

The February committee meeting 2/7/2023 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 Collevechio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma. John Turcmanovich, Jay Doyle, and Mayor Hugh Vrablic were not in attendance.

The meetings opened with public courtesy:

Public Works:

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

Bill Chuma gave the report: We have the international truck back it still has a check engine light that comes on when you start it in the morning for about 40 seconds. I called down to International and told them what it does, and he said it needs a harness under the valve cover. I can get the guys to do that. We had two choices leave it down there and have it cost \$15,000.00 or bring it back and let the guys put the harness on and cost us \$200.00.

We need parts for the spreader, yet it still needs one bearing.

The Borough Crew cleaned the back road. Did sewers over the last couple weeks one down on Centre St, Coal St and one on Bertsch St. We put the camera down in the sewer by the pool. Next week we are doing the sewer on the island at the pool. A discussion started about how the International has cost the Borough a lot of money to fix it. If the Borough were to sell the International, it would cost \$150,000.00 to replace.

We need to order some sewer supplies & boxes, need tires for the loader in the front before next Winter. The International will need tires it will not pass inspection. The Sewer Vactor needs 10 tires they are all dry rotted those tires are between \$400 - \$500.00 apiece.

Chris Ondrus – 10 Edgemont Road – Asked what the normal attendance is like at the Committee Meetings by Council and is there any consideration about moving these meetings to about 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Administration:

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

Bruce Markovich gave the report: At the last meeting we made a Motion for PMRS to decide whether we will switch over. We will make that decision in June. In the meantime, Ronnie Bryant from Girard Assets and I told him repeatedly that there has to be a mistake here. Well finally he went back over it and found that we were shortchanged by \$36,000.00 so he corrected that. We Still lost \$22,000,00 on the Pension Plan. Bruce asked Ron to look back on the last 4 yrs. to make sure everything is as it should be.

There was a study done 2016 & 2017 on the pool we were going to send the plan to DCNR to see if portions of the study could be used. When they went to look through the study, they found a fatal mistake. When Aquatic Pools & Design did the study, they put in the study that the pool is made from 6” of steel re-enforced concrete. When the pool is made from 8- and 10-inch block mortared block together with plaster painted multiple times. The study is incorrect. We cannot use the study. We had Vision Pools come and look at it and they will be working with Joseph Hutta to get the pool back together. In the meantime, we can apply for more grants for future upgrades later.

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Park and Recreation:

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

Gwyneth Collevchio gave the report: Plant Fest is on April 29th it is Halloween in April we were just informed that we will have food trucks coming so I will need to block off Ashton Ave.

We received an email from the Carbon Chamber about a grant that is available it is for outdoors and fresh air. We are going to apply for the grant under Friends and apply for a new Pavilion to put up outside of the pool.

Chris Ondrus: discussed several of the grants that the Borough has applied for and yet only two of the projects are complete.

Bruce: Mentioned that the Borough Garage will go out on bid in May. Bruce also talked about the grant that we received recently for \$7,500.00 that will be used on a Certified Master Planner to develop a plan for parks.

Public Safety:

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

Jennifer Staines talked about the security cameras she talked to Ronnie Sue in Nesquehoning and how they made a mistake with theirs every camera is \$20.00 a piece every month.

Chris said that she should talk to Tamaqua Borough about their cameras.

Martin Ditsky asked if we changed the Ordinance for trailer parking. Bill Chuma said that we need to do some work on the Trailer parking ordinance.

Jennifer talked about what was going on at the Dog Shelter and that there was a meeting down there that would determine what would go on with the shelter.

Bruce mentioned that he and William Chuma attended a Blight Meeting in Nesquehoning about adopting the Ordinance on property transfers and the owners paying an extra \$15.00 per transfer. On the 23rd they are going to attend the meeting with the Commissioners to make sure that this gets passed. Last time we went to a Commissioners Meeting they said they would never vote for this.

Bruce and Bill met with PENDOT on February 3rd out at the bridge replacement site on 209. We do not want a detour when they decide to start this project. PENDOT assured us that they are going to do it one lane at a time. They also said the coal company sold them their property to have access. I believe that we should sell our portion of that property to PENDOT as well for the same price that the Coal Company got for theirs.

Economic Development & Tourism:

The Committee is Bruce Markovich, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines

Bruce gave the report: The state sent an email to Kenny Hill about the LSA Grant being delayed. So when I talked to Kenny he was so impressed that the state thought about him enough to send an email that he was very willing to wait till March for the money.

The meeting went into executive session at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer

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