

Call to Order:

The regular scheduled meeting of September 7th, 2010 was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. Vandzura, Mr. Slanoc, Mrs. Chobany, Mr. Wozniak, and Mayor Fox. Also present were Robert Koban-Borough Manager; Don Squillario-Public Works; Chief Miller-Public Safety, and Mr. Wisor-Engineer. Absent were Mr. Kissell, Mr. Emerick-Borough Solicitor, and Michelle Claar-Secretary.

Note: The minutes were taken from the notes of Mr. Squillario.

VISITORS:

David Hurst with the Altoona Mirror and Ashley Watt with the Dispatch were present.

Reports:

Managers Report:

Mr. Koban furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mr. Koban recapped several items in his report. Mr. Koban informed Council that the price list for appliances and tires on the PA Cleanways pickup were published on both the Borough and Township websites. Ms. McCarthy commented on the 3% hotel tax that the Cambria County Commissioners adopted in 1997. Mr. Koban informed Council that the Township Advisory board will be meeting on Thursday to discuss regional police services.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Emerick furnished a written report to Council but was absent from the meeting. Mr. Emerick faxed the notice of a public hearing for the Plummer property located at 1021 Caldwell Avenue. The hearing will be held on October 4th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Wisor furnished a written report to Council. Mr. Wisor had nothing additional to report.

Police Report:

Chief Miller furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Council commended the police department for their efforts during the Summerfest. Chief Miller updated Council on the progress of new part time officer; Lanny Kissell.

Public Works Report:

Mr. Squillario furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mr. Squillario had nothing additional to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Claar furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to approve the Treasurer's report, motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence:

The PA State Association of Boroughs sent notice of the Fall Leadership Conference to be held from October 15th through the 17th at the Wyndham Gettysburg hotel. Reservations must be received by September 14th, 2010.

The Home Nursing Agency submitted a letter requesting a donation of \$125.00 to be including the 2011 budget.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes from August 9th regular meeting and the August 16th committee meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve the minutes from the August 9th regular meeting and the August 16th committee meeting, motion carried 6-0.

Paying of Bills:

The bills were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Fox to pay the unpaid bills and additional bills in the amount of \$29,179.11, motion carried 7-0.

Other Reports

The monthly reports were received from the Water and Sewer Authority for July. The Joint Recreation Commission also submitted reports for July. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to approve the monthly reports as presented, motion carried 6-0. Mr. Wozniak questioned the stolen chemicals at the pool and if an insurance claim was filed. There was no claim filed.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Koban advised that he will be scheduling a meeting with prospective member of the Mainline Heritage Association.

The grant funding for Gillespie Avenue Bridge repairs is being pursued by Mr. Jerry Brant. Mr. Brant has submitted a grant application to DEP for the recommended maintenance issues presented by Keller Engineers.

The Cambria County SERT Agreement was discussed. Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mr. Vandzura to move forward with Portage Borough signing the Cambria County SERT Agreement, motion carried 6-0.

The Harpo's Building is scheduled for demolition in the fall. Remaining on agenda until it is demolished.

There was no update on the Rails to Trails grant funding.

There was no update on the Silk Mill property. Mr. Brant is currently seeking grant funding for a possible purchase from the Allegheny Ridge Association.

There is no update on the Main Street Streetscape project.

Additional information is being researched for the life insurance for part time patrol officers. The item will be discussed at the September Committee meeting.

New Business:

Mrs. Chobany informed Council that she spoke with Mr. Penna from Mark Critz's office regarding the funding for a K-9. Mrs. Chobany commented that there is community support for the program. Mr. Koban and Mr. Wozniak commented that insurance, housing, feeding and an officer are vital issues concerning the K-9.

Mr. Steve Feaster submitted the 2011 (MMO) minimum municipal obligation for the uniform pension plan. The police plan is currently overfunded which results in no state aid to be received in 2011 for the uniform plan. The uniform MMO for 2011 is \$0.00.

Ms. Claar prepared the 2011 non-uniform MMO for approval. The estimated 2011 MMO for the non-uniform pension plan is \$14,117.00. Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve the 2011 minimum municipal obligation for the uniform and non-uniform pension plans, motion carried 6-0.

Good of the Borough:

Ms. McCarthy advised that the Bethany Church is currently in the process of planning and sponsoring a Harvest Fest on October 24th, 2010. Bethany is requesting to block Central Alley and Branch Street. Mr. Koban commented that the Mountain Avenue site could also be utilized for the festivities.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mayor Fox to go into executive session for litigation purposes, motion carried 6-0. Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to go out of executive session, motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to go into the regular meeting, motion carried 6-0. Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to adjourn, motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.