

The August committee meeting 8/2/2022 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, John Turcmanovich. Mayor Hugh Vrablic showed for executive session.

The meetings opened with public courtesy:

Carol Penberth – 512 E. Patterson St. - Mentioned concerns with properties located at 511 E. Bertsch St. and 513 E. Bertsch St. Carol also mentioned the Quality-of-Life Ordinance and her concerns with it.

Bob Silver – 15 E. Ridge St – Thanked the Borough for putting a lien on the neighboring property.

Public Works:

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

The guys just finished paving on Ashton Ave. they will be paving the 300 block of E. Bertsch St. tomorrow. Then on to the 300 block of E. Ridge St. that is only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a block then paving will be done.

We had a complaint come in up on the end of the 300 block of E. Water St. there is a guy claiming he owns the turn around when the turnaround is on E. Water St. which is Borough Property. There is a new owner of a property up there and the new owner has reached out to us and mentioned that at the dead end the neighboring property is telling them they cannot turn around there. We will have to go up there with the Police and knock-on doors.

Boroughs been working on sewers. An inlet collapsed on Powell and Ridge, and they will have to put a new curb in as well the way the sewer is situated. We will be putting another sewer by the pump house at the water authority across from the office building at Silberline complex. Where they are going to put in the ADA ramps at Ashton Park and the pool area, we will be putting a sewer in on Parkway St. so we do not have all the water laying on the back road.

The new tail gate for the red truck is here. The sewer vacor was just inspected next year it will need new tires. Martin Ditsky asked about the Turnpike Truck and Bill said that the truck is scrap.

Municipal Administration:

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

PenTeleData was in to set up new phone system.

There is a new round of COVID money out there we could get around \$30-40,000.00.

The school was going to start paving when Bill McMullin issued a cease-and-desist order until they get a storm water runoff plan. Bill McMullin must sign off on the plans.

There were 9 outlets at Kennedy Park that over the years were busted we had Billitier Electric give us an estimate on the outlets the estimate came back at \$27,000.00.

The Police Station - it was mentioned that when we have contractors try to get in downstairs to do estimates for repairs the police are never there to let anyone in.

Park and Recreation:

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

Thank You to Public Works for putting the benches and swings in the park at the pool area.

When we are ready to put water in the pool the Water Authority will need a letter to fill the pool.

We purchased a new refrigerator/freezer for the pool.

We have a commitment for dive boards from two different families.

*These minutes are unofficial minutes.

Garbage cans need to be replaced at the East end Park.

Friends group had a meeting on Monday night they had a representative there from Vincent Pools to talk to the group about splash pads not sure of how much it will cost or where to put them. There are improvements being made to the parks and the pool area.

Public Safety:

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

Two weeks ago, we set up testing for the two candidates that we had for the police dept. On the day of testing no one showed up. We found out later there was a miscommunication with downstairs giving them the wrong date for testing. The Officer in Charge mentioned that one of the candidates would like to start part-time to go full-time pending testing.

Bruce and John were working with the Fire Company on the funding for an aerial truck. The Borough is not buying the Fire Co. a fire truck we will help them apply for funds. Fund raising is tough right now.

Zoning and Ordinance:

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

We are working on the houses in the 200 block of E. Kline Ave. One of houses is owned by Sher Khan of New York and the other property is owned by Andy Pedraza who has several LLCs through the Borough. The houses are caving in on each other and need to be demolished quickly.

We need to get an ad in the paper to hire a person for Code.

The report came back from Seitz Brothers the Police Station is good to go for fixing the floor and whatever else needs to be done.

The Silberline building that we lease to Construction Clearance is appalling. They have stuff piled up outside. We cannot allow them to keep doing this.

Bruce mentioned the owner of 339 E. Bertsch St came in wanted us to give him the fire escrow money that we received on his property so he could start working on the home we turned down his request.

Economic Development:

The Committee is Bruce Markovich, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines.

We heard from Economic Development they would like to look at the offices at the Silberline Complex they believe that the offices at the Silberline complex can be used for an incubator space and can be rented out. They will be here on August the 8th to look at it.

It will be two months or so till we get the train station.

Jay Doyle asked if we could change the time of the Committee Meetings to 6:00 p.m.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, **Wendy Butrie**, Secretary Treasurer