

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

February 4, 2020

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 4, 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, Jeff Semelsberger, Mayor Donald C Drass, Thomas Kinney, Melanie Zearfoss, Jeff Zearfoss, Sam Patterson, John Schettini, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, and Rhonda Churella. All were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Melanie Zearfoss, 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: Dave Kuntz of Kelli Oil.

Dave Kuntz introduced himself and stated he started Kelli Oil in August 2019. Dave wants to see if he can help us out with oil. He's usually the cheapest. He gives up to \$0.12 off the price that day depending how many gallons is purchased. There are no contracts or hidden fees. Dave would like to get paid on the day of delivery. Jeff Zearfoss asked, "Do you supply off road diesel fuel for our equipment?" Dave replied, "Yes I do supply off road diesel fuel." Dave explained if you purchase 200 gallons of oil you would get \$.04 off, 600 gallons you get \$.06, 1200 gallons you get \$.12. His truck holds 3,000 gallons.

- Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to use Kelli Oil service for oil.

Motion Carried.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Sam Patterson asked if we are doing to do a road project this year. Thomas Kinney said we will have to see what we have. Sam Patterson stated there are a lot of big potholes. Sam Patterson said we should start making a list of where they are located. Jeff Zearfoss said we could get hot patch to fill the potholes.
- PennDOT District 9 Transportation invited Council to the Penn DOT Annual Transportation Outreach on March 31, 2020 from 1:30-3:00 PM at the Ebensburg Center, Renaissance Room, 4501 Admiral Peary Highway, Ebensburg, PA 15931.

POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for January 2020.
- Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to approve the monthly police report.

Motion Carried.

- Mayor Donald C Drass stated Joe Owens wants to bring in bees. He wants a beehive over there. Joe wants to go to school for this. This might be a hazard. One beehive will have 25,000 to 35,000 bees. He would need approximately five beehives. John Schettini stated it wouldn't take much to make the bees upset. Melanie Zearfoss stated Department of Agriculture states you should have one to two acres of land. Mayor Drass stated he would like to talk to Joe about this first. If anything, we can always update our current ordinance not allowing bees into the borough.
- Each member on Council received a copy of 2019 Statistics from Michael Zungali Magisterial District Judge.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Susan Hutton of Marion Center Bank stated we should update signers on our current line of credit. Current signers are Rhonda Churella, Alison Link, Chris Gibbons and Barb Holtz.
- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Sam Patterson, to make the new signers on the line of credit at Marion Center Bank, Rhonda Churella, Alison Link and Jeff Zearfoss.

Motion Carried.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney said there was a water break near Jim Rogers driveway on Beaver Street.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Melanie Zearfoss said Gordy Fredo wanted a bracket back that he used for his speaker system that was on one of the poles. It was given back to him. Gordy asked if the new poles will be in by Memorial Day. Melanie told him probably not. Gordy will need to put it up somewhere else for the Memorial Day parade.
- Susan Hutton stated on 1/23/2020 that Marion Center Bank was putting a flower box up. She asked if they need to plant flowers. Susan said they will need to put something underneath it for mowing purposes. Alison Link said if we do a flower box then we will put flowers in it. If they do a flower box, they need to put flowers in it.
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency sent a Permit Report for January 2020.
- Rhonda Churella talked to Patrick Fanelli about a request received in November 2019 from Tony & Mara Taranto about the borough giving an alley way on Village Street to them. Mara Taranto had said that they have plowed it since 1991 and maintained it with gravel. Patrick Fanelli explained to Council that there would be a process. It would need surveyed and an ordinance put in place. You would need to abandon it publicly. The borough is not in the business to do this if you don't want to. Jeff Zearfoss asked if we are receiving Liquid Fuels money for this alleyway. A few Council members looked it up on the map in the meeting room. The borough is receiving Liquid Fuels money for it. Mayor Drass said we should not give away this and lose the Liquid Fuels money. Council does not want to sell or give it away.
- Rhonda asked Mayor Drass about the status on the VFW deed. Mayor Drass said he dropped it off but will find out after the meeting. Patrick Fanelli said that was one of the items he wanted to ask about.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Sam Patterson, to approve Resolution # 2020-4, Disposition of Public records.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Nothing to report.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Sam Patterson. This meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager