

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

August 20, 2019

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 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, Jeff Zearfoss, Thomas Kinney, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Melanie 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: Samuel J Brunatti III -Combined Insurance; Don Mulraney & Rodney Ropp of Kidskins, Inc.

Samuel J Brunatti III-Sam talked to Council about products that Combined Insurance offers. Sam wants to meet with each employee individually. Alison Link said, "We can let the employees know and have them call you. We will give them your contact information."

Don Mulraney & Rodney Ropp-Don Mulraney introduced himself as the President of Kidskins, Inc. I want to apologize for not using the proper procedure to rent the Memorial building. The cheerleaders can't practice in the rain. We have insurance on each football player, cheerleader, coaches, and cheerleader equipment. We would like to sign a yearly contract with you to rent the Memorial building. We can even have something drawn up by our attorney or yours. Rodney Ropp introduced himself as the Vice-President of Kidskins, Inc. Rodney asked, "Can we get a phone number to call after hours or a key to get our equipment out." Kristen Bollinger said, "We can check with Taylor and see if she wants to be the person for you to call." Kristen asked if she understood that all you want is an open-ended rental agreement and someone to call after hours. Jeff Semelsberger suggested a group text so that one of us will be available after hours to open the building. Don Mulraney said that would be a good idea. Their

busy time is July & August and October & November plus cheerleaders. Alison Link asked them for their cell numbers.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Eugene Huber talked about using liquid fuels money to go together with the Sewer Authority to have Glenn Johnson pave some roads. Eugene said we cannot use liquid fuels money because we would need to get Mike Bowser, PennDOT Representative involved. We would need to do a bid process through PennDOT.
- Eugene Huber said he met with Ernie of Glenn Johnson on Monday, August 19, 2019, regarding Spangler Street near the old Bill Abel house. They will come out about two in a half foot. This will not bother snow plowing.
- Jeff Semelsberger talked about getting a new truck for the borough crew. We need to get a 450 or something with a 60 in it. I can talk with Walsh & Tri Star. I've been looking for a used truck, but we would be no better off than we are now. We would just be getting someone else's problems. Rhonda Churella told Council how much money they would have toward a new truck. Jeff Semelsberger said we can finance the remaining balance through either vendor. Tom Kinney said 550's are okay. Jeff Semelsberger said he will have a salesman from Walsh come to the next meeting. Tom Kinney said, "Don't get a Dodge truck because I had one when I worked. The truck was more in the garage than I drove it." Tom Kinney talked about a new auger motor for the white truck. This should only cost around \$300.00. I will get the numbers off the truck. Jeff Semelsberger said, "We can change that motor ourselves."
- Rhonda Churella read the General Laborer Manager report to Council. Michelle Baker talked about the Hepatitis A & B Vaccines that our newest hires have not gotten yet. She also asked about getting back up cameras for the borough trucks. Jeff Semelsberger said in the wintertime, they are terrible. The new truck will probably have one. Jeff Zearfoss said maybe we can get larger mirrors to put on the doors.
- Mayor Donald C Drass reported Hilda Kibler said we need to clean out the ditch on Second Avenue. The storm drain is clogged. The storm drain is located across the street by the garage.

POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:

- Mayor Drass said the new full timer is doing good. They both are doing good.
- Police Chief Jason Owens said Rusty is not certified in Enradd & V-Spec. If someone tries to fight this at a hearing, we must provide the latest calibration and certification. There is a class on September 17, 2019 in Logan Township for \$285.00. Council agreed he must get certified and approved the class.
- Police Chief Jason Owens said we got another Buckle-Up Grant. We have been approved for Child Safety Passenger Enforcement. Only sixty police departments get this in Pennsylvania. We are now one of them. The grant is for \$1,400.00 and will run from September 15, 2019 to September 28, 2019.
- Police Chief Jason Owens got an invite to Operation Safe Stop on October 23, 2019 at Cambria Heights for school buses. Chief Owens will get in a bus and ride to see where problems are.
- Police Chief Jason Owens talked about Superior Human Services at Northern Cambria donating money to get camera's in the cruiser 24-7. Someone was a victim in a recent case I had. They said they will donate what you need.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from July 1, 2019 to August 10, 2019.

Real Estate Tax Collected.....	\$319.99
Per Capita Tax Collected.....	\$27.50
Total Collected.....	\$347.49

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer's from July 17, 2019 to August 16, 2019.

Gross Tax Collected.....\$18,119.09

- Motion was made by Eugene Huber, second by Thomas Kinney, 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 Thomas Kinney, to approve the Financial Report as of July 1, 2019. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Borough Office Secretary reported about the sewer project meetings on August 13, 2019 & August 14, 2019. Julia did a town walk through with Sewer Authority members, Engineers from Stiffler McGraw and Glenn Johnson. They have one more day to do this.
- Jeff Zearfoss said they will be done with the project by the end of September.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Jeff Semelsberger said the Fire Company wants to meet with us. They want the fire hall deeded over to them. Alison Link stated why are we paying all their bills. I hear they are building. I have heard back in 1995 we only paid for their sewer bill. I had Rhonda send an email to Patrick Fanelli about this. We are not having a meeting until Patrick Fanelli talks to us about this situation. Since the Fire Company is planning on building, and the borough owns the current building, the Police Department could move in. They would have bays to park both cruisers in. Right now, Chief Owens has been parking the cruiser in his own garage. Mayor Drass said he is okay with the Chief having that cruiser at his house.
- Rhonda updated everyone on the letter we received from The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company for the Fire Company building. Rhonda spoke to Larry Kline on August 16, 2019, about the last inspection done on June 21, 2017. Larry said the electric switch needs locked in the off position. Larry said he would do this. There is a variance request that he needs to get me a price for.

- An animal ordinance form was faxed to the borough office from Gwen Westover. She has 4 dogs, 2 cats, and 1 rabbit. Council said this is domestic animals only. You don't need approval for these.
- Sherry Blake called the borough office today asking for Council's permission to get a dumpster for one to two weeks at 124 Kirkpatrick Street. Council approved as long as it doesn't block the roadway.
- Kendall & Ahsley Rogal dropped a letter off at the borough office today pertaining to approval for backyard chickens. They would like 4-8 hens called Road Island Reds that are on the list of quietest chickens. Council said to send them the same letter we did two weeks ago. Mayor Drass asked, "Should we rescind this ordinance?" Police Chief Jason Owens stated an ordinance was always in play, but it was never signed. Thus, the ordinance was never enforced. I used Ebensburg boroughs ordinance verbatim. Kristen Bollinger said something needs in place. Chief Owens said, "I am okay with this." Jeff Semelsberger stated we got to have a guideline.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Alison Link stated Taylor Nemec will be the Pool Manager next year.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Eugene Huber, 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:

- Nothing to report.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Thomas Kinney, this meeting adjourned at approximately 8:33 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager