

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

**July 16, 2019**

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 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 – Alison Link, Eugene Huber, Kristen Bollinger, Jeff Semelsberger, Mayor Donald C Drass, Melanie Zearfoss, Thomas Kinney, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Jeff Zearfoss.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Semelsberger, 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:** Ken Schall

Ken Schall stated he was born and raised in Hastings. On Saturday, his son and two daughters' boyfriends got tickets for parking at the Memorial building. There are usually two men who sit at the benches and park in the lot behind the benches. Have they ever gotten a ticket? Police Chief Jason Owens explained an ordinance was adopted for events, weather, etc. We are not a 24/7 police department. We cover three municipalities. I maybe at another municipality handling a call and you notice those people sitting on the bench but by the time I get back into town they are gone. I didn't see them. Ken Schall said, "We were parked there. Should it be reconsidered. We park there every holiday. My family was to come on Sunday and didn't. Alison Link said, "There was an event going on." Ken Schall asked, "What if I were at the VFW for an event?" Chief Owens explained the events are at the Memorial building. We have to enforce it. You were not the only ones. Ken Schall said, "I question if there is a better way to regulate parking there." Melanie Zearfoss said, "You can park on the street. There is a lot of parking options. Our main goal is to not park there during events." Kristen Bollinger tried explaining that we have renters paying to use the building. That poses a problem as well. Melanie Zearfoss stated they were there until 9:45pm. Jeff Semelsberger said, "Ken does make a good point. It does need addressed." Chief Owens stated, "We got to enforce everything." Ken Schall said,

“Food for thought. Keep it open and put a sign-up during events.” Jeff Semelsberger said, “People would not move when asked. I sympathize with you.” Eugene Huber said, “I do too.” Ken Schall asked if he could make one check for all three tickets. Chief Owens said he can void these three tickets. Mayor Donald C Drass stated in the future call the borough office and ask for permission to park there. Give a description of the cars. They will need to see if the building is rented or not. Kristen Bollinger stated temporary parking passes can be put in their window.

### **STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:**

- Rhonda Churella talked to Council about the emails sent to Council members from Cory Gehret of Stiffler McGraw on our three bridges. I spoke with PennDOT representative Mike Bowser, about this today when he was here for a meeting with Eugene Huber and Thomas Kinney. Council discussed that they were only given suggestions about the bridges. The bridges are all okay. Alison Link stated she got new signs stating the bridge weight is 10 tons. The borough crew put them up. Kristen Bollinger asked if the weight is really 10 tons. Eugene Huber said Mike Bowser told him one time that you must either mill the bridge, replace with the same amount. You cannot add a layer onto it because that will change the weight tonnage.
- Eugene Huber spoke to Mike Bowser about the storm drain that Troy Feighner put in Harvey Street. Mike said since it is under \$3,000.00 and it is work to an existing drain, we can pay this with Liquid fuels money. Mike said if we ever do a new storm drain, we must call him first because he will work with us through the project paperwork. We must do it per PennDOT guidelines.
- Melanie Zearfoss asked if the crosswalks are legal. Chief Owens said yes, they are. Melanie asked if we could get signs put up because she has almost been hit with her two children and dog crossing the road. Chief Owens said the signs on the roadway usually get hit. He recommended signs for on the telephone poles. Alison Link stated should we get them for telephone poles.
- Alison Link asked if April Arnold dropped off pictures at the office. Rhonda replied, “No.” Alison said April told her asphalt had fallen in the drain and clogged it. Melanie Zearfoss asked if this was on Spangler Street. Jeff

Semelsberger said it must be Haggerty's between the garage and Haggerty's. We should have the guys look at it.

- Rhonda Churella read the General Laborer Manager report to Council. Council discussed a problem with people dumping stuff at the Third Avenue dump site. Council discussed getting signs to put up. One saying, "No Trespassing" and another "No Dumping". In the future if someone wants to get something from the borough like dirt from the sewer project off the boroughs site, they need to come into the borough office to get approval. If approved, the borough crew needs to accompany them to our site.
- Kristen Bollinger stated they did a nice job on the flower boxes.
- Alison Link told Rhonda to call Paul Shutack about the park cameras not working. Alison said she has been doing a lot of his work and we are paying him to do it.

**POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:**

- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Thomas Kinney, to hire Rusty Wills as a full-time police officer in the Police Department effective today. He will be on probation for one year.

**Motion Carried.**

- Alison Link stated the fax machine in the police department was not working. It has been there for a long time. The part to fix it would cost as much as purchasing a new one. I got them a used colored printer at no cost. We did purchase toner for it.
- Rhonda asked if we have any news on the Susquehanna Township / Hastings Borough Police Protection agreement. Alison Link said no, the solicitor is still working on it.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from June 16, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

Real Estate Tax Collected.....	\$5,384.54
Per Capita Tax Collected.....	\$130.00
Total Collected.....	\$5,514.54

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer's from June 19, 2019 to July 12, 2019.

Gross Tax Collected.....\$9,334.73

- Motion was made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Melanie 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 Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to approve the Financial Report as of June 1, 2019. All present voted yes.

**Motion Carried.**

**FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Rhonda Churella reported a certificate of deposit coming due at Marion Center Bank on July 19, 2019 for the Police Pension. The specials they are offering are: 19-month term with the rate of 1.90% & 1.92 APY (annual percentage yield); 50-month term with the rate of 2.10% & 2.12 APY. We also have another certificate at First National Bank coming due on April 19, 2020. It would be nice to have both in one place if possible. This can be discussed next year.
- Motion made by Jeff Semelsberger, second by Eugene Huber, to renew certificate of deposit account number 800000123 at the 19-month term at Marion Center Bank on July 19, 2019.

**Motion Carried.**

**WATER COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

**SEWER COMMITTEE:**

- Borough Office Secretary reported about the sewer project meeting on July 9, 2019. John said all piping is completed. Ernie said two skid steer crews are here. John said about three weeks for asphalt, weather permitting. Ernie said heat batch at the plant-Quaker Sales due to the high heat. John said the overlay is on hold. Will work on the overlay. Will need a cost for the milling. Is about 250 feet. Ernie paved laterals for about a month. Water company has been looking for the leak. A bunch of holes are dug up around town. About 50,000 gallons. Pat said about twelve patches need filled for the milling. Ernie said thirty square yards tops, about \$1,600.00.

Pat and Ernie said utility manhole on Beaver & Fourth Avenue away from catch basin. About two inches deep. Needs to be raised to grade & put ring around it. Jim said to fix potholes in town. Pat said Fire hall bought the house on 210 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Ernie said they are going to fill the house and cap it. Jim said going to opt out of service, so they don't have to pay fees. Pat said Blaze McCombie has been resolved. I gave him the check. Ernie said Nemec wanted to rockhound his yard, but never got the chance to. Gave him about three months to do it. They planted grass seed, and it got into his pool. Ernie said still needs testing to be done. Thinks this week or sometime next week. Five weeks of paving to do in borough. A couple driveways left to be paved. Jim wants a percentage on lawn repair and paving for the meetings, weather permitting. Pat said about 65%. Ernie said if the weather cooperates, we could be out of here in sixty days. Ernie said a few minor complaints about restoration. Pat said complaints have been addressed to their best ability. Jim said August 1, 2019 is the annual picnic for Fire Company. You need to make sure everything is done. The annual church picnic is also in the middle of August. Jim said standpipes on Railroad Street are low-grade and capped. Ernie said everything is tested and will be doing inspections for man pans. Jim said inspections during rainstorms on residents for laterals. Jim said about ten laterals left. Residents will be receiving letters that didn't do a lateral will be doing at their own cost. Two that did do it in town. Ernie said the base coat on Third Avenue will be finished today and finished on Monday. The next meeting is to be announced. Possibly July 23, 2019. They will call to confirm when it is.

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

- Melanie Zearfoss said the pool motor broke this weekend on Saturday. We need to compensate Rich Banik, Craig Lieb, and Albert Nemec. I suggest \$100.00 gift card to each one paid out of the pool account. We need to take this motor off before we start the filter room renovations. Council approved. Alison Link will get them from script at St. Benedict's school.
- Thomas Kinney asked about the house next to him on Spangler Street. Nadine Miller has been trying to clean out the inside. Tom said he would purchase this from Nadine and tear it down. The last time he spoke to her Tom told her she is getting close to the price he is willing to pay. Mayor Drass said she tells him she is going to sell it to you.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

- Nothing to report.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:** Motion made by Eugene Huber, 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:**

- Borough Office received a complaint form from Bill Shortencarrier of 223 Edgewood Drive. He rented pavilion #3 on July 5, 2019 and was extremely dissatisfied. The table/benches were dirty. The floor was filthy, and the spouting was full of debris (tall weeds). Alison Link had the pavilions cleaned after we had the Easter egg hunt. We will respond back with a letter stating Thank you for your concerns. We will take this feedback for consideration.
- Borough Office received a complaint form from Rich Waksmunski of 1366 Spangler Street. He said the sidewalk on the corner of 1365 Spangler Street has stone & blacktop chunks all over the sidewalk. It washed down from the hill. I almost slipped & fell on it. Council stated to respond we will look at this. This possibly could be up to the owner of the sidewalk to take care of.

**ADJOURN:** Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Jeff Semelsberger, this meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m. All present voted yes.

**Motion Carried.**

Rhonda Churella  
Borough Office Manager