

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Hastings Borough Council**

**May 5, 2020**

The Hastings Borough Council held their Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**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, Sam Patterson, John Schettini, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Jeff Zearfoss.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, 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:**

**STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:**

- Thomas Kinney, Street Commissioner, stated he has not met with Mike Bowser, PennDOT Representative, because of COVID-19. We have set up two meeting dates to discuss a road project but they both have been cancelled. We are going to try again in June.
- Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve application for County aide Road Project # 20-11-417-01 CA.

**Motion Carried.**

**POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:**

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for March & April 2020.

- Motion made by John Schettini, second by Thomas Kinney, to approve the monthly police reports.

**Motion Carried.**

- Police Chief Jason Owens reported they got a Buckle Up Grant for \$1,750.00 that will run from May 18, 2020 to June 7, 2020.
- Police Chief Jason Owens reported the police department will need to get new radios for the change with Cambria County. We will have to pay \$700.00 per radio. We will need to budget for \$5,000.00 at budget time. The invoice must be paid by February 2021. We will receive the new ones by December 2021. I currently have 2 mobiles & 4 radios that the borough can use once we get our new ones.

**FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

**WATER COMMITTEE:**

- Tom Kinney reported he hasn't heard from Troy Feighner about the project on Bridge Street.

**SEWER COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency sent the permit report for March 2020.
- Alison Link said that the Magistrate office will be a guest on our network. Melanie will be the code holder.
- Saint Bernard Church sent a letter requesting road closure to traffic on Miller Street from August 9, 2020 to August 18, 2020 for their Annual Picnic. They are still in the process of planning this event and will adapt as needed for the COVID-19 Virus.
- Motion made by Sam Patterson, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to approve the closing of Miller Street for the Saint Bernard Church Annual Homecoming Picnic.

**Motion Carried.**

- Rhonda Churella told Council the borough office generator had maintenance completed. Jeff Semelsberger asked if we got extra stuff for the generator. Rhonda explained she didn't think so but can have them get that to keep on stock.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

- Michelle Baker asked if we are going to hire Mitch full time. The creek banks need cut. We have weed eating to do too. I've been letting Jim Warner help Mitch out. Alison Link said that we need to accept Brandan's resignation first. Thomas Kinney stated, "We would be better with getting a young guy for weed eating the banks and stuff." Jeff Semelsberger said, "We need to look at this for this coming winter. We must get this cleared with the next full-time guy and tell them it is a part of your job." Melanie Zearfoss stated, "Brad Lieb's internship this summer got cancelled. He is willing to work for \$12.00 per hour." Jeff Semelsberger said we cannot pay summer help more or equal to what we are paying our full-time worker. Melanie Zearfoss said Brad can work 8:00am to 2:00pm. Michelle Baker said on rainy days we can put them in the Memorial building or water & sewer plants. Jeff Semelsberger stated Joe Owens is willing to cut grass and plow snow in the winter.
- Melanie Zearfoss verbally accepted Brandan Terry's resignation on April 13, 2020.
- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Sam Patterson, to accept Brandan Terry's verbal resignation on April 13, 2020.

#### **Motion Carried.**

- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by John Schettini, to make Mitchell Snyder full time effective May 5, 2020.
- Alison Link wants to form a committee so that we don't need to make a motion on a Council vote. Alison suggested Sam and Melanie to be on this committee. Thomas Kinney stated, "I want to go with a motion on a Council vote." Melanie Zearfoss asked Thomas Kinney if he would like to be on this committee too. Thomas Kinney replied, "Yes." Alison Link stated she doesn't know when we will have another meeting.
- Motion made by John Schettini, second by Sam Patterson, to form a committee consisting of Sam Patterson, Melanie Zearfoss, and Thomas

Kinney to hire Brad Lieb and Joe Owens pending to discuss wages with applicants.

**Motion Carried.**

- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Sam Patterson, to hire Marci Mazenko as Pool Manager at \$12.00 per hour and Lifeguards at \$10.00 per hour.

**Motion Carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

- Mayor Donald C Drass stated he had mail in his mailbox about Red Tag on buildings from Antis Township in Blair County. I have read this over and have a question. Do we have to set up a committee of three people? Patrick Fanelli replied, "It will go to the full board or a hearing committee." Melanie Zearfoss asked, "Does someone need to do inspections on the property?" Patrick Fanelli replied, "No."

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Nothing to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Rhonda stated, "Don't forget to respond to the 2020 Census. As of May 2, 2020, Hastings Borough has had a response of 33.4%. Our ultimate goal is 100%. Thank you to all citizens that have responded thus far. If you haven't, please respond today at 2020census.gov. Thank you."
- Thomas Kinney stated he is trying to sell the backhoe and get a skid steer and a mini excavator.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made by Sam Patterson, second by Melanie Zearfoss. This meeting adjourned approximately 6:46 p.m. All present voted yes.

**Motion Carried.**

Rhonda Churella  
Borough Office Manager