GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 13, 2022

6:00

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Don Scott with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Don Scott, Vice President Bill Schrader, Eric Lindrose, Alice Hummel, Denny Munko, Mayor Mock and Attorney Carbonara were present. Mike Oliver was absent and Lou Ann Gray arrived at 6:02.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Denny Munko with the addition of an executive session following the Visitors for personnel matters, Alice Hummel seconded, motion carried.

**APPORVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 9, 2022**

Motion by Eric Lindrose to approve, Alice Hummel seconded, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: MARCH 31, 2022**

Motion by Denny Munko, Eric Lindrose seconded and motion carried.

**APPROVE INVOICES AND PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Denny Munko to approve, Bill Schrader seconded and motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

Ted Smay and Jeff Akers from Penndot were present to discuss the agility program for winter maintenance/mowing. Penndot will do street crack sealing for mowing the roundabout. There is an agility program in place which expires in 2 years. Penndot is proposing a 5 year agreement. A fee schedule was submitted and reviewed. A discussion on Borough plowing Bentwood Ave. was held. Denny Munko asked if a trial for one year instead of a five year agreement is possible. Attorney Carbonara asked that Penndot provide an outline of the rates along with the information provided tonight.

Wes Meyers asked if there are any questions on his monthly reports. Reported the sewage project at the Lamberd Avenue building will begin Monday so the engine will be moved to the Scalp Avenue until it is completed.

Joe Sernell stated he is starting the Geistown Gazette again.

President Scott adjourned to Executive Session at 6:25 for Personnel and Legal issues.

President Scott called the meeting back to order at 7:16.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Eric Lindrose, Business Operations - NO REPORT

Bill Schrader, Public Works/Streets

Reported the new truck was picked up, it is a 2022 for the 2021 price. The 1999 truck is going to be sold along with other items. Gary Paul met with Penndot and has the bid packages for the paving in 2022. Lloyd Rager contacted him concerning the Borough stopping the construction work being done at night. Don Scott added that any complaints need to be logged and contact information taken and Council will contact them.

Alice Hummel, Technology

Reported she reached out to eCode360 for codification, it takes about 2 years and would be $12,000.00 to $15,000.00 broken down into 5 payments. They will do a presentation to Council, it was decided to ask them to attend September’s meeting prior to the budget work. She and Karen are working on a way to receive payments online.

Denny Munko, Ordinances

Discussed the road cutting ordinance. Met with Highland Sewer and Water Authority and they are angry about it. Attorney Carbonara sent an email to Council outlining the proposed changes and said would like to send to Jeremy for him look at and may need to meet again.

Lou Ann Gray, Public Safety - NO REPORT

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** - NO REPORT

**MANAGER’S REPORTS:**

Chief Zakucia submitted his monthly report. Reported he attended mandatory TAC training.

Karen Giebfried, Secretary/Treasurer

There are two invitations in the packets. NCDMM is holding a ribbon cutting and the East Hills Business Association is holding a “Spring Kickoff Meeting”. Spoke to Mark Holsinger and he said he and Keith Leckey will be connecting the Wi-Fi for the Field Inspector’s Office for Walters Avenue project. Eric Ager has resigned from the Civil Service Commission.

Gary Paul, Lead Road Worker

The street sweeping was started this week. Asked what the minimum bid for the 1999 truck will be. It was decided to set at $8,000.00.

Rick Truscello, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

Reviewed his monthly report. Enforcement letter was sent on February 25th to 2507 Bedford Street. The owners of 2511 Bedford Street sent a letter stating they are not going to grant an easement for 2507 Bedford Street to use as a portion of their driveway. A highway occupancy permit from Penndot is required and have not yet received it. The sump pump issue was discussed and suggested a sump pump ordinance is needed. Denny Munko asked about the fee worksheet.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT: - NO REPORT**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT: - NO REPORT**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 541, New Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Bill Schrader to adopt, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution N. 2022-03, waiving enforcement of driveway provisions of Ordinance #513 for resident effected by the Walter Avenue project.

Motion by Denny Munko to approve, Eric Lindrose seconded and motion passed.

Resolution No 2022-04, Part Time Borough Administrator position

Motion by Denny Munko to approve, Bill Schrader seconded and motion carried, Alice Hummel opposed.

Schedule of Fees

Motion by Eric Lindrose to accept, Lou Ann Gray seconded and motion carried.

Advertise 2022 Street Paving

Motion by Bill Schrader to approve, Alice Hummel seconded and motion carried.

Advertise the 1999 Truck with the minimum bid of $8,000.00

Motion by Denny Munko to advertise, Alice Hummel seconded and motion carried.

Sheri Buchanan’s request for exoneration from the collection of the unpaid 2021 Per Capita Tax

Motion by Alice Hummel to approve, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

Rick Truscello thanked Council for their confidence for the new position. Also thanked Karen and Lenny for the assistance while he was away.

Motion by Alice to adjourn at 7:54, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried

Borough Secretary