

GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

6:00

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jake Morisi with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The meeting was held in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

President Jake Morisi, Vice President Bill Schrader, Alice Hummel, Mike Oliver, Denny Munko, Don Scott, Mayor Kim Mock and Attorney Carbonara were present. Bill Newcomer was absent. There were 2 visitors present.

AGENDA:

Motion by Bill Schrader to approve, Denny Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

MINUTES: JANUARY 13, 2021

Motion by Don Scott to approve, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 31, 2021

Motion by Denny Munko to approve, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

OUTSTANDING INVOICE AND PAY BILLS:

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

VISITORS:

Arnold Nadonley, Richland School District and Jim Miliauskas, East Hill Recreation were present. Arnold Nadonley submitted and reviewed a press release from Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. Penn Highlands Community College is going to purchase their Richland Campus from the School District for \$6,000,000.00. Penn Highlands were looking to move to Johnstown. They are planning on adding onto the building. East Hills Recreation had a lease from Penn Highlands until 2031 but now wants to give them 3 years.

The next step is a new lease for East Hills Rec which will be between Penn Highlands and East Hills Recreation. The School District wants to make a financial commitment to East Hills Rec, Article of Agreement is going to be updated.

Don Scott added the School Board has quite an aggressive master plan for facilities.

Jim Miliauskas stated that Geistown Borough has supported East Hill Recreation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Don Scott, Public Works NO REPORT

Bill Schrader, Public Safety

- A. The 1999 truck needs to be replaced, received quote from A&H \$85,000.00.
- B. Went to Harrisburg to look at the street sweeper, will drop price to \$38,000.00 and will deliver it. Mike Carbonara stated to get comparable quotes.

- C. A Bobcat, Tool Cat, should be considered for the sidewalks coming with the roundabout, will cost \$71,088.48.

Jake Morisi added that interest rates are very low now.

Don Scott stated he thinks we should move on the sweeper.

Attorney Carbonara added that DCED will have to approve the loan.

Motion by Don Scott to approve the purchase of the Elgin Pelican street sweeper for \$38,000.00 and the 2021 Ford F550 for \$85,000.00, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Don Scott to authorize obtaining of financing from a financial institution not to exceed 2.45% at a 7 year term to purchase the Pelican Street Sweeper and the 2021 Ford F550 vehicle, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Don Scott to authorize Attorney Carbonara to start the process for approval through DCED, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Alice Hummel, Technology

- A. Started the newsletter, needs some articles for it.
- B. Will work on getting online payments set up.

Mike Oliver, Personnel

- A. Negotiation session is scheduled tomorrow at 12:30, it's too premature to report on it at this point.

Dennis Munko, Ordinances NO REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. Advertised for part-time police

MANAGER'S REPORTS:

Rick Truscello, Zoning/Codes Officer

- A. Reviewed his monthly report
- B. Two zoning hearings this month

Denny Munko stated he would like the Driveway Ordinance changed to allow residents to put their driveway to the curb and take the 5 foot right-of-way having to be paved out of it.

Chief Zakucia

- A. Reviewed the monthly report
- B. Looking into gas cards
- C. Officer Krupa, formally worked for Geistown, was killed in an automobile accident and requested to take cruiser to funeral on Friday. Mayor Mock approved it.
- D. Part-time Officer's applications were received and will interview with Mike Oliver.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A. PennDOT directed Penelec to take down 9 Street lights for the round-a-bout project. Penelec sent a request to Karen to sign an agreement that the Borough would pay \$4,294.00 for the remaining time on the contract for the LED lights. It was forwarded

to Penndot and they said the contract was between the Borough and Penelec. Attorney Carbonara sent them a letter.

- A. Reviewed a report on the Highland Sewer & Water Board. They are amending the bi-laws and a piping report of how many old pipes still need replaced.

PREISENT'S REPORT: NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance #534 - Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

Denny Munko stated that Rick and Att. Carbonara picked up where former Zoning Officer left off. Rick Truscello submitted a comparison of the two ordinances.

Motion by Denny Munko to approve Ordinance #534, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

Resolution #2021-01 – Ordinance #534, Schedule of fees:

Motion by Denny Munko to approve, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Geistown Borough Civil Service Commission 2020 Annual Report:

Motion by Don Scott to approve, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

Geistown Borough Planning Commission 2020 Annual Report:

Motion by Don Scott, seconded by Alice Hummel and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cambria County Elections Office request to reserve Council Chambers Tuesday May 18th and Tuesday November 2nd for Municipal Elections.

Motion by Don Scott to approve, seconded by Mike Oliver and unanimously passed.

Motion by Bill Schrader to adjourn at 7:28, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried
Borough Secretary