

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

April 24, 2018

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings Borough Office.

CALL TO ORDER: Christopher Gibbons, Council President

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Alison Link, second by Kristen Bollinger, 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:

- Walter Thomas stated they got the salt spreaders and plows put away.
- Walter Thomas stated they cut a tree down yesterday for Helen Grillo. Mayor Donald C Drass took the wood. A tree had fallen into the creek after bad winds. Christopher Gibbons said we have to be careful and look at these type of situations case by case.
- Walter Thomas said they have been working at the pool taking the paint off the skimmers. Kristen Bollinger said they will be painting the pool on May 12, 2018. Walter told them you must leave the paint dry for 7 days before you can start adding water. Walt asked about the cement pad. Melanie Zearfoss stated that will be fixed by us but she didn't feel the need to do it this year.
- Walter Thomas wants to change the oil in both trucks tomorrow. Council approved him getting the oil, filters, etc.
- Kristen Bollinger asked Walter how Roger is doing. Walter stated, "Roger is a good mechanic. He is not lazy." Council was pleased to hear they both enjoy working together.

- Christopher Gibbons asked Council about bringing in a street sweeper. Melanie Zearfoss said she seen one for sale for \$10,000.00. Council doesn't want to purchase a street sweeper. Thomas Kinney said he will call the same company we have used in the past.

POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:

- Mayor Drass talked to Council about property on Spangler Street owned by Michelle Fayak from Virginia. The Water & Sewer Authorities are putting a lean against the house at the end of April for unpaid bills. Mayor Drass wants to put a bench warrant out on her.
- Mayor Drass stated he wants to go out through the town with Chief Owens very soon and start looking at all the properties.
- Mayor Drass stated Brittany got a full time position at a Driver's Center. Brittany will stay on our roster. She will work one to two shifts a month.
- Alison Link said the Police Committee met with Joe Huber and discussed getting Police lockers. They are currently getting prices on these.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from March 18, 2018 to April 21, 2018.

Real Estate Tax Collected.....	\$57,273.47
Per Capita Tax Collected.....	\$1,112.30
Total Collected.....	\$58,385.77

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer's from March 21, 2018 to April 18, 2018.

Gross Tax Collected.....\$8,256.91

- Motion was made by Thomas Kinney, second by Alison Link, 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 Kristen Bollinger, to approve the Financial Report as of March 1, 2018. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney stated a company is interested in buying water from us. They would need a minimum of 4,000 gallons up to 100,000 gallons.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Borough Office Manager talked to Council about the status of the Hastings Public Library transferring the property from Hastings Borough to them. Michele Bernard had stated in August 2017 that Attorney Mark Wendekier was to do the paperwork. This has never happened to the best of my knowledge. Mayor Drass stated to get in touch with Kathy O'Rourke about the status.
- Borough Office Manager reported Wolf's Performing Arts had not paid for the use of the gym in March or April. Phone messages and an email was sent stating that if this is not paid before Thursday, the doors will not be opened for them. An email response from Laura Wolf stated she would drop a check off to the office tomorrow. Council said if this is not paid, the doors will not be opened. Kristen Bollinger wants to know if this gets paid because she found out they were using the cafeteria area without paying also.
- Mayor Drass stated he sent a letter to Nathan Fokianos Myers about bringing new businesses to our area. A copy of the letter was passed around the table for each Council member to read. Mayor Drass said we could possibly bring in a Dollar Bargain, grocery store and/or donut shop.
- Borough Office Manager reported the heat motor burned up in the office. It was replaced on Monday, April 23, 2018. I have no idea what the cost will be. Kristen Bollinger stated if it was broke it needed fixed. Mayor Drass asked if we could try using another company such as Courtrieux or John Mertens who is currently serving on the Water Authority and lives in town. Christopher Gibbons said we try to keep business in town.

- Alison Link needs to compose a list of work for the prisoners. Council came up with the following: Painting the Memorial building railings and bathrooms, pavilion, weed wacking, and clearing out the creek. Alison stated we must provide lunch and water to them. A Council member has to meet with them at 8:00am each morning to give them a schedule. Christopher Gibbons stated he would meet with them. Mayor Drass and Thomas Kinney said they could help out too. The prisoners will be here from May 21, 2018 to May 25, 2018.
 - Mayor Drass asked Council if they would like anything to go in where the old bank building is. Mayor Drass suggested a possible donut shop, etc.
 - Christopher Gibbons talked about the guest speaker at the Borough dinner, Renee K Daly; C.C. Redevelopment Authority. He would like to put an application in for the Charlie the Barber building between UniMart and the Memorial building. We should try to acquire this building. We can use this for parking at the Memorial building. Kristen Bollinger stated the borough would need to own the property. Mayor Drass asked Christopher Gibbons if he has ever tried talking to the current owner of this building. Kristen Bollinger would like to put an application in for the old school building. Melanie Zearfoss said it would cost a lot of money to take that building down. Kristen responded, "There is no harm in putting in an application for the old school building."
 - Kristen Bollinger asked about the electricity with the hockey court. Christopher Gibbons stated, "I have not seen this situation in five to six years. They have given us money in years past but nothing recently." Christopher Gibbons believes it is just rumors about running an extension cord across the road.
 - Christopher Gibbons asked Council about putting the grass cutting out for bid.
 - Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Kristen Bollinger, to advertise in the Star Courier about grass cutting in Hastings Borough.
- Motion Carried.**
- Christopher Gibbons told Borough Office Manager to contact Walter Thomas and compose a list of areas we mow grass, draft up a notice to advertise this in the newspaper. Melanie Zearfoss stated to include the creek.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: None.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney, 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:

- Mayor Drass had a suggestion to try for a grant for the old school building. Christopher Gibbons said, "We had a developer come in and look at the building. He told us that we would have a profit for ten years. After that time it will cost us money."

ADJOURN: Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Kristen Bollinger, this meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager