

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

**February 18, 2020**

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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, John Schettini, Melanie Zearfoss, Mayor Donald C Drass, Jeff Semelsberger, Thomas Kinney, Jeff Zearfoss, Sam Patterson, and Rhonda Churella. All were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, 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:** None.

**STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:**

- Brandan brought a quote into the office from West Central Equipment on a Frontier AP12F Pallet Fork w/48" Tines (3,750 lb) for \$1,099.00.
- Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney, to purchase from West Central Equipment a Frontier AP12F Pallet Fork w/48" Tines for \$1,099.00 to be split 3 ways with Water & Sewer.

**Motion Carried.**

- Sam Patterson said he talked to Mike Thomas. Mike was complaining that he had eight or nine buckets of gravel in his yard.
- Jeff Semelsberger asked Rhonda to let Michelle know that the auger or spreader is laying the salt/cinders in circles. We need to mark it.
- Jeff Semelsberger said his brother in law was complaining about the alley being plowed by his house. Jeff told him that we won't plow it anymore but will fix it in the spring. Jeff Zearfoss stated no one has an address on these alleys, so why are we plowing them? Mayor Donald C Drass stated the reason is because it's still borough property.

**POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:**

- Mayor Donald C Drass stated the Police Department is doing a fantastic job.
- Sam Patterson asked Police Chief Jason Owens about a medium gray Subaru with flashing lights in the grill and on the visor. Chief Owens said that it is not a firefighter’s vehicle. It possibly could be suppressed that way.

**TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT:** Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from January 1, 2020 to February 18, 2020.

Real Estate Tax Collected.....	\$0.00
Per Capita Tax Collected.....	\$0.00
Total Collected.....	\$0.00

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer’s from January 22, 2020 to February 14, 2020.

Gross Tax Collected.....	\$13,186.97
Delinquent Per Capita.....	\$27.50

- Motion was made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, 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 Jeff Semelsberger, second by Sam Patterson, to approve the Financial Report as of January 1, 2020. All present voted yes.

**Motion Carried.**

**FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

**WATER COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

**SEWER COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

- Mayor Drass stated he had taken the updated deed to the VFW. They must wait until Wednesday for their meeting to get it approved. Mayor Drass asked what happened to the fence between the dugout and the creek? No one seemed to know, but it has been down for several years.
- Alison Link stated that Patrick Fanelli needs to do an agreement between the borough and Hastings Area Youth Association so that everyone knows what is expected of each organization to do. It would be nice to have them come to one of our meetings.
- Mayor Drass said when they did the sewer project at Jack Snyder's house, they put his manhole in his yard. Can I use some topsoil and fill this in? Thomas Kinney suggested they put a riser on his manhole. Jeff Zearfoss said he will bring this up at the next sewer meeting and check into this. Mayor Drass said he is afraid Jack is going to get hurt since he is elderly.
- Sam Patterson talked about the Facebook post about the gym. After Rhonda sends out the schedule for the week, if there are any days available, can we have an open gym and charge a small fee? I would like to have an open gym on Sundays from 6-9pm and charge a small fee and sell water, chips, etc.
- Melanie Zearfoss stated Dennis Neff is interested in the boilers in the old school. Mayor Drass said we need to advertise because he knows someone who is interested in them too.
- Melanie Zearfoss said John Thomas looked at the blowers in the gym. Last year they had to rebuild the motor. Thomas Kinney said maybe we need to look at something else if it only lasted a year. John Schettini said he and Jeff Semelsberger will look it over and see if they can come up with any suggestions.
- Rhonda Churella stated Chance Cann from Hastings Area Youth Association wants to do baseball and softball practice in the gym. I know we have had destruction to the walls, doors, and windows in the past. Chance said they could use whiffle balls or foam balls. Alison Link said she was up there in the past and they did use a rubber ball. Council was okay with this.
- Rhonda Churella talked about the Dance Den rent going up \$25.00 since this is a new year. Jeff Semelsberger said this is correct. Jeff Semelsberger said to send her a letter stating this and remind her that the doors are always open for negotiation. Sam Patterson said we do not want to lose her business.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

- None

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

- Melanie Zearfoss stated the office has been going through Ordinances and Resolutions. Melanie would like to meet with Patrick Fanelli at 6:00pm before the next Council meeting and go over them.
- Cambria County Borough's Association 2020 Spring Dinner meeting is April 21, 2020 at Gallitzin Sportsmen's Association, Inc., social at 5:30pm and meeting at 6:00pm with dinner to follow. Rhonda Churella will take attendance at the next Council meeting. Our regular Council meeting is on this day. Alison Link said that we will not have a meeting that night. We will only have one meeting in April.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney, this meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. All present voted yes.

**Motion Carried.**

Rhonda Churella  
Borough Office Manager