

GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 12, 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, Denny Munko, Don Scott, Mayor Kim Mock and Attorney Carbonara were present. Bill Newcomer and Mike Oliver were absent. Three Visitors were present.

AGENDA:

Don Scott made a motion to approve, Denny Munko seconded and unanimously passed.

MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2021

Denny Munko made a motion to approve, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – APRIL 14, 2021

Don Scott made a motion to approve, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

OUTSTANDING INVOICE LIST:

Motion by Don Scott to approve with the addition of the invoice from Tire Hill Truck & Auto Repair for \$415.63 for repair to the fire truck, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

VISITORS:

Jessica Urbas and from Penndot and Joe Casper from Penndot Construction were present. A handout on the roundabout was submitted and was reviewed with Council. Swank Construction was awarded the project for \$7.8 million. The project will be split into four major phases over summers of 2021 and 2022. Discussed the detour routs during construction. They will not be working through the night.

Mr. Czynnik of Florida Avenue stated there is speeding on Walters Avenue. Will look into a sign or pavement markings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Don Scott, Public Works:

Would like to help clean out the office, Gary will be cleaning out the garage also.

There are 15 bicycles in the garage, by resolution can be donated to a charitable organization.

A couple years ago the Borough had trees were cut down along Euclid Avenue and left the stumps. Neighbors are asking if the Borough would take them out and got some quotes:

Tree Expert Tree Service - \$500.00

Aerial Tree Service - \$3,150.00

Zimmerman E - \$2,000.00

Zimmerman Lawn Care - \$800.00 regrading/ topsoil and plant grass

Motion by Don Scott to accept Tree Experts quote to remove 10 tree stumps and clean up for \$500.00 pending receiving proof of insurance, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

In the garage there is an old sliding board and would like to get rid of.

Motion by Don Scott to dispose of the tube sliding board, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

East Hill Recreation bought mulch for the playgrounds and Gary and Bob will work on putting it down. There are weeds growing through the fabric and will contact P.J. McGowan for a solution.

The street sweeper is working excellent, which was owned by Hanover Twp. They have extra parts and would like to send Gary and Bob to pick them up. Stonycreek Twp. asked if the Street Dept. can help them finish their sweeping in exchange they will bring their bobcat up to help out.

Gary was able to get some millings from the roundabout project to use at Highland Park. There will be times Gary and Bob will do some work at Highland Park and asked if anyone had an issue with it.

Bill Schrader, Public Safety:

Talked to Swank Construction and they stated they are pretty much on schedule.

Alice Hummel, Technology:

Wants to work on getting municipay up and running. Asked if it would be alright if Karen went up to her office and see the munilink program.

Dennis Munko, Ordinances: NO REPORT

Mayors Report:

Kim Mock submitted the Richland School District "State of the District" report from the Superintendent. There are two Officers interested in working part time. They are Todd Miller and Doug Komar.

Motion by Bill Schrader to hire Todd Miller and Doug Komar, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

A request for proposal was received from Dale Borough for Police Service. A discussion was held.

Motion by Don Scott to deny the request, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Richland Twp. Fire Department:

Bill Lehman and Channing McGinnis were present and discussed the possible increase in response time with the roundabout construction.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Gary Paul, Lead Road Worker: NO REPORT

Rick Truscello, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer:

Has been busier than usual with permits and code violations. The prehearing was held for Jason Knipple, 2624 Bedford Street, and the Judge issued a stay until the August 23rd hearing. Working on the Zoning Ordinance with the Planning Commission.

Chief Zakucia:

Submitted and reviewed his monthly report.

Karen Giebfried, Secretary/Treasurer:

Submitted a list of destruction of records for approval.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT:

The Police notified Attorney Carbonara that they are ready to negotiate. Some changes were added to the Zoning Ordinance concerning curbing.

Don Scott made a motion to advertise, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Jake Morisi read the letter from Bill Newcomer resigning from Council.

Motion by Bill Schrader to accept the resignation with regret, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Alice Hummel to advertise the open Council seat, seconded by Don Scott and unanimously passed.

The funding from the Cares Act application is open.

Motion by Alice Hummel to have Karen proceed with the application, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Purchase of new cruiser:

Motion by Don Scott to purchase the 2020 Ford Explorer for \$31,445.00 from Suppes Motors and authorize Chief Zakucia to have the accessories installed, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Savings account for new Truck:

Don Scott made a motion to retroactively approve the opening of the account to hold the payment for the new truck when it is delivered, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Letter of resignation from Shelia Chilcote from the Zoning Hearing Board:

Motion by Denny Munko to accept effective 7-31-21, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion by Bill Schrader to adjourn at 6:54, Don Scott seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Giebfried
Borough Secretary