gazette due to the cost. They will distribute with the Our Town paper for the same price. Linda Sell suggested to cut it back to twice a year. Bill Schrader said maybe keep quarterly delivery for another year.

Alice Hummel made a motion to continue the gazette quarterly and be distributed with the Our Town paper, Linda Sell seconded and unanimously passed.

**Bill Newcomer, Business Operations,** reported that the capital reserve at end of 2018 is just under $60,000.00.

Bill Newcomer reviewed the status on the Walters Avenue project and the grants for financing. The worst case scenario would be the Borough financing $100,000.00. If the project does not take place, will never receive another grant. Bill Schrader added that taxes may need to be raised.

**Alice Hummel, Technology,** asked if the issue with the internet was resolved. Chief Zakucia added that the speed was increase and is running good. The phone system are still an issue.

**Linda Sell, Personnel,** stated two applications were received for part-time Police, still running advertisement and will interview after February 4, 2019 deadline.

The timeclocks were delivered but not installed yet. Will order timecard racks and additional time cards. Mike Grandinetti asked if the department heads will determine where they are placed and Council said yes.

**Mike Oliver, Ordinance,** stated he thought there was no parking on either side of Churchill Street, Chief Zakucia added that there is no parking for fire lane on East side and the ordinance will prohibit parking on the West side. Attorney Carbonara questioned the parking ticket procedure and fees.

> Bill Newcomer made a motion to advertise the ordinance, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Morisi stated he and Chief Zakucia have an open line of communication. The batteries in the Tasers are old and need replaced and a new flashlight for the cruiser was purchased.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Karen Giebfried, Secretary/Treasurer, submitted a letter of exoneration for the 2017 Delinquent Flat Rate Occupation Tax.

> Motion by Alice Hummel to approve the letter of exoneration, Linda Sell seconded and unanimously passed.

Chief Zakucia reviewed his monthly report. The ammunition will be ordered soon.

Mike Grandinetti, Public Works Director, reviewed his monthly report. The office renovations are 99% completed. Old pictures were found and will be hung in Council chambers. Bill Newcomer added Pappy Graves, the oldest living member of the fire department and longest member as Chief, his hat is hanging at fire hall and would like to ask if they would turn it over to be put in chambers.

The new truck is getting plow installed and will advertise the 2002 GMC.

Mike Grandinetti added he talked with Mosholder Insurance for the new truck and if the Christmas lights are going to be stored in the garage should be insured. Alice Hummel stated she will check with Keith Saylor from Richland to see if the off premise insurance would cover them.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Carbonara submitted a packet explaining the LGUDA rules and process and submitted the LGUDA Ordinance #529 for approval.

Motion by Mike Oliver to advertise Ordinance #529, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

President Schrader added that East Hills Recreation is asking for a contact person concerning the proposed ice ring at the Community College and UPJ is involved. Alice Hummel will be the contact person.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Alice Hummel to advertise Ordinance #528, garbage fees, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

President Schrader called for executive session at 6:54 for legal matters.

President Schrader called the meeting back to order at 7:47 stating legal matters were discussed.

Motion by Linda Sell to reappoint Lloyd Rager to the Zoning Hearing Board, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Linda Sell to appoint Matt Sernell to the Planning Commission, Kim Mock seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Bill Newcomer to reappoint Bryan Devett and Greg Watt to the Code Appeals Board, seconded by Alice Hummel.

Motion by Linda Sell to appoint Alice Hummel to the East Hill Recreation Board, Mike Oliver seconded and passed with Alice Hummel abstaining.

Motion by Linda Sell to reappoint Keller Engineers as the Borough Engineer, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Linda Sell to appoint Jake Morisi to the Richland Twp. Fire Department Representative, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Linda Sell to appoint Eric Ager to the Civil Service Board, Bill Newcomer seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Linda Sell to appoint Attorney Carbonara to the Highland Sewer and Water Authority, Bill Newcomer seconded and unanimously passed.

Alice Hummel made a motion to adjourn at 7:50, Bill Newcomer seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried
Secretary/Treasurer