

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

November 20, 2018

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings Borough Office.

CALL TO ORDER: Alison Link, Council President

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Eugene Huber, 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: Calem Illig of the Star Courier.

Mara Taranto-Mara asked Council what the proper channel is to have a guard rail put on the curve above her house coming from the hospital on Haida Avenue. She stated there has been three accidents since June. She showed Council pictures of one accident in June where someone rolled their vehicle down the hill and almost hit her front porch. The borough will contact our PennDOT representative and asked him the procedure.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Alison Link stated Roger told her he doesn't like the magic. Thomas Kinney stated Walter Thomas told him the same thing. Northern Cambria doesn't like it either. Thomas Kinney said maybe this was a bad situation to start with. Jeff Semelsberger said the intersections need to be plowed better. He knows this was Roger's first time plowing snow. Borough Office Manager reported Mayor Donald C Drass had told Roger he would like to ride with him sometime to show him how to do it. Police Chief Jason Owens stated he has called Walt Thomas at home before to come out to plow if roads need it. Officer Harber said the borough crew usually go by us when were out.

POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:

- Nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from October 14, 2018 to November 17, 2018.

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| Real Estate Tax Collected..... | \$20.75 |
| Per Capita Tax Collected..... | \$27.50 |
| Total Collected..... | \$48.25 |

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer’s from October 17, 2018 to November 16, 2018.

Gross Tax Collected.....\$14,928.89

- Motion was made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Eugene Huber, to approve the Tax Collector’s Report as read. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Council looked through the Financial Report. Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve the Financial Report as of October 1, 2018. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Thomas Kinney, to approve the proposed budget for 2019 for the general fund and building fund.

Motion Carried.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney reported a major leak on Bridge Street. Rich Banik got called out because the reservoir was low. There was three leaks today. The first one was on Third Avenue. They will work on this hopefully tomorrow. They cracked the lead.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Borough Office Manger reported about the sewer project meeting on November 13, 2018. They discussed several problems and a pending

easement that should be discussed at the next Sewer Authority meeting. The sewer main is 50% complete as of estimate 6. The lateral piping is at 51% complete.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Borough Office Manager brought a copy of the lease agreement with the Dance Den dated March 3, 2014. It was for three years. Jeff Semelsberger took the agreement to look over. Alison Link suggested we do another three year contract with her.
- Borough Office Manager reported Matthew “Butch” Urban was in the office on November 13, 2018, complaining about the ditch on Maple Street. His tenant Mrs. Waksmunski is getting water in the basement. Butch said he told her if mold starts growing, they call an attorney, Denny Previte, and sue the borough. Council discussed the ditch problem. Eugene Huber said Kevin Weber had a problem and that was fixed. Several Council members had looked at this particular ditch before. We have cleaned the ditch out. He is not sure why water is going into the basement.
- Dolly Frontino contacted the borough office today about an electrical problem she had. She contacted Metro Mazurak about it. He said they lost a neutral line from the house that runs through the trees at the neighbor’s property. This caused it to shear off. Dolly understands that the property owner is responsible for the trees but she is willing to have someone trim the trees from the wire so that this problem doesn’t happen again. She found someone but they can’t haul it away. Dolly wants to know if the borough would haul it away. Alison Link suggested she call Kevin Galinis since he does this type of work.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council President called an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and matters of possible litigation.

END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: The session ended.

- **RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Melanie Zearfoss, that an Order is drawn, and the bills be paid, as funds become available. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A letter from Pennsylvania Department of General Services was sent asking the borough for a wants list for the Federal Surplus Property Program.
- Borough Office Manager reported a Worker's Comp. audit schedules November 30, 2018 at 8:30am. This should take approximately 1-1 ½ hours.
- Borough Office Manager reported she is on vacation November 26, 2018 and November 27, 2018. The borough office will be closed.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Jeff Semelsberger, this meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager