

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

March 5, 2019

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 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 – Thomas Kinney, Kristen Bollinger, Eugene Huber, Mayor Donald C Drass, Alison Link, Melanie Zearfoss, Jeff Semelsberger, Jeff Zearfoss, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, and Rhonda Churella. All were present.

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: None

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Roger Hollen reported everything is going good but a complaint from Charlene Keefe. She wants us to plow the alley but there are vehicles parked and I am afraid of sliding into one of them with the plow truck. Rhonda Churella said Charlene stated they went to court years ago and the road got widened. Melanie Zearfoss said she will let them know if they don't move it they will be ticketed. Roger Hollen suggested they move it over a foot. Mayor Donald C Drass stated he will talk to the owners.
- Roger stated they got a load of cinders.
- Alison Link asked about Kline's van on Kirkpatrick Street. Roger said Walt does that area.

- Rhonda Churella asked Council who will be our company mapping contact for PA One Call System, Inc. They will need a user name and password on the website. Rhonda asked Council if they wanted her or Roger listed. Council stated to add Roger. He can get an email address set up.
- Sherry Blake called the office on 3/4/19, to complain about the snow being plowed against the property line. They took the plow through her yard and now they have stones, etc. in her yard. Kristen Bollinger and Eugene Huber both said Walt did plow up to the property line. Council told Rhonda to tell Walt he needs to take it away.
- Rhonda reported an email from Jeff Young of PennDOT about a roadway project that will occur sometime in the summer or fall of 2019. The project involves the pavement preservation of SR 4019 from Carroll Rd to Huber St. Guiderail will be upgraded to meet current standards and drainage work will be included as needed to properly maintain the existing facilities. Tree trimming and tree removal will be included as necessary. The contractor may close the roadway during the reclamation and paving procedures. He attached detour routes. The contractor will be required to coordinate closures with emergency services, schools, and affected municipalities two weeks prior to any closures or lane restrictions. Jeff can be reached at 814-317-3074.

POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for February 2019. Mayor Drass told Police Chief Jason Owens, "Great job."
- Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve the monthly police report.

Motion Carried.

- Alison Link opened three bids on the 2005 Chevrolet Impala. The first bid was from George & Rhonda Churella for \$725.00. The second bid was from Jeff Zearfoss for \$401.00. The third bid was from Joshua Dignan for \$200.00.
- Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to accept the bid of \$725.00 from George & Rhonda Churella for the 2005 Chevrolet Impala.

Motion Carried.

- Police Chief Jason Owens attended Elder Township meeting this morning. He introduced Joshua Dignan. Chief Owens reported everything is great. They said we are doing a good job.
- Mayor Drass stated Susquehanna Township will call him for any problems or concerns.
- Alison Link asked Solicitor Patrick Fanelli if liability insurance is needed for the wine fest. Patrick Fanelli replied, "You should have a liquor liability insurance." Melanie Zearfoss asked about insurance for all the fundraising the Park & Recreation Commission do. Patrick Fanelli said they should get general liability insurance. Melanie said she will inquire with Mike Springer of State Farm and Dave Getty of Allstate for prices. They both are sponsors for the fundraisers. It was suggested that you could name the borough on the insurance as a secondary. Alison Link asked, "Can anyone check ID's at the wine fest?" Patrick Fanelli replied, "As long as you have a policy. Any adult volunteer can but no minors." The Park & Recreation Commission will take care of getting the insurance.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney reported no water breaks.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Drass and Roger Hollen both reported the sewer contractor is working down behind Cunningham's & Davey's in the swamp area.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Eugene Huber and Thomas Kinney went down in the basement and said a dehumidifier will not work down there because of the water flowing in. Eugene Huber said it looked like a sump pump was down there at one point but is no longer. Rhonda Churella explained that Jim Burkey was in on 2/22/19 and suggested the borough crew needs to dye test and see where the water in the basement is going, either the sewer plant or the creek. If it

is going into the sewer plant, we will need to fix this problem. Thomas Kinney said you could check the water and see if it has chlorine in it for a possible water leak. Roger Hollen said he will check to see if chlorine is in the water.

- The borough office received a phone call and email from Andrew Bartosiewicz about a federal firearms license applicant within our jurisdiction. He needs to ensure the applicant, which is not public information, is compliant with local laws, including zoning regarding operating a firearms license. The applicant intends to offer firearms for sale to the general public. Council is okay with this. The borough has no zoning.
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency sent a permits report for February 2019.
- David Offner of Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. emailed about Hastings Dollar General Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption Mailer for review and a signature by Borough Council.
- Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve Act 537 Comprehensive Plan on the Sewer-Dollar General Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption Mailer.

Motion Carried.

- The office received a call from Linda Morris of Security Settlement Services, Inc. on 3/4/19. She had asked if we charge a fee on a Municipal No Lien letter. Rhonda Churella said she is not aware of a fee but would check with Council and get back with her. Patrick Fanelli explained municipal liens for example you mow grass on a property, that property is nuisance evasive. If the property changes hands, any liens on the property that have not been recorded at the court house should be given so that they can collect the lien for you. You should always tell them the Water & Sewer Authorities are a separate entity. They need to complete a separate form for them. Patrick Fanelli said he would compose a standard letter for the office to use on the borough side.
- Thomas Kinney mentioned the exhaust hood over the stove in the cafeteria of the Memorial building was running. The exhaust fan is running constantly. Eugene Huber said there is a breaker for this in the breaker box on the stage.
- Eugene Huber had a suggestion of having a minimum of two hours for rentals at the Memorial building. Council discussed this.

- Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to make a minimum of two hour rental effective July 1, 2019 at the Memorial building.

Motion Carried.

- Mayor Drass talked about a resident wanting to let her brother use her camper in her yard to stay in until he finds an apartment. She was going to use a garden hose from her house to the camper and they were going to have the sewer sucked out from a company. Patrick Fanelli said that is two homes with one service on the Water Authority side. Alison Link asked if we need to have an ordinance. Melanie Zearfoss said she could put a little house in her yard for her mother and let her use our water. Patrick Fanelli talked about doing something that you have thirty days to move/drive or it could be towed. He also suggested maybe it would be easier to amend the Rules & Regulations for the Water & Sewer Authorities instead of doing a borough ordinance. Kristen Bollinger asked if we should make her sign something for this. Patrick Fanelli replied, "I wouldn't be surprised if it's listed in the Water Authorities Rules & Regulations." Thomas Kinney doesn't think they were updated. Patrick Fanelli said he can look and change it if it's not listed.
- Eugene Huber talked about a huge hole on Miller Street near John Cunningham's garage that is up to the white line. If someone goes off the road into that hole they are going to do some damage.
- Stephanie Link called the office on 2/26/19 about her and her late grandmother, Tillie Link, operating a business from their home called Something Sweet. She said either back in 2007 or 2008 Tillie got permission from the borough. The borough gave her a letter. Stephanie cannot find the letter and wants a copy. Rhonda Churella cannot find one. She has looked through the minutes from October 5, 2004 to August 3, 2010, as well as through all the filing cabinets. Patrick Fanelli asked Council if the borough would prohibit or have any regulations that would prohibit her from selling baked goods. Alison Link said Stephanie wanted a copy of the letter in case the State comes in to inspect her. She was trying to get everything in order since her grandmother had passed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Borough Office Manager received an employment application from Wendy Hollen for the office on 2/22/2019. Council said to keep on file.

- Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Thomas Kinney, to hire James Warner for the Sewer Plant and Brandan Terry for the Borough crew. They both will be part time with thirty four hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. They will work wherever they are needed.

Motion Carried.

- Rhonda Churella told Council there is to be training with Muni-Link (water & sewer Software Company) that Julia Rogers and I need to listen to tomorrow sometime. Can we close the borough office for this training? Council approved.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to adopt Ordinance #2019-1, Amendment to Chapter 16 Part 2 Section B-Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks.

Motion Carried.

- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Eugene Huber, to adopt Ordinance #2019-2, Amendment to Chapter 12 Section 9-Parking time limited in certain locations & certain days & times.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Eugene Huber will not run on the ballot. Eugene Huber asked Council members if they know someone interested to fill his seat.
- Rhonda Churella asked Council if we could purchase a new telephone with caller ID & a new calculator for Julia Rodgers. I got prices from Staples for approximately \$153.68. Council approved because she needs to function with these.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Semelsberger.

This meeting adjourned approximately 8:35 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager