

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

January 6, 2020

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings Borough Office.

CALL TO ORDER: Donald C Drass, Mayor

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney, 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: Swearing in of newly elected individuals: Thomas Kinney, Sam Patterson, Jeff Zearfoss, and Jeff Semelsberger by Mayor Donald C Drass.

Nominations for President: Melanie Zearfoss nominated Alison Link. Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Melanie Zearfoss, for Alison Link. **Secretary cast the lone ballot for the single nominee.**

President, Alison Link, takes over the meeting.

Nominations for Vice-President: Thomas Kinney nominated Jeff Zearfoss. Motion made by Sam Patterson, second by Thomas Kinney. **Secretary cast the lone ballot for the single nominee.**

Nominations for President Pro Tem: Melanie Zearfoss nominated Sam Patterson. Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney. **Secretary cast the lone ballot for the single nominee.**

Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to appoint Jeff Semelsberger to replace Kristen Bollinger.

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney to appoint Rhonda Churella as Secretary.

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to appoint Jason M Owens as Police Chief.

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Zearfoss, to appoint Thomas Kinney as Street Commissioner.

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Zearfoss, to appoint Patrick Fanelli as Solicitor.

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Sam Patterson, to appoint Paul Link of Link & Associates as Auditor.

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to appoint James Rodgers to Water Authority for 5-year term to expire 12/31/2024.

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney, to appoint Robert Mortenson to Sewer Authority for 5-year term to expire 12/31/2024.

Motion Carried.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Melanie stated Michelle Baker said the Moose is still having the storm sewer go onto the road. Rhonda Churella stated that she never sent a letter since she was told they will be closing their doors soon. I can still send the letter, but the borough will end up paying for it. Mayor Donald C Drass said they are in bad shape. He was customer number three out of ten one night.
- Alison Link stated Rusty Wills has plowed before. After his shift at 2:00am, can he plow till the borough crew comes in? Council and Police Chief Jason Owens was okay with this and decided to pay him \$10.00 per hour. Jeff Zearfoss asked why we are changing the borough crews schedule when this was discussed at the last Council meeting that we would keep their hours

the same. Jeff Semelsberger said Michelle should supervise them, not at 10:00pm though. Alison Link said, "I totally agree." Jeff Zearfoss said, "Doesn't Jason handle the police department? Yes. Do we ever hear anything about their schedule?" Alison Link said, "Michelle has been coming to us for managing them. We may need to send her to a class." Jeff Zearfoss said, "We rehash this every meeting."

- Rhonda Churella stated CoStars sent an email about the 2020-2021 Road Salt Contract. For the term 2019-2020 we ordered 66 tons, and all years prior we ordered 44 tons. Thomas Kinney said to order 66 tons for 2020-2021 season.

POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for December 2019.
- Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve the monthly police report.

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney said nothing to report other than water breaks. We still have one in front of the Memorial building.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Melanie Zearfoss said Uni-First came out about changing mats out in the gym. For twelve mats, three at the borough office and nine at the Memorial building, the cost is \$62.00 every week, \$93.00 every other week, and \$124.00 monthly.
- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to get twelve mats from Uni-First one time per month for \$124.00.

Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Melanie Zearfoss said Michelle asked her about employee evaluations. Michelle asked if she should do these for the beginning of the year or on their hire date. Melanie handed out the form that Michelle came up with. Do we want to use this form, or do you want me to come up with a new form? Alison Link stated she has to come up with the committees for the next meeting or by the beginning of February 2020.
- Kristen Bollinger handed in a letter of resignation from Hastings Borough Council effective January 1, 2020.
- Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Sam Patterson, to accept Kristen Bollinger's resignation letter.

Motion Carried.

- Rhonda was told to ask Patrick Fanelli if we need to advertise for an open Council position in the newspaper. Can we advertise on Facebook?

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Thomas Kinney, to approve Resolution # 2020-1, Tax Rate for 2020, sum of 20.50 mills.

Motion Carried.

- Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to approve Resolution # 2020-2, to appoint Jeff Semelsberger as member of Council to fill vacancy.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Melanie Zearfoss stated she got a Cricket for Christmas. Melanie asked, "Can I get vinyl to redo the signs outside the borough building?" Jeff Semelsberger said he has some vinyl.
- Sam Patterson stated the UMWA monument by the bridge has a broken flagpole. The two flags are down also.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Sam Patterson. This meeting adjourned approximately 7:36 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager