

REGULAR MEETING
Hastings Borough Council

September 17, 2019

The Hastings Borough Council held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 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, Melanie Zearfoss, Kristen Bollinger, Jeff Semelsberger, Mayor Donald C Drass, Jeff Zearfoss, Thomas Kinney, and Rhonda Churella. Absent was Eugene Huber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Thomas Kinney, 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: None.

STREET/EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- The truck quote from Dave Monella of Stephenson Equipment came in at \$80,954.00. Jeff Semelsberger said he is waiting on a quote from Courtesy Ford on a stripped white chasey. We will wait for this one outstanding bid. Jeff said we must make a decision at the October 1, 2019 meeting.
- Lisa Stevens called the borough office on September 4, 2019 about Mockingbird Road having large holes in it. They need patched up because this road is used heavily. Council said to have the borough crew look at it and see what they can do.
- Michael Bowser from PennDOT emailed the 2020 estimated Liquid Fuels Allocation for \$49,938.49, the 20% allocation of this total will be \$9,987.70.
- Rhonda Churella read the General Laborer Manager report to Council. Michelle Baker talked about classes they are attending. Michelle talked to Joe Woods, Northern Cambria Borough Street Supervisor, about what kind of walkie talkies they have. She is awaiting information on this. Michelle got paint samples from Chris Thomas of Sherman Williams for the cafeteria

at the Memorial building. Michelle said we need to hire Beach Electric to repair or upgrade the electric wiring lines for the Christmas lights.

- Ruth Hester came in the borough office for a sewer complaint form. Apparently, the borough crew years ago put in a pipe to help with water drainage. Glenn Johnson parked their equipment on it creating a hole. Todd Banks of Stiffler McGraw said there is approximately 30 or 40 feet of bad storm sewer pipe along the roadway and under the driveway. The storm pipe is bad upstream and downstream of the location the equipment was parked. Jeff Zearfoss took this information and wants to talk to Glenn Johnson about this.
- Michelle Baker got PA Rural Water to have a Water & Wastewater Workplace Safety class on confined space, trenching and bloodborne pathogens at the Memorial building on November 12, 2019.
- A borough complaint was received from Ray Kelly of 137 Baker Street about a storm drain issue. When it rains, gravel stones come down from John Selestok's. The borough crew tried once before to fix this to no avail. Jeff Zearfoss said to have the borough crew try and clean it out or get the fire company to blow water through it.
- Kristen Bollinger said she received a complaint about the alley near Wren Avenue. Tom Kinney said he is going to have the borough crew take some gravel up and use the backhoe to smooth it up.
- Jeff Zearfoss talked about the streetlight telephone pole by the old bank. He said it looks like it may snap off at the base of it. This is by Hartzell Insurance.

POLICE COMMITTEE/REPORT:

- Police Chief Jason Owens stated they have been very busy. They are doing another Buckle-Up Grant for Child Safety Passenger Enforcement.
- Jeff Zearfoss asked when the school bus grant is. Chief Owens replied, "October 24, 2019."
- Alison Link stated the police department had 865 calls day & night on speeding. The fastest person was doing forty-one miles per hour.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Real Estate & Per Capita Tax collected from August 18, 2019 to August 31, 2019.

Real Estate Tax Collected.....	\$920.72
Per Capita Tax Collected.....	\$11.00
Total Collected.....	\$931.72

Earned Income Tax collected from Berkheimer’s from August 21, 2019 to August 30, 2019.

Gross Tax Collected.....\$8,124.87

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

Motion Carried.

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report.

WATER COMMITTEE:

- Thomas Kinney reported the sewer rats want the Water Authority to pay \$150,000.00 for hitting water lines that weren’t marked. They are not going to get this. Jeff Semelsberger said it seems a little odd that they kept track of this. Jeff Zearfoss said they knew what we were under budget.
- Jeff Semelsberger reported Roxanne Pitts had her road fixed and is very pleased with the job.
- Melanie Zearfoss talked to John Clabaugh and was told the pool filters came in at \$150,000.00 but he thought they should be \$80,000.00. John Clabaugh called one of the companies. Melanie said she is going to call the actual company that builds the filter. Jeff Zearfoss said if we do the grant it is under agreement. Thomas Kinney said we should stay away from the guidelines of the grant.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

- On September 11, 2019 Sewer Authority meeting the project status was: Work status complete-99%, Sewer main piping-100% complete, Lateral

pipng-100% complete, Law restoration completion-22 days, Road restoration completion-3 weeks, and project costs-the costs of the project are on budget.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- Cambria County Tax Claim Bureau sent a letter on September 10, 2019, stating that John J Schettini purchased property (Stephen Kuzma-118 Dawn Street) at the tax sale on September 9, 2019 for \$2,005.20.
- Alison Link was approached by Robbie Pierce about getting a Vision Impairment Person sign put up. His son is blind and does visit his grandparents across the road.
- Motion made by Melanie Zearfoss, second by Jeff Semelsberger, to purchase two sets of Vision Impairment Person signs.

Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Zearfoss, to accept Julia Rodgers letter of resignation effective September 6, 2019.

Motion Carried.

- Rhonda Churella called WorkLink Staffing and got information on hiring through this agency. To become a client, we need to complete the client credit form and give them a copy of the job description. They outlined what services they cover and the benefits their employees receive. They also included a bid contract of the rates. They will either scan over resumes and set up interviews at our office or theirs, or they can send the best suited employees to us. The employee is responsible for his/her timecard, which we will get billed weekly for. If their employee suffers a work-related injury their office needs contacted immediately. They assume total responsibility for all reported injuries. All employees are drug tested, which is a \$20.00 fee to us. They will conduct random drug testing at no cost to maintain this policy.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Motion made by Thomas Kinney, second by Jeff Semelsberger, 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:

- Cambria County Boroughs' Association is having the 2019 Fall Dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at Gallitzin Sportsmen's Association. Rhonda Churella will take an attendance count at the next Council meeting.
- Rhonda Churella has the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company audit on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 11am to 12 noon.
- Council discussed dropping the phone at the borough garage. Melanie Zearfoss said she will investigate the price of Straight Talk cell phones. She believes we can put it on Verizon. Thomas Kinney said we can also investigate the price of 2 bases; one for Michelle and the office.

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

END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: The session ended.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Kristen Bollinger, second by Jeff Semelsberger, this meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m. All present voted yes.

Motion Carried.

Rhonda Churella
Borough Office Manager