

The August committee meeting 8/1/2023 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 Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Martin Ditsky, John Turcmanovich. Mayor Hugh Vrablic was not in attendance after 4:45 p.m. Jay Doyle was not in attendance.

Public Works:

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

William Chuma gave the report: We are getting the Streets ready for paving. Everyone wanted to know what took so long to get Coal Street done. Well John Davis from PA. Dot said we could only use PA Dot approved concrete, so we had to wait on the supplier to get product.

Yesterday we started using the milling machine we used it on Coal St. between Abbott St. and Water St. and down by the Water Authority Garage on Dock St.

We are not going to get all the paving done that we had planned on this year, so we had to revise it. We will not be paving: 300 block of W. Kline Ave, 200 block of W. Kline Ave., or Powell St. The streets that will get done are Coal St. (Abbott to W. Water), Coal St. (Bertsch to Patterson), 400 block of E. Abbott St. not to the curb, 300 Block of W. Water St. for 300 ft. I called Mr. Davis, and he approved it all. We are trying to keep up with grass. After paving we will be painting lines. I have had people yelling at me about cutting the grass we cannot cut wet grass. There are ruts in the grass where the zero turn rips it up from mowing when it is wet. We need new belts for the zero turns they are \$40.00 apiece. Equipment wise the red truck needs 2 doors Rottet can get them for me for \$1,400.00 a pc. The black truck is damaged where the latch is on the door. I found two street sweepers we need to go and look at them. The tailgate on the new truck needs to be repaired. We will need to check on the insurance policy and see what the deductible is. There is also damage to the Silberline building across from the Borough Garage.

After the Public Works Committee Meeting the meeting went on to hear from Christine Dettore from DCNR who came to talk to us about the pool.

Christine stated that the Lansford Pool is a Land & Water Conservation Fund Site – they received federal dollars from parks service maybe around 20 years ago, so we need to come every 5 years and do inspections on it. Christine said that if we are going to be applying for a federal grant, we will need a pool feasibility study we cannot use the one that was done. We will also need to know what it will cost us to run the facility. What a study does is give Council what they need to do to take the next step. Whether to repair the pool or to put splash pads in. Putting splashpads you do not have to do a feasibility study. To apply for the grant, it is a 50/50 match. If you are applying for \$1,000,000.00 then you would need \$500,000.00 just for repairs that does not include the upkeep of the pool. Bruce asked a good case scenario we rehab the pool and then we can't keep it going then what? Christine said that she would be back here again having this same conversation with whoever is here. There were no issues with the baby pool. The timeline when applying if you do the feasibility study first is we apply next Spring we would not know anything until the Fall, we can't start the study till 2024 that takes 18 months now you are into 2025. You apply for rehab grants in 2025 and you will not fix the pool till 2026.

Gwyn stated will we have the membership to make it worthwhile. We are looking at a million-dollar price tag for the pool to be open for 3 months. It's from June to August. Can we get lifeguards? Can we get staff? Can we get something that you keep the pool open from April to October and that is

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recreation and that might be the way to go. Christine has some ideas splash pad, volleyball, pavilions, skatepark of course all of this would have to be fenced in.

Another idea was to maybe ask the surrounding towns to help financially with the pool.

Bruce said that he thinks we should put a referendum on the ballot. Tax wise we could not support it.

Martin mentioned to take the information to other towns and spread the information.

Municipal Administration:

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

Bruce Markovich gave the report: Marti Joines is here from Edward Jones based out of Hazleton to talk to Council about Access Bonds to invest in with any extra money that is sitting around. Marti said that he has a 1yr. CD paying 5.3% and a Money Market rate of 5.25%. Bruce mentioned that the committee would call him to set up a meeting with him.

Grant was filed for Brimbles Wall for \$398,000.00. The County will kick in \$95,000.00 we will need to kick in \$38,000.00 as a match.

Wendy spoke about how the new website was just about ready to roll out. The site is beautiful.

Bruce mentioned that Council decides what goes on the website.

We would like to convert the tennis courts into pickle ball courts. We will get some pricing first. We will need to fix some lights down there.

Park and Recreation:

The Committee is Gwyneth Collevchio, William Chuma.

Gwyneth Collevchio gave the report: There is a concert coming up on Saturday. Plantfest is at the end of the month.

Matt Dunn trimmed the trees down at Ashton Park.

Public Safety:

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

John Turcmanovich gave the report: There is a Special Executive Session scheduled for Monday August 7, 2023.

I will be asking Council to give permission to advertise for full and part time police again.

Going to make a recommendation to the Committee that we meet with the Fire Company there is bad blood somewhere and we need to fix it.

Asking Council to contact Windstream about a pole that at the bottom the phone has been sheared off from a vehicle that clipped it and basically has no bottom and the only thing holding it up is the wires.

John said that they have already reported it once and they still have not taken care of it.

Jennifer Staines stated that residents have come to her suggesting that the Borough have another free yard sale.

Jennifer also mentioned that the Regionalization of the Police Departments is on hold she said that Nesquehoning did not get all their paperwork in yet so for now it is not going anywhere.

Bruce said that Bob Yurchak sent a letter out to the Fraternal Order of Police attorney about us using the constable to post properties.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer

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