

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

March 19, 2019

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 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 – Alison Link, Eugene Huber, Thomas Kinney, Kristen Bollinger, Jeff Semelsberger, Mayor Donald C Drass, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Melanie Zearfoss and Jeff Zearfoss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, 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:

- Charlene Keefe was in the office on March 19, 2019, stating they will maintain the alley and get someone to plow it. She will give the borough the bill to pay. Rhonda contacted Mayor Donald C Drass about this. Mayor Drass went up to the house with a tape measurer and said the alley measured over eleven feet. The snow plow is nine feet. The vehicle parked is legal with insurance, plates, etc. Larry told him they run it at least three times a year. Mayor Drass stated they park as close to the fence that they can. Thomas Kinney said the BMW is rarely moved if at all. Eugene Huber stated if you make exceptions here you will have to throughout the entire town. He used Kirkpatrick Street as an example. Council decided to make a suggestion for them to park with the passenger side closest to the fence. This will give an extra couple feet away from the alley. Mayor Drass will let them know this information.
- Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve application for County aide Road Project # 19-11-417-01 CA.

Motion Carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:

- Police Chief Jason Owens reported all is good.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from March 1, 2019 to March 16, 2019.

Real Estate Tax Collected.....	\$33,720.64
Per Capita Tax Collected.....	\$774.20
Total Collected.....	\$34,494.84

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer’s from February 20, 2019 to March 2, 2019.

Gross Tax Collected.....\$5,532.08

- Motion was made by Eugene Huber, second by Kristen Bollinger, 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 Eugene Huber, second by Thomas Kinney, to approve the Financial Report as of February 1, 2019. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- On March 6, 2019, Tim Clark from Department of Auditor General office called about an error made in the 2016 State allocation of pension money. A letter came on March 11, 2019, stating a request to return the overpaid amount of \$4,547.32. Their original calculation was based on incorrect actuarial data. So an overpayment was made to the borough resulting in excess state aid. Mara Taranto, Borough Accountant, was asked by Alison Link to look this over. Mara made a phone call and was told the State gave us Police Pension money by mistake. The Police Pension plan is not eligible because of committed assets which are certificate of deposits. Rhonda stated we didn’t receive enough State aid in 2016 for the Non-Uniformed Pension plan employees. It will be figured to collect not only from the borough but water and sewer authorities also.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney reported major water breaks. Last Thursday there was a water leak by the Memorial building on Beaver Street. On Saturday there was another one on Railroad Street. Alison Link asked if it was by Terry Deckard's house. Thomas Kinney replied, "Yes."

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Borough Office Manger reported about the sewer project meeting on March 19, 2019. The hospital is done and the trash baskets are in. They are working down by Davey's. The right hand side of the creek is completed. A 3 inch flow in a 12 inch pipe doesn't go to the sewer plant. They did find 3 places where there was major infiltration. This will decrease flow into the sewer plant. They will be working at Kirkpatrick and Haida, Davey's bar and Rich Hill, and restoration guys will be in. The ballfield is mud. You cannot take a skidder in there. They will get it seeded before ball season. Ernie gave Walt Thomas and Jim Burkey a key to the hatch basket. Patrick reported that the nursing home has been told about the hatch basket but the hospital has not. Jim Burkey wants it checked daily for now. Anything collected will need to be taken down and put in the sewer trash. Cameras in the Slickport area are 1/3 completed. Slickport residents are getting backed up sewer drains in their basements that go to the old system (wild cat). Jim Burkey said our only responsibility is what is hooked to the new system. Elder Township needs to fix this for them. Jim talked to DEP about this three years ago when the water project went through because residents had problems then. The residents were to disconnect from the old lines. Patrick said he will tell residents with these problems to cement the floor drains and put a sump pump in. The laterals are not deep enough to be connected to the new sewer system. Jim asked for updates on Edgewood Drive and the swimming pool. Ernie said it will be two weeks before getting back to Edgewood and a manhole will be ordered tomorrow for the swimming pool. Ernie said the mains could be done by May and the laterals by June. Roger stated the completion date was for July 26, 2019. April 2, 2019 will be the next meeting date. The project status as of 3/14/19 is: work complete 70%, sewer main piping 81% complete, lateral piping 64% complete, contract time used 70%, and project on budget.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney reported, “Eugene Huber and I fixed the urinal in the men’s bathroom at the Memorial building. We had to put in three new switches to operate the ceiling fans. The switches are located back by the stage. On the right side works two fans in the front of the building. You need to turn to the right to shut off. Go back one click is high. Tom believes there are three levels of high, medium and low.
- Kristen Bollinger talked about a gym rental of Annette Wholaver on Sunday. They rented without any water or toilets working during their rental. Council approved giving her back 50% of her rental for this inconvenience.
- Alison Link stated the prisoners are booked for May 6, 2019 to May 10, 2019. They will be painting the pool. Kristen Bollinger said Top Shop will provide them with lunch.
- Rhonda reminded everyone about P.R.I.D.E. giving up to \$1,200.00 for a proposed project of new bleachers at the T-Ball field. All work must be completed, and all documentation must be submitted to NCCDA no later than August 31, 2019.
- Sherry Blake called the office on March 18, 2019, stating they want to clean out her mother in laws house. Can they put a dumpster on the sidewalk like Pellas’ did? Florence Blake lives at 124 Kirkpatrick Street. She was asked how long would it be there. Sherry said one week each time. Council approved this.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Kristen Bollinger reported she met with Roger at 6:00pm. He is having medical issues. You shouldn’t be calling off at a water break and going to the bar. He was not coming out to plow. Kristen said she told Roger, “We have plans for you but if you are going to be like this, we may not.” This was only a warning. Jeff Semelsberger said to have it documented in case he would leave so that we don’t have to pay unemployment.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Motion made by Thomas Kinney, 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:

- Kristen Bollinger had two seniors from Cambria Heights contact her about doing community service hours. Kristen said they could clean up the park.
- Cambria County Boroughs Association Spring Dinner is schedule April 16, 2019 at Nanty Glo Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall. Social hour at 5:30pm, meeting at 6:30pm, and an Italian theme dinner at 7:00pm.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Eugene Huber, this meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager