

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

January 21, 2020

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings Borough Office.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Alison Link

ROLL CALL: Members of the Council present – Alison Link, Jeff Semelsberger, Donald C Drass, Thomas Kinney, Melanie Zearfoss, Jeff Zearfoss, and Sam Patterson. Rhonda Churella was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Sam Patterson, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and to dispense with their reading, since all were provided with a copy. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

VISITORS: Jay Schettini. Jay stated that he was interested in the open council position. Jay has helped the borough get tables, chairs, and benches from Sheetz. Sheetz was just going to throw them away if we did not take them. Council made a motion to accept Jay as the newest member of council.

Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeffrey Zearfoss, to appoint Jay Schettini to replace the open council position.

Motion Carried.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Jeff Semelsberger said that we could have done better at plowing during the storm Jan 18th and Jan 19th. Jeff Semelsberger was out with the newest plow driver Jerry Godo during the storm. Both have never plowed the town before but had Brandon Terry give them pointers Monday Jan 20th. Jeff Semelsberger said that we will have to plan better during the next

Financial Report- Report as of 12/01/2019

Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Jeffrey Zearfoss, to accept The Financial Report

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Jeff Zearfoss said as Vice President said he cannot be a signer on the PennDot Road Fund because the Auditor said it is not a great idea due to the fact that he is married to Melanie Zearfoss. Jeff Semelsberger volunteered to be an account signer on the account.

Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Sam Patterson to add Jeff Semelsberger as a signer on the Road Fund account.

Motion Carried.

- Marion Center bank said that council needs to approve Melanie Zearfoss as an authorized person on the online banking account for the Payroll Fund account. Melanie Zearfoss will not be able to sign checks just sign on the online banking account to submit the ACH files to pay employees through direct deposit.
- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Sam Patter, to let Melanie Zearfoss have online banking access for the Payroll Account to submit direct deposit.

Motion Carried.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney said that the water will have to replace the water line from Bridge Street to the sewer plant this summer. Tom Kinney said the pipe has been patched 4 times in the last few months. The pipe is thinning and will not last must longer.

- Bruce Strittmatter resigned from the Water Authority at their last meeting.

Motion made by Tom Kinney, second by Sam Patterson, to accept Bruce Strittmatter's resignation from the Water Authority.

Motion Carried.

- Melanie Zearfoss will take the open spot on the Water Authority. The term will expire on 12/31/2022.

Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Sam Patterson, to appoint Melanie Zearfoss to the open position on the Water Authority.

Motion Carried.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Link Computer gave us an estimate to add a new server and firewall in the office. Alison Link will look over the estimate and bring it to the next meeting.
- Mara Taranto called about the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company renting the Hastings Park for the fire appreciation dinner. It was agreed that the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company could rent the park/pavilions free of charge. But they would need to sign an agreement about cleaning up the mess afterwards. It was also suggested they could always make a donation to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Motion made by Sam Patterson, second by Jeff Zearfoss, for the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company to rent the Hastings Park for their fire appreciation dinner.

Motion Carried.

- Mara Taranto called about Cross Cut Church renting the Hastings Park for a free concert for the community. Cross Cut Church will also be giving out free hamburgers and hot dogs. It was agreed that Cross Cut Church could rent the park/pavilions free of charge. But they would need to sign an agreement about cleaning up the mess afterwards. It was also suggested they could always make a donation to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Motion made by Tom Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger, for Cross Cut Church to rent the Hastings Park for their free concert for the community.

Motion Carried.

- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency needed two people from the borough to be on the board. The first contact will be Tom Kinney and the second contact will be Sam Patterson

Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, for Tom Kinney and Sam Patterson to be added to the board for the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.

Motion Carried.

- Heat in the meeting room is not working properly. It gets very hot when turned up a little bit. Chief Owens also stated the police office is very warm. Alison Link said to contact Kirsch Heating and Plumbing.
- Mark Beach finished installed all LED light bulbs in the borough meeting room, hallway, office, and police office.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Rodger Hollen resigned from his position on the Hastings Borough Crew. Hastings Borough will advertise for a new part time employee that could turn into full time. Wage will depend on qualifications.

Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Jeff Zearfoss, to accept Roger Hollen resignation.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- Motion made by Tom Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve Resolution # 2020-3, to accept John J Schattini as a Hastings Borough Council Member for a 2 year term.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None

ADJOURN: Motion made by Tom Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger. This meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Melanie K Zearfoss
Council Member