

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

April 3, 2018

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 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 – Christopher Gibbons, Alison Link, Kristen Bollinger, Eugene Huber, Jeff Zearfoss, Thomas Kinney, Mayor Donald C Drass, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Melanie Zearfoss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Alison Link, 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 told Council he is worried about his new helper. Christopher Gibbons said his start date is April 9, 2018. Walter Thomas said, "Watch he don't go on comp." Christopher Gibbons responded, "Rumors run rapid but we got to give him a try. He'll be on a ninety day probationary period. If you see an issue, let us know right away."
- Kristen Bollinger told Walter Thomas gossip is always being said on the streets. If you ever hear someone complaining about something, tell them to come to a Council meeting. Please direct them to come to a meeting.
- Walter Thomas told Council he is taking the first week in May off. This will be April 30, 2018 through May 5, 2018.
- Motion made by Alison Link, second by Thomas Kinney, to approve application for County aide Road Project # 18-11-417-01 CA.

Motion Carried.

- Borough Office Manager told Council Alyssa McCombie is doing a 5K run to benefit Cross Cut Church on September 22, 2018 from 9am to 10am. She has contacted Hastings Volunteer Fire Company too. Police Chief Owens has been told and received a copy of her email with the route scheduled. Alyssa was told not to use any state roads so that we do not have to do a permit. A copy of her route was passed around for Council to see.
- Pastor Laura McCombie was in the office complaining about four huge pot holes. Her parishners have been hitting them. She was told that we are out of cold patch currently and cannot get any until the plant re-opens.

POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for March 2018.
- Mayor Donald C Drass reported Police Chief Jason Owens has composed a Body-Worn Camera Policy for the Police Department. This must be advertised in the newspaper before being approved at the next Council meeting.
- Police Chief Owens stated there was one hundred people involved in a disorderly conduct this weekend. We got thirty nine of those people. The Police Officer needs to do a lot of paperwork on this.
- Alison Link asked about the camera at the Memorial building because we had another incident there. Christopher Gibbons is to meet with him next week sometime. Alison Link asked, "Can we get them fixed by the fall?"
- Mayor Donald C Drass stated he will be out of town April 10, 2018 through April 17, 2018.
- Christopher Gibbons told Mayor Donald C Drass he needs to sit down with the Police Committee before going to Elder Township. Mayor Drass stated Chief Owens wants to purchase two more portable radios. Alison Link said they would ask if the townships would contribute \$1,000.00 into a needed supply fund. Kristen Bollinger stated before we ask for more money, we need to have strong statistics. We want to show what we've done within the last six months. Mayor Drass stated Chief Owens can get this together and we can approach them when I get back from vacation. Alison Link stated the police reports for Susquehanna Township have had more calls this year than last year. Can we ask them to purchase the portable radios?

- Christopher Gibbons asked Chief Owens about the white car. Chief Owens said, "I personally don't like the car. The car is not a police cruiser. It was a detective's car with no cage. There is no place for an AR or shot gun and it doesn't have lights. This car doesn't go good in the winter. There is no protection for the Police officer if we had to transport someone. It needs new tires. This car wasn't made for chasing." Chief Owens said a department in Maryland gets new vehicles every four years and gives the old ones away for free or sells them cheap. Mayor Drass asked Chief Owens to look at the website for another free vehicle.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Drass asked, "If we bring businesses into the area, how hard is it for them to tap onto water or sewer." Thomas Kinney told him we have plenty of water. Jeff Zearfoss said once the sewer project is complete, the plant can hold double of what it currently does now.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Jeff Zearfoss stated the signing for the sewer project is scheduled on April 11, 2018 at 10:00am.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Alison Link reported someone scratched the paint off the wall behind the urinal in the men's bathroom upstairs in the Memorial building on Monday. We need to start keeping the security deposits for damage like this. There was two rentals in there last night, Hastings Area Youth Association and Denise Blickenderfer. We spoke to Rich Rogal of the HAYA. He said only a few of his kids used the bathroom and they were not in there long enough to do damage. There was teenage boys that came in after us. Alison Link showed Council pictures of the damage. Council stated that we will not give the security deposit back to Denise Blickenderfer. We can show her the pictures of the damage.
- Mayor Drass said he met with a redeveloper from Greensburg, PA. Dick Stuart, President of HAIDA is helping too. We have a possibility of bringing

in a Dollar Bargain, Aldi's, True Value, or Duncan Donuts. They will build or fix up. We are working on something small. It may or may not be in Hastings Borough. He told Chief Owens if you see my car with lights on, please don't give me a ticket. There is a right of way for a pipeline to St. Joseph's church so far. They are going to Carrolltown and we want them to come to our direction in Hastings.

- Borough Office Manager stated Wendell Rouch came into the office and was upset. He said after the HAIDA meeting, Melanie Zearfoss told him about prisoners doing the tennis court. Wendell brought in a booklet of pictures to show Council the crew of four people doing the floor painting. He wants these four to continue the work, not the prisoners. He said the prisoners can paint the chain linked fence. He would like green paint not silver. Alison Link said Wendell and crew can continue painting the tennis court. They have a lot of work scheduled for the prisoners but will add painting the chain link fence if they have time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Kristen Bollinger stated Roger Hollen is starting on April 9, 2018. He has the potential for full time. He will work 10 to 15 hours up to 25 hours per week. Council decided to pay him \$10.00 per hour. He will have a 90 day probationary period. Borough Office Manager stated his drug test results came back negative. Police Chief Owens stated his background check was fine.
- Motion made by Kirsten Bollinger, second by Alison Link, to hire Roger Hollen.

Motion Carried.

- Christopher Gibbons told Kristen Bollinger, Chairperson of Personnel Committee, to run hiring of employees through Council first before offering a job to anyone.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Borough Office Manager told Council about the Cambria County Borough's Association 2018 Spring Dinner hosted by Portage Borough on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, social hour at 5:30pm, meeting at 6:00pm, and dinner at 7:00pm at The Royal Ballroom, 701 Main Street, Portage, PA. Council will be changing the next Council meeting to April 24, 2018.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Alison Link, second by Jeff Zearfoss. This meeting adjourned approximately 8:10 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager