

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

May 7, 2019

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 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, Eugene Huber, Alison Link, Jeff Semelsberger, Mayor Donald C Drass, Jeff Zearfoss, Patrick Fanelli, and Rhonda Churella. Absent were Melanie Zearfoss and Kristen Bollinger.

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 stated they did cold patching today on Haida Avenue, by Hastings Public Library, and Charlie's old barber shop.
- Roger reported the white truck is back from Burley's but the tan truck is leaking gas. It's the seam of the gas tank. It's a metal gas tank from 2004. Jeff Semelsberger told Roger to get him the vin number. He will get a price for a new one. Jeff asked Roger if the strap looks good. Roger replied, "I didn't look at it." Jeff Zearfoss asked, "Doesn't it come with one?" Jeff Semelsberger said it does not.
- Roger Hollen stated the water leaks are down to a minimum.

- Jeff Semelsberger stated Dave Commons talked to him about attending a meeting to get slate for his driveway/roadway. The slate pile is covered up with the sewer project. Thomas Kinney said, "The sewer rats took several loads up to him. Dave was to have put it down himself." Jeff Semelsberger said that road looks the best it ever has. If we cannot get more slate for Dave, I can give him some.

POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:

- Police Chief Jason Owens read the monthly police report for April 2019.
- Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve the monthly police report.

Motion Carried.

- Police Chief Jason Owens said he believes we budgeted \$350.00 for ammunition. I got a quote for \$604.00. It obviously is going to be over budget, but we need it.
- Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to purchase ammunition for \$604.00.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Rhonda Churella told Council about her meeting with Sherry Gensemer on May 3, 2019. Sherry brought updated agreements for both the Police Pension Fund and Non-Uniform Pension Plan. We need these to stay compliant.
- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Eugene Huber, to adopt agreements for the Police Pension Fund and Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

Motion Carried.

- Heather Fisanick, Associate of Aflac, wants to speak to borough employees about their products and services. We cannot have this taken out of employees' paychecks. If they want to purchase something, they need to be personally invoiced for it. Council approved her meeting with employees.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney stated they had no breaks today.

- Thomas Kinney said the pool is coming along. Roger said, “We got three bails of straw. I used one at the Memorial building.”

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Borough Office Manager reported about the sewer project meeting on April 30, 2019. Ernie said they finished Edgewood this morning. Slickport will be done tomorrow. We will start last section of Coleman next week. Lateral crew is on French Hill for one to two weeks. Two crews will be on restoration, weather permitting. Todd Banks asked about the trash baskets. Jim Burkey said the hospital is working with us. Haida Manor will meet with us on Thursday. The Moose has grease in the sewer. Patrick Fanelli sent them a letter. Eckenrode can do work in the manhole. Steve Fletcher said Mean Green needs to go down the drain to help break up the grease. Jim Burkey said if an old age home goes into Laurel Drive, can we do stuff at a later time? I heard a rumor that Chuck Dabella house was sold to a Lutheran Home. Ernie talked about the ADA ramps. Tell us a radius but don't say where. Todd Banks said as long as you can make the swopes works. Roger said whatever fits in the field. Steve Fletcher said to lay them out as best you can. Ernie talked about not painting the cross walks. We need to tell the borough crew to do this after all paving is done. Stiffler McGraw will call when they are done. Todd Banks talked about the PennDOT inspection. They budgeted for \$54,000.00 but it could be as high as \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00 when the project is done. He said the highest he has ever been on a project was \$34,000.00. Todd Banks said Dollar General needs to follow the Sewer Rules & Regulations. Jim Burkey said he wants it done properly. Roger talked about a substantial date of June 11, 2019 with a completion date of July 26, 2019. Ernie said it depends on the weather. Todd Banks said the sewer main is 93.1% complete; sewer laterals are 77.1% complete; and contract dollars are 81.5% complete. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2019.
- Patrick Fanelli was asked about the old aged home going in at Laurel Drive. Can this be done from a residential to a commercial property? Patrick Fanelli replied, “There is no zoning. Personal property can have many people living together that are not related. It still is residential.”

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency sent a permit report for April 2019.
- Rhonda Churella asked Thomas Kinney if he knew if Kidskins, Inc still wanted to rent the classrooms in the Memorial building? Thomas Kinney said yes. Rhonda will mail out a new agreement for them to sign dated June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020. The price will remain the same at \$240.00.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Rhonda Churella said since our pension plans state you must work 35 hours or more per week to qualify for pension. I noticed that a few of our part timers have exceeded 68 hours every two weeks. So how does this work with the pension plan? This will affect my Act 205 & AG 385 reports. I don't want any more grief with our next audit. I know Council approved for the part timers to be able to have comp time. Jeff Semelsberger said if they get called in, they can go over. They get paid straight time up to 40 hours and then comp time after that. I thought it would based on an average of hours. Patrick Fanelli said they would look at the average of hours. You should try to keep them under, but they can go over since it would average out.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jeff Zearfoss asked about a consolidation meeting with Elder Township. Alison Link said their meeting time schedule has changed and it might be the same time as ours. Jeff Semeslberger said taxes are so much lower in Elder Township. Eugene Huber said the taxpayers won't do it.
- Alison Link talked about the meeting with Susquehanna Township supervisors about the police protection contract. Alison said it went very well. They were okay with everything we suggested. They were fine with raising the price up \$5,000.00 per year; giving \$2,000.00 each year towards the cruiser reserve; and giving \$500.00 towards tires.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Thomas Kinney. This meeting adjourned approximately 7:47 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager