

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Hastings Borough Council**

**October 1, 2019**

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings Borough Office.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Alison Link, Council President

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the Council present – Eugene Huber, Alison Link, Mayor Donald C Drass, Thomas Kinney, Melanie Zearfoss, Jeff Semelsberger, and Rhonda Churella. Absent were Kristen Bollinger and Jeff Zearfoss.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, 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:**

**STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:**

- Street Commissioner, Eugene Huber, said that everything looked like it was working fine at Ruth Hester’s house. Rhonda Churella showed Council pre project pictures of her parking area by her house. The sewer line runs in the front of her house. They never had to work or park on her driveway. Alison Link said, “I think it’s okay for now.”
- Street Commissioner, Eugene Huber, said Alan Kline asked him about water running off the road onto his property. He will go up and look at it.
- Jeff Semelsberger talked about bids from Courtesy Motors and Stevenson Equipment. Courtesy will take 4-5 weeks and Stevenson will take 3 months. The difference between the two is \$6,000.00. With the difference we can purchase a used pickup truck. Courtesy is in East Freedom, and Stevenson is in Ebensburg. Courtesy offers a western snowplow. The difference between an F450 vs F550 is about 1500 pounds.

- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Eugene Huber, to purchase a 2019 F450 fully equipped from Courtesy Motors and 2005 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab truck at Lacue's Chevrolet.

**Motion Carried.**

- Rhonda reported the borough crew was in the office on 9/19/19 stating the white truck needs two new tires on the front and the tan truck needs a plow system whether redone or a new one. Alison Link said she thought that was the reason they took the truck to Burley's a few weeks ago. Rhonda stated they took the tan truck to get inspected. Rhonda is to ask Michelle Baker if the borough crew did this, if not, why not, and do it. The borough crew said they prefer walkie talkies and to get one for Rich Banik at the water plant. Alison Link stated the borough crew needs to do a budget and a wish list for the 2020 budget very soon. They can add this to their budget/wish list.
- Eugene Huber talked about Ray Kelly problem at Fourth Avenue & Baker Street. He thought the Fire Company was going to pull the grate up and flush. It is blocked from Fourth Avenue to Third Avenue.
- Rhonda Churella read the General Laborer Manager report to Council. Michelle Baker talked about the borough crew needing back up cameras. Alison Link stated the past borough crew employees never needed back up cameras. Jeff Semelsberger stated if stuff flies up and covers it such as the spreader in the wintertime they will not work. They will be constantly cleaning them. Melanie Zearfoss stated this happens to her personal vehicle all the time. Safety training through LTAP in Ebensburg on 10/3/19. Michelle's work email was hacked. She is going to switch away from Comcast. Camera cleaning being added to crew list. Curbs in town will be painted next week. Memorial building renovations are coming along good. Michelle got a quote from Northern Cambria Borough on portable radios. She also would like to open communication and help with them too. She gave a contract & ordinance sample. Alison Link stated the radios must be put on their budget wish list for budget time. Council thought the contract was a good idea. Alison Link said whatever Michelle Baker wants to do or add such as snow plowing, water & sewer breaks, etc. will be fine.

## **POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:**

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for September 2019. Mayor Drass said, "Excellent job guys."
- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to approve the monthly police report.

### **Motion Carried.**

- Alison Link stated Sam Patterson wanted stats on Beaver Street. Police Chief Jason Owens stated from September 5, 2019 to September 30, 2019 they had 1,341 vehicles with 10 violations. The high speed was 47 mph and the low speed was 39 mph.
- Police Chief Jason Owens stated he needs to call Burley's to get the new police cruiser inspected.

## **FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Melanie Zearfoss stated the medical insurance agreement is coming due. The premium will go up 3.3%.
- Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to accept the 3.3% medical insurance premium increase.

### **Motion Carried.**

## **WATER COMMITTEE:**

- Thomas Kinney stated his meeting will be next week.

## **SEWER COMMITTEE:**

- Eugene Huber said the project only has 1-2 weeks to go and they will be done.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

- Melanie Zearfoss reported she won a bid on a huge pool slide for \$2,810.00 from South Williamsport. Melanie said this is probably valued at \$30,000.00. We need to look at it and figure out how we are bringing it here. She said the deck is 5X6 and it is 10 feet long.

- Alison Link stated Michelle Baker went shopping this weekend for Christmas supplies. We are having a light up night. I am really excited about this.
- Thomas Kinney stated Marc Beach called him about the Memorial building.
- Alison Link stated Mara Taranto from the Fire Company wants to rent the Memorial building for training eight times. Alison Link stated she doesn't want to charge them since we do not charge the ambulance when they use the building for EMS training.
- Rhonda Churella explained the situation with the pool phone through Verizon. They have a cosco pack which includes call forwarding, 3 way calling, call transfer, and call hold. We will need to strip the line down to a basic line and then suspend the line. Melanie Zearfoss asked if we will have the same phone number in the spring. Council gave approval to do this.
- Brandan Terry said there is 1-1 ½ ton of coal in the old school building. Brandan wants to know if he can have it. Mayor Donald C Drass and Eugene Huber both stated there is 7-8 ton of coal there. Eugene Huber said Brandan will need to bucket it out on his own time.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

- Rhonda Churella called Dr. Dvorchak's office on 8/21/19 and told Kaylee to order two Hepatitis A&B vaccines. Rhonda called again on 9/12/19 to see how long it takes to get the vaccines in. They were to get back to me. Rhonda called again on 9/25/19 & spoke with Arlene who called back the next day to state she verified Matt ordering them on 9/26/19. They are to call us when they get them in. On 9/24/19, Brandan got splashed in the face at the sewer plant and called in sick the next day because he was vomiting. Council told Rhonda to call Patton Pharmacy and/or Dr. Lieb. Melanie Zearfoss said they should also have D-Tap Tetanus shots too.

### **RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Nothing to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Eugene Huber talked about a stranded vehicle on Fourth Avenue between Harvey Street & Baker Street. Mayor Drass stated the owner told him he is going to refurbish it. Eugene Huber stated this used to be farmer Thomas' old house.
- Borough office received an email about major changes to cable franchise rules effective September 26, 2019. Jeff Semelsberger stated that we do not have to do anything because the borough does not have free cable. If we did then they would deduct that from our franchise money.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Eugene Huber. This meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 p.m. All present voted yes.

**Motion Carried.**

Rhonda Churella  
Borough Office Manager