

Committee Meetings January 5, 2021

Items discussed at the following committee meetings were held in a contiguous manner beginning at 4:00 p.m.:

In attendance for the entire meeting session: Council President Bruce Markovich, Martin Ditsky, William Chuma, Vice President Bob Silver, Gwyneth Collevchio, President ProTem John Turcmanovich and Mayor Michele Bartek.

Zoning/Ordinance:

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Silver and Bruce Markovich. Marie Ondrus was absent.

Bob Silver is concerned about the current code reporting system, iWORQ's. Zoning/Code Enforcement officer Jim Dean needs to learn how to use the software. The committee asks for a monthly report of all zoning and code permits, complaints and Residential Rental Licenses issued. The code official needs to be out on the street to see the condition of properties however there was discussion about the hours of work and overwhelming amount of work. Bruce Markovich will talk to Jim Dean.

Codification of Ordinances by General Code is at a standstill. There was discussion about whether to proceed with the project or give it up. The cost to General Code, paid in 2019, is about \$6,000.00.

Make a list of the top five properties needing restoration/repair: mentioned were the former Kiddie Klothes (silk mill), 399 W. Bertsch Street, owned by Muleco; the former Ridge Center building, 116 W. Ridge Street owned by Byrd Properties; 614 E. Patterson Street, owned by Lewis Cuoco; 153 W. Ridge Street owned by Allen Bailiff.

Ended 4:31 p.m.

Public Works:

Committee members present: Chairman William Chuma, John Turcmanovich, Martin Ditsky.

William Chuma explained a sewer problem in the 300 block of W. Water Street. Due to complaints from residents, the public works dept. has repeatedly flushed the sewer line and finds wipes caught and blocking the cement manhole and terracotta line. The department will camera the line and laterals to find out who is flushing the wipes.

Snowstorm cleanup went well. There was discussion about procedures; a snow removal plan (whether to plow curb to curb) when there is less than 4 inches of snow and what the procedure is when there is an overabundance of snow and lack of cooperation from residents parking along the streets. There were 150 parking tickets given out at the last snowstorm. There was discussion about raising the parking ticket violation fee from \$25.00 to \$75.00.

Ending 5:03 p.m.

Municipal Administration:

Committee members present: Chairman Bruce Markovich, Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio

Bruce Markovich distributed and explained a list of 2021 Grants as follows:

PARKS – GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS – REQUIRES A 15% MATCH

PARKS – PARK REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT – NO MATCH REQUIRED

PARKS – SMALL COMMUNITY PROGRAM – NO MATCH REQUIRED; LIMIT \$110,000

We should apply for all three even though they may be repetitive since there is no guarantee we would get any of them.

PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER – IF SUCCESSFUL WE CAN USE THESE FUNDS IN THE 300 BLOCK OF EAST RIDGE STREET.

BLIGHT REMEDIATION – WE APPLIED LAST YEAR TO TEAR DOWN BRIDGET HORVATHS, LAST YEARS GRANTS HAVE NOT BEEN AWARDED YET, WE CAN EITHER APPLY FOR 614 E. PATTERSON ST. OR 153

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WEST RIDGE ST., HOWEVER THE ENGINEER HAS DETERMINED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO ACQUIRE AND TEAR DOWN BOTH SIDES OF EACH RESIDENCE.

INDUSTRIAL SITES REUSE PROGRAM – WE CAN APPLY TO HAVE THE SILVER RESIDUE REMOVED FROM THE INSIDE OF THE SILBERLINE PLANT, IF WE OBTAIN THE PROPERTY BY THE GRANT CLOSING DATE.

PENN VEST – WE CAN APPLY UNDER THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM TO COVER THE 25% MATCH REQUIRED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SITES REUSE PROGRAM.

NOTE – EACH OF THESE GRANTS REQUIRE A \$100 FILING FEE

Ending 5:12 p.m.

Parks & Recreation:

Committee members present: Chairman Martin Ditsky, William Chuma. Marie Ondrus was absent.

Recommendation to put cameras in the Gazebo in Kennedy Park.

Joe Hutta has not found a leak in the skimmers in the pool, next he will pressure test with air.

Three evergreen trees near the monument may be removed for free by Matt Dunn. The topic will be addressed at the next council meeting, as well as Lansford Alive's request to plant cherry trees at Kennedy Park along Route 209.

The East End Playground basketball court needs to be repaved.

Could sleigh riding be held somewhere at Ashton Park?

Ended 5:24 p.m.

Public Safety:

Committee members present: Chairman John Turcmanovich, Martin Ditsky and Gwyneth Collevchio.

The exact location of the southern portion of Tunnel Street vacated by council in 2018 is unclear. A survey of the area cannot be found. Plowing the area during the last storm did not plow beyond Water Street.

There are complaints from the fire company and garbage company about how residents are parking on the unit block of W. Water Street, turning from Tunnel Street onto W. Water Street.

Ended 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall
Secretary Treasurer