

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

June 5, 2018

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 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, Jeff Zearfoss, Eugene Huber, Mayor Donald C Drass, Melanie Zearfoss, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Thomas Kinney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Alison Link, 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: Leo Burkey.

Leo Burkey asked Council if they do something about the ditch across from his place, which is across from Jonesy's next to the housing development. It is washing out on the right hand side of the road. It just needs straightened up. Christopher Gibbons asked Leo, "Are you okay with him coming on your property with the backhoe?" Leo replied, "Yes."

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Zearfoss, to give permission to Hastings Fire Club to close down Eagle Road beside the Hastings Fire Club from 6:00pm-10:00pm on July 16, 2018 for a customer appreciation day.

Motion Carried.

- Jim Larkin from PA 811 called the office today about changes coming in July 2018. They will no longer be with Labor & Industry. PA PUC will be the new enforcement office. They are stricter. Jim asked why our percentage was down to 75% and asked if there is anything they can do to help us. Jim also stated about a safety training scheduled June 26, 2018 at the Blair

County Convention Center in Altoona, PA. He asked to give this information to everyone on Council because they are invited too. Borough Office Manager asked Council if we could send Roger Hollen to this class. Council approved. She also explained to Council her concern about a back up to the PA One calls when she is on vacation. Council said to add Michelle Baker as a secondary receiver.

- Jeff Zearfoss had concerns about alleyways throughout the town. They are becoming washed out from the rain.
- Eugene Huber stated that Walt needs to gather up the limbs on Baker Street. The trees were trimmed around the street light. This did make a big difference.

POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for May 2018.
- Motion made by Alison Link, second by Jeff Zearfoss, to approve the monthly police report.

Motion Carried.

- Melanie Zearfoss asked if Chief Owens looked into the printer. Alison Link stated one is in.
- Borough Office Manager asked if we need to complete a State permit for the Donut Dash. Alison Link stated we do. She will have a meeting by the middle of June and give more information at that time.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Jeff Zearfoss stated we are posting a schedule every Monday for the sewer project locations.
- Jeff Zearfoss stated bids are coming in for waste sludge. They were getting a \$400.00 charge over the winter months when nothing was being hauled away. The solicitor made the contract null and void under the Sunshine Act.
- Jeff Zearfoss stated Michelle Baker passed the sewer test but Jonah Thomas did not. Jonah told them he passed 2 out of 3 tests. The next test is going

to be on him. They will discuss at their meeting, but Michelle maybe Jonah's supervisor.

- Jeff Zearfoss stated that Michelle will be getting a raise for doing all the extra stuff she has taken on.
- Borough Office Manager stated Jim Burkey asked if Council would be okay with Jonah Thomas having an old tank at the sewer plant. Jonah wants to make a fire pit. Jim said the only other use for it would be to scrap it. Council approved Jonah taking the old tank.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Melanie Zearfoss stated at the park the balance beam never got fixed. It needs a 4X4 and the slide on the pirate's ship is broken. Christopher Gibbons will have Roger measure and get them both fixed.
- Melanie Zearfoss stated we need to maintain the creek. People are complaining.
- Mayor Drass said Dave Commons asked if we are putting slate behind Tom's place for Dave to put on the alley. Eugene Huber asked, "Does he want it dumped by the barn? Will he take care of it?" Christopher Gibbons said that Eugene Huber and Thomas Kinney were handling this.
- Mayor Drass said at the end of Beaver Street, they are putting a Dollar Bargain in. Will they be able to get some fill from the sewer project up there? Christopher Gibbons told him they need to contact Eric Bittner from Glenn Johnston, Inc. They will need to sign a contract with them.
- Christopher Gibbons stated the prisoners had a good week. They got railings painted, bathrooms & cafeteria painted, and picnic tables at the park painted. Do we want them to come back? Everyone said, "Yes." Lunch went perfect. They were very productive and we will benefit from it.
- Melanie Zearfoss asked about pesticides by the pool. Do we need a license? Christopher Gibbons stated the borough crew was spraying weed killer. He did research on this and Round-Up weed killer is not classified as a pesticide. Christopher Gibbons also said it's a minute area.
- Borough Office Manager stated Joseph Owens dropped off a letter about mowing grass. This letter was read to Council. Council discussed the letter and said to send a "Thank you" that it was considered but they went another way.

- Borough Office Manger gave Council an update on the deed transfer from Hastings Borough to Hastings Public Library. Christopher Gibbons said the borough solicitor questioned if we wanted a "reverter" clause put in the agreement of land transfer between Hastings Borough & Hastings Public Library. This would state if something would ever happen to the library the property would revert back to the borough. Council thought this was a good idea. The agreement must be revised with this.
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency sent a permit report for May 2018.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Christopher Gibbons asked Kristen Bollinger if Roger Hollen was asked at his job interview about computer skills. Kristen replied, "No."
- Kristen Bollinger would like something put in Walter Thomas' personnel file about not marking a bunch of PA One Calls for the sewer project from back in December 2017. Christopher Gibbons told Council that some things are minute and we have to over look them. People in the public come at the borough crew left and right.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Jeff Zearfoss. This meeting adjourned approximately 7:55 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager