

The December committee meeting 12/7/2021 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 3:15 p.m.

In attendance at the beginning of the meeting session: Bruce Markovich, Martin Ditsky, John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Bob Silver and Mayor Michele Bartek. Not in attendance were Marie Ondrus, Gwyneth Collevecchio.

Also in attendance were David Bodnar, Jennifer Hunsicker and Jason Skrimcovsky from Carbon County Office of Planning to talk about the CDBG program.

Public Works:

The Committee is William Chuma, Martin Ditsky, and John Turcmanovich.

We closed some doors at the garage. Getting the trucks ready for snow. We still need tires for the loader. We had a break in at the old Borough Garage. The garage door at Silberline the cable broke. I got a quote from F&L Doors I found out that the door was installed in 1996 and that the barrel assembly total is \$3,850.00. Martin asked how much it is to fix the loader. The amount to fix the loader bucket is \$4,101.75. Bob asked how old the loader is Bill said he believes a 2015 and the bucket has only been off once. Everything is ready for Winter for tires except for the Loader. Michelin tires will be about \$3,200.00. Bill said he can get the tires cheaper from Costars. They are going to go back down to the pool to finish racking the leaves. We talked about boarding up the doors in the back of the building to save some heat. The guys have taken care of that themselves, so they saved the Borough \$2400.00. All the back doors at Silberline are locked. Part time help is done on Friday. Martin wanted to know if they are working on a plan for snow and snow removal. Let's see how it works in the Business section this year. Bill said he will get a snow plan ready and give it to everyone. Martin asked if he had any outside contractors lined up.

Municipal Administration:

The Committee is Bruce Markovich, Martin, and Gwyneth Collevecchio.

Closing on the Police car is next week. Estimates from Hutta on the fence came in at \$30,000 to put gates up for Hutta to get in and do any work. Bill said to let Public Works Workers put up the fence.

Changes to the Special Event Form have been made.

The Downtown project has hit a stall with PP&L the lady that was overseeing the project has retired and she apparently never notified anyone any further up the line as to where she left off with this project. PP&L'S part of this project would have been to remove the rest of the Street Lights and put the drops in for Christmas lights. That part of the project is just starting to pick up again.

We are going to get information from the Engineer on security upgrades for here in the building. The surveyor will be here next week to survey the plot where we propose to put the Borough Garage.

*These minutes are unofficial minutes.

The gentleman that owns 151 W. Ridge St was found guilty, but the Judge did not order him to do anything but pay the fines. Bob Silver wanted to know who sent that to the Court house? Bruce said that the owner was found guilty by the Magistrate, so the owner filed an appeal that is how it got to the County. Bob said he will make a motion at the Council Meeting to file a nuisance complaint on the property.

Public Safety:

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

The controversy we had over the hiring of an officer last month I did some further checking into it and met with the officer himself. At the Council meeting John is going to make a motion to hire the officer PT for the rest of this year.

John also noticed that people on Ridge St. are pulling a lot of U turns there were 5 in 10 mins. In one block. Tomorrow night I will mention that we need to get no U turn signs up. Bob said that there are 8-10 a night just for the Chinese Restaurant. We need to check the Ordinance.

The Mayor mentioned how she would like to use COVID money to buy a plate reader for the police dept. at a cost of \$24,000.00. Bruce confirmed that COVID money could not be used for that and told the Mayor that if she can secure the money from somewhere else that would be great.

Chris Ondrus mentioned that there were 2 LED streetlights that burned all night. Bruce left Chris know that someone from PP&L was in town to check out the streetlights and to look for those that might need repairs.

Chris also went on to Thank the Borough Crew for the lights down at Kennedy Park. Friends of the Pool did an awesome event. Chris also reminded everyone that on the 18th of December the Chamber is having the snow globes and the singing at Kennedy Park he also thanked the Mayor for decorating the Borough Office.

Rose Mary congratulated Gwyn on the terrific job done with the trees at Kennedy Park.

Rose Mary also mentioned that there is a seat open on the Recreation Board and that they haven't met in 5 years. The Recreation Board was active when the poo; was open. Bruce asked who calls those meetings he said we should get those meetings going again.

Chris mentioned that he heard on the street regarding the Sewer Separation Project and DEP that there was a either a meeting took place or paperwork was signed regarding the release of funds to be able to do more to the Sewer Separation and Act 537 plan. Bruce said that we met with Doyle Heffley's Office as well as Dan Meuser's Office and Sen. Yudichak's Office they wanted us to use our COVID money on the project towards Coaldale & Summit Hill Sewer Separation & Mine Drainage Project we told them we would back them if they got a grant writer, but we weren't giving them money.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer