

GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2021

6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jake Morisi with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. A moment of silence was held for former Councilmen Frank Hauser passing.

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.

AGENDA:

Don Scott requested an executive session for personnel issue.

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Don Scott to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021, Mike Oliver seconded and passed with Bill Newcomer abstaining.

Motion by Denny Munko to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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

OUTSTANDING INVOICE LIST:

Don Scott made a motion to approve, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

VISITORS:

JR Baughman and Tom Morisi, Keller Engineers, were present to give an update on the Walters Avenue Project.

- A. The preliminary design plan was submitted.
- B. The Borough has committed to \$250,000.00, project estimate is 1.2 million, reconstruct Walters from Borough line to Falls Run with paving reconstruction and drainage improvements. The grant from Appalachian Regional Commission is \$600,000.00 and \$280,000.00 from a Multimodal grant through Penndot.
- C. Reviewed the full set of drawings. Final set of drawings are due November 18, 2021 with projected construction in July of 2022.

Frank Lapinsky and Dennis Hunt of Ameriserv submitted a summary report and reviewed the Non-Union and Police pension plans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Don Scott, Public Works

- A. Will go through Borough and list the streets that need paved.

- B. Cementing the garage floor and replacing the garage door are on the list from last year. Gary will contact Stonycreek about digging for the floor.
- C. Suggested that the center of the round-a-bout be dedicated to the First Responders. Possibly do a fund drive to help with the cost.
- D. Asked if could rent the street sweeper until DCED's approval is received and the loan is complete and deduct the rent from the purchase price. Attorney Carbonara stated it would be alright to rent it.

Bill Schrader, Public Safety, NO REPORT

Bill Newcomer, Business Operations, NO REPORT

Alice Hummel, Technology

- A. Working on the newsletter and asked for articles.

Mike Oliver, Personnel, NO REPORT

Denny Munko, Ordinances

- A. Ordinance #519 amendment to permit that driveways. Spoke to Highland Sewer & Water and met with Committee to discuss. If the driveways are concrete it does not have to have the 5 foot setback from street.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to advertise, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rick Truscello joined that meeting via phone.

- A. Reviewed his monthly report
- B. Working on zoning update, met with Att. Carbonara on legal points.
- C. A section of the former First National Bank building on the corner of Bedford St. and Nees Ave. sits on the Borough right of way. Spoke to Att. Carbonara and Denny Munko concerning it. Mr. Knipple is looking at the property for moving his business into it.

Karen Giebfried, Secretary/Treasurer, NO REPORT

Chief Zakucia

- A. Reviewed his monthly report
- B. Had preliminary interview with an applicant. Asked if Council would permit Personnel Committee and Mayor to tentatively hire the applicant.
- C. The gas cards do not charge tax and can be used for repairs also.
- D. He and Officer Hicks will attend mandatory updates in April or May.
Motion by Don Scott authorize to hire the applicant based on the Mayor and Personnel Committee recommendation, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Attorney Carbonara suggested that when the Committee has a candidate they want to hire, to contact Jake Morisi with recommendation and some of background on why you recommend them and Jake can poll Council.

Attorney Mike Carbonara

- A. Submitted the LGUDA Ordinance to advertise. After it is passed an application will be signed and sent to DCED.

Motion by Bill Newcomer to advertise the LGUDA Ordinance for purchase of the street sweeper and truck loan, seconded by Denny Munko and unanimously passed.

- B. Asked if there were any comments on the Highland Sewer & Water bi-laws.
- C. Reached out to Rick Keller on the Police CBA, said he would talk to the guys and let him know.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance was adopted #534, correct number should be #535.

Alice Hummel made a motion to accept, Bill Newcomer seconded and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2021 County Aid Application

Don Scott made a motion to execute the 2021 County Aid Application, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

President Morisi adjourned the meeting to executive session at 6:47.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:09.

Motion by Don Scott to give Karen Giebfried and Lenny Beiter a 2% pay increase retroactive to beginning of the year, Denny Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

Don asked for a history of pay adjustments and benefits for last 5 years.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried
Secretary/Treasurer