

## GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 9, 2021

6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Jake Morisi with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

### **ROLL CALL:**

President Jake Morisi, Vice President Bill Schrader, Alice Hummel, Mike Oliver, Denny Munko, Mayor Kim Mock and Attorney Carbonara were present. Don Scott was absent. There were 7 visitors present.

### **AGENDA:**

Motion by Bill Schrader to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session for Personnel matters, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

### **MINUTES: MAY 12, 2021**

Motion to approve by Bill Schrader, seconded by Denny Munko and motion passed, Mike Oliver abstained.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – MAY 31, 2021**

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

### **OUTSTANDING INVOICE LIST:**

Motion by Denny Munko to approve with two additions, Schrader's Florist for \$198.00 and Attorney Carbonara for \$1,129.00, seconded by Mike Oliver and unanimously passed.

### **VISITORS:**

Brad Brumbaugh, Chad Basinger, Shawn Murdock, Dave Yeager and Joe Casper, Penndot and Swank Construction, were present to discuss the roundabout project. Jake Morisi stated they reached out to him with their plans for night work. There will be water and sewer line relocations at Cernic's and Stems and the subcontractor would like to tie them in at night due to lighter traffic flow and impact on the two businesses. There is also tie in at Rite Aid and asking for an additional night. Reconstruction of drainage at Clearwater Street will be next phase, and are asking for possibly an additional 14 nights if needed to complete in 14 days. They are hoping to have 90% of the project done by August with the completion in November 2022. Bill Schrader said at night it would be safer with less traffic. Attorney Carbonara asked what kind of equipment will be used during the night, there will excavators, skid loaders and dump trucks. Jake Morisi said he is concerned about the large residential area that will be inconvenienced. Jake Morisi asked about increasing their hours later into evening.

Motion by Bill Schrader to give them the 2 nights and discuss the other 14 nights, Denny Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

Attorney Carbonara added the residents should be notified and they said they will notify.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Don Scott, Public Works: Absent

Bill Schrader, Public Safety:

Bill spoke to Tom Morisi concerning the Demuth Street Bridge.

Alice Hummel, Technology: No Report

Mike Oliver, Personnel:

He met with Attorney Carbonara and Jake Morisi on the negotiations.

Denny Munko, Ordinances: No Report

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Kim Mock reported that Chief Zakucia wants to hire another part time Officer, Austin Pennington.

Bill Schrader made a motion to hire Austin Pennington pending the credit check, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

**RICHLAND TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Channing McGinnis and Bill Lehmann were present and reviewed their monthly report. Bill Lehmann stated there was 75 hours of training in the month. Channing McGinnis reported on the maintenance on the truck and has two minor issues and will be taken care of.

**MANAGERS REPORTS:**

Karen Giebfried stated Sheri Buchanan submitted a per capita tax form sent back by his mother stating he is disabled. The ordinance does not address any exonerations. After discussing it was decided to deny the request.

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

Chief Zakucia reviewed his monthly report. Officer Keselyak is off duty for health issue and is requesting he be placed on Administrative Leave. The streamlights for the guns are 10 years old and some are broken and need replaced.

Motion by Bill Schrader to purchase not to exceed \$1,500.00, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

The new cruiser will be picked up June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Numerous complaints have been received concerning the roundabout project. Reported that there is only one bike of the 12 in the garage that was confiscated the rest was found. Officer Flynn from Johnstown recycles bikes and give to under privilege children. Attorney Carbonara will get a resolution together.

Rick Truscello reviewed his monthly report. Updating the Zoning Ordinance. There are property maintenance issues with high grass. Gary Paul has cut a couple of the properties. Will be filing charges on one of the property owners. A discussion was held on the Radian Drive property. Attorney Carbonara said he could send a letter offering to buy the property for a minimal fee.

Motion by Alice Hummel for Attorney Carbonara to proceed and issue a letter, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Gary Paul reported they planted the flower boxes. Playgrounds are done. Jake Morisi added he wanted to thank P.J. McGowen for spraying the playgrounds free of charge.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Carbonara reported on the road cutting ordinance and the changes. If there are two cuts within a 150 feet would be alright. With three cuts they would have to mill and pave the area. If a trench is dug

on roadway they would have to mill and pave the area. Rick, Gary and Att. Carbonara have discussed the updates extensively and has resolved the interpretation issues. The vacancy on Council due to Bill Newcomer's resignation is to be filled tonight. Due to the appointment being within 60 days of the election, they will need to go on the ballot for the November elections and complete the last two years of the term.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Correspondence #4, Kiwanis Club of Johnstown East Hills, "Flags Over East Hills".

Motion by Alice Hummel to sponsor 2 flags for \$45.00, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

Jake Morisi adjourned the meeting at 6:49 for the Executive Session for Personnel matters.

Jake Morisi called the meeting back to order at 7:22.

Alice Hummel made a motion to appoint Eric Lindrose to the vacancy on Council, Mike Oliver seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Mike Oliver to put Officer Keselyak on Administrative leave until further notice, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried  
Borough Secretary