

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

August 7, 2018

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 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, Thomas Kinney, Kristen Bollinger, Jeff Zearfoss, Eugene Huber, Mayor Donald C Drass, Melanie Zearfoss, Alison Link, and Rhonda Churella. All were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Alison Link, 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: None.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Christopher Gibbons explained to Council that we will have to deal with the roads and garbage pickups until this sewer project is completed. He also said, "This is like night and day compared to Gallitzin when they did their sewer project."

POLICE REPORT/COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Donald C Drass read the monthly police report for July 2018.
- Motion made by Eugene Huber, second by Melanie Zearfoss, to approve the monthly police report.

Motion Carried.

- Mayor Drass talked about people coming up the one way street on Fourth Avenue. He stated the sewer project crew needs to be told they cannot go through the wrong way. Someone is going to get hit or hurt.

- Christopher Gibbons told Police Chief Jason Owens he had two issues with the scheduling. He asked Chief Owens if he talks to Alison Link and Mayor Drass about the weekends. He stated one person is on in the evenings but how about daylight? Chief Owens stated, "I would like to but I need to watch the hours." Christopher Gibbons stated an accident happened and the State Police handled it. An accident on August 1, 2018, involving Regis Warner's parked vehicle getting hit was handled by the State Police.
- Christopher Gibbons talked about the notification from our insurance company on Joshua Dignan being a non-acceptable driver due to an unfavorable motor vehicle record. Council was confused why this didn't turn up when he was first hired. Christopher Gibbons said they randomly pick and run them. Joshua brought paperwork in showing this was expunged. The insurance company notified the office today that he was added back on however he will be on a watch list. Any further activity they will have to exclude him.
- Cambria County SERT Demonstration & Display at Cambria County Fire School site on August 15, 2018 at 6:00pm. This information was given to the Police Department and Fire Company.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Melanie Zearfoss reported actually having a nice balance in the general fund this past month.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Jeff Zearfoss reported they are ahead of schedule with the sewer project. It has been a help having the water lines marked.
- Jeff Zearfoss stated the Sewer Authority voted to look for another solicitor. Christopher Gibbons said both the authorities can do that since they are both separate entities. Jeff asked about the borough. Christopher stated that is why there are seven members here. We get to vote on it and go

forward. We should discuss this further at the beginning of the year. We will go with the majority vote.

- Christopher Gibbons asked Jeff who handles problems after hours and weekend issues with this sewer project. For example someone's sewer line was put in and backed up into the basement. Jeff Zearfoss said the borough would go. The sewer project is good for one year. Jeff told Christopher he will ask and find out.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Drass stated Melanie Zearfoss had asked him to remove a log in the creek behind the hockey court. Mayor Drass said he cannot pull it out. Walt can take the backhoe and pull it out with a chain. The log is too big for my tractor.
- Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency sent a permit report for July 2018.
- Tax Claim Bureau sent a list of properties being offered for sale at Cambria County Upset Tax Sale on September 10, 2018.
- Michelle Baker said the basement at the Memorial building smells like piss. Should we get the three carpets in the cafeteria professionally cleaned or pressure wash them. Christopher Gibbons said to pressure wash them. He also said to have Brady Baker put buckets of water down each drain with some bleach.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Kristen Bollinger reported we only received two applications for the part time laborer position. They were from Bradley Edwards and Josh Firment. Christopher Gibbons asked Council if they want to re-advertise it. Council was fine with that. Christopher Gibbons said to advertise for two weeks with the last day for applications on August 31, 2018 at 3:00pm.
- Thomas Kinney said Barry Weakland considered this position. Barry told Thomas with his retirement and hospitalization, it would cost him \$200.00 more a month that it does now. It wouldn't be feasible for him to take this position.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Food sign up for Picnic at the Park on August 21, 2018 at 6:00pm.
Christopher Gibbons said to tell Walter Thomas and Richard Banik that it's mandatory for them both. Council agreed.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Zearfoss. This meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager