

The April committee meeting 4/4/2023 was called to order by Borough Council President Bruce Markovich and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following items were discussed by committee topic in a contiguous manner beginning at 4:00p.m.

Council members attending were Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Jay Doyle, Mayor Hugh Vrablic and John Turcmanovich were not in attendance.

I will submit these minutes with the best hearing ability I can. When the meeting starts there is so much background noise of papers tearing chairs creaking and I do not know what else, I could hardly hear what was said. Please be more mindful that there is a recorder going in the room.

### **Public Works:**

The Committee is William Chuma, John Turcmanovich, and Jay Doyle.

Bill Chuma gave the report: The streets to pave this year will be around \$41,000.00. The 300 block of W. Kline Ave. between Patterson St & Bertsch St., 200 Block of E. Kline Ave. from the funeral home to Chestnut St., will do Coal St. between Abbott St and Water St. 300 W. Kline Ave, and 100 E. Front St. Between tacking, cement & sealing is \$55,000.00.

Street Sweeping starts on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The cinder spreader for the big truck needs repair, tires for the trailer, tires for the eXmark, tune up kit for the eXmark. We did get sewer supplies. We will start mowing next week.

Would like to hire summer help. We are going to trim trees down at the pool park. We took benches down to the pool playground. When we were down there, we noticed the slide was cracked, and the hobby horse rotted through.

### **Municipal Administration:**

The Committee is Bruce Markovich, Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio.

Bruce Markovich gave the report: Extend a thank you to Rose Chapelio and Carbon Engineering for their work on a Federal Grant to make needed upgrades to the sewer system. Rose only had one week to complete the 40-page grant.

We need to pass a Resolution to recognize the work done at the Train Station by the students at CCTI, we are going to set a date to hand out certificates of appreciation to each of the students.

There is a meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> with Claire Sadler the Executive Director of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. Marianne Rustadt from Carbon County Economic Development is heading up the effort to have the 2006 trail survey updated to complete the connection between the D & L Trail and the Schuylkill River Trail. The connection route will bring the trail into Lansford & Tamaqua.

Notified yesterday that DEP will be here tomorrow to determine the feasibility of having the Panther Creek dredged and realigned to prevent ongoing flooding which has ruined the railroad tracks owned by Reading and Northern and contributes to the pollution of the Panther Creek.

No bids were submitted to the County for the Brimbles Wall project.

ARRO Engineer filed an extension for the Borough Garage grant.

Grants for 2024:

We need a motion to use our 2023 CDBG money for two projects. Primary project tear down 151/151 ½ W Ridge St, our secondary project would be to install curbing on Cortright between Abbott and Water and to install guard rails at the end of Springgarden St. between Chestnut and Leisenring Streets.

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For this years LSA grant my suggestion is handicap ramps on the playground side of the pool park, up to four handicap accessible rides in the playground and fencing on the north side of the park.  
Motion- Send out request for proposals for the cost to complete a new feasibility study for the pool.  
We can put the remainder of the pool grant onto the new feasibility study for the grant.  
Brimble's Wall ARRO is sending out bid packets to some contractors to see if anyone will bid.

### **Park and Recreation:**

The Committee is Gwyneth Collevecchio, William Chuma, Jennifer Staines.

Gwyneth Collevecchio gave the report: There are two rides broken at the pool park. We did not get the grant for the pavilion.

Plant Fest is coming up it will be from 11-4 we will be selling soup and there will be two food trucks there parked on Ashton Ave.

### **Public Safety:**

The Committee is John Turcmanovich, Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevecchio.

In the absence of John Turcmanovich, the report was given by Gwyneth emailed everyone about National Night Out and it is still being worked on. The date is Tuesday August 1,2023. I checked with Coaldale they are doing theirs from 6-8 we can do 5-7 or 6-8. St. Luke's is interested.

Dan Wynn of 120 W. Patterson St. mentioned some concerns and was directed to notify the mayor with the concerns as they pertained to the Police Department.

### **Code Enforcement:**

The Committee is Jay Doyle, William Chuma, and Jennifer Staines.

Jay Doyle gave the report, as he mentioned that he found 30 properties in bad shape in the Borough that he will be turning over to ARRO 5 properties at a time. If you have any Ordinances that need work to let him know. Then the meeting was turned over to Jim Dean, the Code Officer for the Borough, to discuss some of the Ordinances. The first one to work on is the Residential Rental Ordinance. Jim mentioned.

**Section 102** Definitions and that we need to add the word addendum because they seem to not know what it is.

Rent to Own #15 we need to be more descriptive.

#### **Section 103 Owner's Duties:**

If Owner sells rental unit, they shall notify the Borough within 30 DAYS of sale.

New Owner shall procure a compliant Rental inspection and license within 60 days of sale.

#### **Section 105 Licenses and Inspections:**

A.1 "A Residential Rental License shall be required for all Regulated for all Regulated Rental Units." Add to this or restructure this point to ensure the OWNER has their OWN Residential Rental License. SEE Section 103 Owners Duties point to add to ordinance.

#### **Section 105 A. Licenses and Fees:**

Have inspections every 2 years. This would delete #2 a.b.c. As per codes and new laws delaying or prolonging inspections may not promote health, safety and welfare of occupants or the general public.

A.3. Annual fee timing: May I suggest that the entire payment process be done BEFORE the year of the Rental License. Send out the invoice in September.

The due date would be December 31 of each year.

Payment Jan 1 thru 31 \$100 late fees.

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After Jan 31 Citations, revoke rental license, send letter to Tax Claim Bureau so the owner may not purchase any property on any County sale. Citations for non-payment of the Rental fees would be issued weekly.

The Borough needs to work on a Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

There was a discussion on the Housing Authority and Section 8 inspections not meeting requirements.

There was also work being done on the Animal Ordinance.

The meeting went into executive session at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer