

GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11, 2022

6:00

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

ROLL CALL:

President Scott, Vice President Bill Schrader, Eric Lindrose, Alice Hummel, Denny Munko, Lou Ann Gray, Mayor Mock and Attorney Carbonara were present. Mike Oliver was absent. Three visitors were present.

Don Scott asked for an executive session for personnel and legal issues preceding the visitors.

Motion by Bill Schrader to approve with the addition of the executive, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

MINUTES – APRIL 13, 2022

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

TREASURER REPORT – APRIL 30, 2022

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

APPROVE INVOICES AND PAY BILLS:

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

VISITORS:

Joe Sernell, R706 Lawrence Street, thanked Chief Zakucia for talking to his neighbor concerning speeding. Thanked Mayor Mock for initiating the annual spring cleanup. Also thanked Karen, Lenny, Gary and Bob for the work they do. Offered to do the Borough Administrator job for free for two years.

Rick Huffman, Devine Mercy, Stated the Chief does a very good job at the school. A grant of \$20,000.00 was received for the school to fund school safety and are offering \$10,000.00 to the Police Department for services. Attorney Carbonara asked for more information on the grant.

Motion by Alice Hummel to accept pending the Solicitor reviewing the grant information, Eric Lindrose seconded and motion carried.

2022 PAVING BIDS:

Two bids were received.

HRI - \$153,674.15

Quaker Sales - \$142,118.25

Motion by Alice Hummel to accept Quaker Sales bid pending the Solicitors review and approval, Bill Schrader and motion carried.

Don Scott called for an Executive Session at 6:15.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:15 by Bill Schrader, Don Scott left after executive session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Eric Lindrose – Business Operations

Reviewed the current budget

Bill Schrader – Public Works/Streets

Asked Gary Paul if any bids were received for the 1999 truck, he has not had time to post it.

Lou Ann Gray said she received an email from PennDot concerning the winter maintenance agreement.

Denny Munko said they were to send in one year with the option for a second year and was not received.

Alice Hummel – Technology

Karen Giebfried was looking into GovCard to accept payments online. Looks like a nice program.

Would like to have access to the webpage along with Rick Truscello and Lenny Beiter.

Denny Munko – Ordinances

Asked Rick Truscello to discuss the sump pump issues. Rick stated there are a lot of areas with issues concerning them. If there is a storm sewer available they can tap in at their own cost. There are techniques that can be used such as daylight it, rain barrel or rain guard. Attorney Carbonara said maybe they should enter into a right-of-way agreement.

Lou Ann Gray – Public Safety NO REPORT

Mayors Report

Stated the fire department now has Alan Delusa, Chief Engineer, and will be maintaining the trucks. Submitted the annual report from the Richland School District.

MANAGERS REPORTS:

Chief Zakucia reviewed his monthly report. Alice Hummel gave him information on radar signs. There are two different kinds, one on a trailer and the other bolts to the stop sign. Homicide trial coming up.

Karen Giebfried – Secretary/Treasurer

Received an email from Randy Grove stating the Walters Avenue Project has been advertised and bids will be opened tomorrow.

Rick Truscello – Borough Administrator, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

Reviewed his monthly report. Meeting with Karen and Gary on Monday's. Water issues on Stanley Drive due to construction. Charges have been filed on Knipple Auto and the hearing is May 31st. Property Code violation notion was file on 2507 Bedford Street and filed at the Magistrate's office.

Gary Paul – Lead Road Worker

Finished street sweeping this week. There was an issue with a fire hydrant at Cernic's, PennDot was going to run the sidewalk around the hydrant. Called Jeremy at Highland Sewer & Water and told him it needs moved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval the Borough's participation in Baconfest- 2022.

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

Advertise Sump Pump and Surface Water Discharge Ordinance.

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

Resolution #2022-05 passing the approve Borough Fee Schedule

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

Approval of McCloskey-Critchfield Subdivision-Land Merger

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

Roundabout, Ruth Way Turnback Peperwork

Motion by Alice Hummel to approve pending Solicitor's review, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation letter from Corey Hicks

Motion to accept, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

Advertise for Full Time Police Officer Position

Motion by Alice Hummel to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

Accept retirement letter from Karen Giebfried

Motion by Lou Ann Gray to table, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

Advertise for Secretary/Treasurer Position

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

Borough Administrator Expenditure Budgeted

Motion by Denny Munko to authorize the Borough Administrator to spend up to \$2,500.000 per incident provided the budget line item has not been exceeded, Alice Hummel seconded and motion carried.

Denny Munko asked about the snow removal from sidewalks. Lou Ann Gray said should hear from the grant in November. Attorney Carbonara said they could possibly be closed in winter or have the residents take care of the section in front of them. Lou Ann Gray said there is a provision in the grant that it cannot reimburse if purchased prior to being awarded.

Motion by Alice Hummel to adjourn at 8:00, Denny Munko seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried
Secretary/Treasurer