

GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2021

6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jacob Morisi with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic.

ROLL CALL:

President Jake Morisi, Vice President Bill Schrader, Bill Newcomer, Alice Hummel, Mike Oliver, Denny Munko, Don Scott, Mayor Kim Mock and Attorney Mike Carbonara were present. No visitors joined the meeting.

AGENDA:

Motion to approve by Don Scott, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

MINUTES: DECEMBER 9, 2020

Motion by Denny Munko to approve, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: DECEMBER 31, 2020

Denny Munko made the motion to approve, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

OUTSTANDING INVOICE LIST – PAY BILLS

Bill Schrader made the motion to approve, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Don Scott, Public Works:

- A. The trees along Brookside Way have been removed.
- B. Street Department have picking up Christmas Trees and working on pot holes
- C. Some of the Christmas Soldier decorations are broken and the welcome signs need work done to them.
- D. Rental of the street sweeper this year is \$2,500.00 per week.

Motion by Don Scott to rent the street sweeper for two weeks for \$5,000.00, Denny Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

- E. Rick Truscello received information on Transportation Project on State roads. Gary Paull is looking for areas to submit.

Bill Schrader, Public Safety:

- A. Bill thanked Council for the funeral flowers sent for his mother.
- B. Resident asked about the lighting under the overpass.

Bill Newcomer, Business Operations:

- A. A PLGIT account for Capital Equipment has been opened.

Motion by Bill Newcomer to transfer \$25,000.00 from General Fund to PLGIT Capital Equipment account, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Alice Hummel, Technology: NO REPORT

Mike Oliver, Personnel:

- A. Chief Zakucia is looking at the resumes for part time Police Officers.

Dennis Munko, Ordinances:

- A. Rick Truscello forwarded all of Council the finalized Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance and will list the major changes for February's meeting.

Mayor's Report:

- A. Chief Zakucia has requested to advertise for part time Police Officers.

Motion by Bill Schrader to advertise, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

MANAGER'S REPORTS:

Rick Truscello, Zoning/Code Officer:

- A. Reviewed his monthly report.
- B. A Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held about February 15th or 17th for the Bedford Street home occupancy for an auto repair shop.

Chief Zakucia:

- A. The Pacific Pride location for fuel is not safe for the Officers and are paying for midgrade fuel. Looking into getting fuel from Sheetz, it is well lit up with employees around and has cameras for security. Bill Schrader added they give a \$.03 to \$.04 discount. Don Scott stated he will look into a rebate on taxes with them.

Alice Hummel made a motion to pursue Sheetz cards, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Solicitor's Report:

- A. Reviewed the IGS Electric Contract submitted for hidden costs. After communicating with IGS the only change would lock in the lower kilowatt hour charge.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to go with IGS, Denny Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

- B. Working with Rick on Zoning and stated that Rick is doing a good job.
- C. Contacted the Humane Society concerning the verbiage in their contract and they have made corrections. Thanked Gary for pointing out the issue.
- D. Chief Zakucia health insurance has been resolved and thanked Karen for helping.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #534 reducing Planning Commission Members from 5 to 3

Motion by Don Scott to adopt Ordinance #534, seconded by Alice Hummel and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments:

- A. Highland Sewer & Water Authority Board – 5 year term

Motion by Don Scott to reappoint Jeff Sernell, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

President Morisi stated he did not like the tone of his letter requesting reappointment. Don Scott said Jeff is very valuable for his IT knowledge and is an asset. Mike Carbonara added he brings a lot to the table with his technology knowledge which is important.

- B. Geistown Borough Municipal Authority – 5 year term

Motion by Don Scott to reappoint Ed Haberkorn, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

- C. Resignation letter from Joseph Sernell from the Civil Service Board.

Motion by Bill Newcomer to accept resignation letter, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

- D. Adopt the policy on Donations/Solicitations

Bill Newcomer made the motion to adopt the policy, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

Alice Hummel stated that the 2020 stipend of \$6,000.00 for Highland Regional Park was not received from Geistown.

Bill Schrader made a motion to pay the \$6,000.00 to Highland Regional Park, Denny Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Bill Schrader to adjourn at 6:47, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried
Borough Secretary