

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

June 16, 2020

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings Borough Office.

CALL TO ORDER: Alison Link, Council President

ROLL CALL: Members of the Council present – Alison Link, John Schettini, Melanie Zearfoss, Mayor Donald C Drass, Thomas Kinney, Jeff Zearfoss, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Jeff Semelsberger and Sam Patterson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney, 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: Ronald & Corrine Boring

Ron is here to get Pellas Automotive to stop shining LED lights into his house. You can't sit on your front porch at night because it's like daylight. Corrine stated, "It shines into our bedroom." Ron said he spoke with a police officer once. I asked him again and he said he forgot but would tell the Police Chief. Ron said, "It's pointing straight toward my house." Mayor Donald C Drass said he would talk to Dustin about this.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Alison Link read Michelle Baker's General Labor Manager report. She said they need a spare, cheap riding mower. Michelle asked about using weed killer instead of weed eating. John Schettini said if you're looking at time vs expenses, spraying is less time consuming. Michelle asked about the cross-walk paint. Alison Link said Police Chief Jason Owens is waiting for a quote from Sherman Williams. Michelle reported we need to take a tree down across the road from the ballfield by the pool. It is near electrical wires. Mitch Snyder recommended Phil Miller of Patton, PA. Mayor Drass said that he may charge between \$300.00 to \$400.00 dollars. Melanie Zearfoss got a quote of between \$800.00 to \$900.00 from Warner's about doing the

creek banks. Alison Link reported the bridge going to the little league field needs redone. Mitch Snyder reported underneath is rotted out. Mitch said he can build a new one but is not sure how long it will take.

- Street Commissioner, Thomas Kinney, reported meeting with Mike Bowser about the 2020 Road Project. We will be doing roads on Baker Street, Harvey Street, Coleman Street, Kirkpatrick Street, Seventh Avenue, and Third Avenue. We need to advertise in the Altoona Mirror twice.
- Motion made by Jeff Zearfoss, second by John Schettini, to advertise the Street Project for 2020 twice in the Altoona Mirror.

Motion Carried.

- Melanie Zearfoss talked about getting a camera system for storm water, the pool, etc. The Sewer Authority is willing to go in on the price but the Water Authority is not. A quote for \$7,938.00 is for a 200-foot system with 1" camera. Mitch Snyder said you could get a cheaper one at Home Depot for approximately \$200.00. It might not be as fancy but would still work.

POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:

- Police Chief Jason Owens stated they finished the grant.
- Mayor Donald C Drass asked Police Chief Jason Owens to come up front and center. Mayor Drass said back in October 2019 he applied for an award for Chief Owens. Alison Link and Rhonda Churella helped him with this. Mayor Drass presented Chief Owens with a certificate of recognition. Mayor Drass said, "He didn't get the big award, but at least he was recognized."
- Rhonda Churella read an email from Sam Patterson. Sam said, "I was approached over the weekend about speeding on both Beaver and Spangler. Both people were concerned because they have small children. Another resident told me about 4-wheelers that are driving on the main roads and driving up and down the brick road at the St. Bernard cemetery. A white house on Beaver St., between 5th and 7th has a high grass issue. Not sure of the house number. The grass was cut on June 15, 2020." Police Chief Jason Owens stated the grass was mowed and taken care of. Mayor Drass stated, "They do their best. They can't be everywhere all the time." Mayor Drass asked Chief Owens if it's possible he can take Sam Patterson and run speed. Sam can see how fast he thinks the cars are going versus what speed they really are going.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from March 22, 2020 to June 6, 2020.

Real Estate Tax Collected.....	\$99,314.58
Per Capita Tax Collected.....	\$1,477.60
Total Collected.....	\$100,792.18

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer’s from April 2, 2020 to June 12, 2020.

Gross Tax Collected.....	\$23,079.00
Delinquent Per Capita.....	\$25.50

- Motion was made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Zearfoss, 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 Thomas Kinney, to approve the Financial Report as of March, April, and May 1, 2020. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Jeff Zearfoss reported only the Glenn Johnson stuff. Mitch Snyder said, “They are coming back this Thursday to fix their problem on Bridge Street.”

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Melanie Zearfoss stated the pool slide needs painted. We must use epoxy paint. It’s very expensive. \$110.00 per gallon. Rubber paint is \$70.00 per gallon. John Schettini said as long as it’s clean and oil free it should be

okay. Melanie Zearfoss asked if we should do it ourselves or find someone else to do it. Alison Link stated to find someone else to do it.

- Melanie Zearfoss talked about the grass that's at the pool. Michelle wants Mitch to sift the topsoil and get all the rocks out of it. Alison Link stated she told Michelle to get new topsoil. Melanie Zearfoss asked if we could get Troy Feighner to rock hound the pool area when the season is over and plant grass seed. Melanie Zearfoss asked, "Do you want grass around the pavilion?" Alison Link and Mayor Drass both replied, "Yes." Thomas Kinney stated Rich said not to use any hay because it clogged the filters.
- Jeff Zearfoss said, "We need to get the remaining four flower boxes out before July 4, 2020."
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency sent a permit report for May 2020.
- Melanie Zearfoss talked about the gym cameras. There was a box upstairs in one of the classrooms that I unplugged. Link's said we could have Paul Shutack take the cameras back or have Link's come in to get them working again. Alison Link talked about Verkada cameras. They are from California. They are wireless. We can try them free for 90 days. Jeff Zearfoss said, "You will need batteries."

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Motion made by John Schettini, second by Thomas Kinney, to give Melanie Zearfoss a \$1.00 raise since her six-month probationary period is over.
Motion Carried.
- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by John Schettini, to try out for a one-month period to let the regular borough crew do maintenance.
Motion Carried.
- Alison Link said, "We'll give this to Melanie Zearfoss going forward. The borough crew will report to her at the office."

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- Melanie Zearfoss said, "Police Chief Jason Owens and myself were looking through the ordinance books the other day. We can possibly add Kirkpatrick Street as a one-way street. Mayor Drass asked, "Would you want to? What direction do you want to make it one way?" Thomas

Kinney said he asked Mike Bowser from PennDOT about putting a stop sign in. He said you need to have an ordinance to make it legal.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Motion made by Jeff 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:

- Thomas Kinney suggested Gary “Digger” Easley to replace Mark Thomas on the Commons Trust. Tom talked to Gary about it and Gary was okay with this. Alison Link said she would like to have someone on Council that we trust. Rhonda Churella let Council know that Saint Bernard’s will be replacing Bill Holtz since he has Alzheimer’s. The replacement will be Kathy O’Rourke. Mayor Drass said Kathy O’Rourke will want everything to go to the library. Alison Link said, “Personally I feel it should be someone currently on Council.” Mayor Drass said, “Gary Easley will stick up for the borough.” Alison Link said Council currently has a good variety of people. Jeff Zearfoss stated that always getting a senior person who has been around will eventually be fizzled out.” Alison Link said she is voting for Melanie Zearfoss. John Schettini voted for Melanie. Thomas Kinney said he wanted to vote for Gary “Digger” Easley, but will also vote for Melanie. Jeff Zearfoss said, “I am not voting since Melanie is my spouse.”
- Motion made by John Schettini, second by Thomas Kinney, to have Melanie Zearfoss become a trustee on the Commons Trust.

Motion Carried.

- A Thank you card came from the Mark Thomas family for the flowers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council President called an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and matters of possible litigation.

END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: This session ended.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Zearfoss, this meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager