

The January committee meeting 1/3/2023 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 Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, and Jay Doyle. John Turcmanovich and Mayor Hugh Vrablic were not in attendance.

The meetings opened with public courtesy:

Lenny Ruggiero 204 W Front St- Asked Council what he would need for the offset for plowing to move forward with blocking off W Front Street with concrete barriers. He already has a contract with the Mines and is going to be making it a no parking area.

Public Works:

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

William Chuma reported that the red truck is done and runs better then it has in years. We are still waiting for the bill to come in on the red truck. The International now needs a sensor valve that may cost up to \$2,000. This would bring the cost of repairs up to \$12,000 and this truck only has 19,000 miles on it. Bill said it might be time to think about replacing this truck with something else or we are going to continue to dump money into this vehicle and its not worth it. George Gilbert started today, and it is working out very well, fits right in with the crew. The Borough crew did a great job with the snow and ice storm we got hit with before Christmas. We received lots of compliments from other people from different boroughs on how well our streets were maintained compared to others. The crew is working on putting tires on the trucks, the one truck has 3 tires on the back, we are waiting for the other one because the rim is cracked. We have rims coming in.

Municipal Administration:

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

Bruce Markovich suggested meeting with the Fire Company in reference to their bills and the budget allotted for them. Bruce also mentioned the Pensions with Girard Benefits Group, the pension took a \$220,000 hit this year and we cannot afford to take this kind of hit again. Our pension obligation next year will be \$100,000, we are paying out now about 62,000 now roughly to everyone that is on pension. If we take another hit, there will not be enough interest/dividends to cover out \$100,000 payment. We need to start looking for additional state aid. We could also take steps to offset the impact of 2024, one thing mentioned would be looking for another Pension company. Bruce said it might be a good idea to see if PMRS will even take us on as a client and then go from there. Emily Gates contacted Bruce stating the Park Project Planner Bruce that he applied for 2 years ago was approved. Emily said a gentleman will be scheduling a date between February and May to come down and review all our parks. Once we have this gentleman's recommendation and follow his plan anytime we apply for another park grant we will get put to the top of the pile.

*These minutes are unofficial minutes.

Park and Recreation:

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

Gwyneth stated the trees were great at Kennedy Park. She said power is a problem down at the park and she would like to get this fixed before we put the trees up this December. Chuma said he spoke to Bekesy about the lighting at Kennedy Park and he is going to take a look at all the receptacles. A light fell at the Pool Park, we were able to have a gentleman come out and put it back up as well as place set screws in that light and all the lights at the pool park due to none of them having them. There are some trees that need to be trimmed at several of the parks. Gwyn also spoke to Senator Argall about money for the pool and getting possible help. He asked if we had a study done on the pool and we do have one from 2017 and he seemed pleased we had one. We were supposed to get a report from the other gentlemen that did the pool and we have not received it yet; Bruce will be emailing him to see where that report is.

Public Safety:

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

There were no updates for Public Safety.

Zoning and Ordinance:

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

Bob Silver of 17 E Ridge St- Asked if we would be hiring a Code officer or not. He also stated that the old Silver's building is now completely caving in and if something is not done it is going to be a major issue.

Jay stated that he will investigate this. Jay also stated that there were no candidates suited for the position at the time the borough had advertised. He did receive information about a Nick Hazlett, and he will be contacting him and seeing what he has to offer the Borough. Jay also stated that Zoning and Code Committee meetings will be held at 6:00pm the first Tuesday of the month from now on. Jay asked about the old Silberline property and said they need to get it cleaned up. We have given them enough time. We need to give them a time frame to get the outside cleaned up.

Joe Genits of 210 W Front St- Asked a few questions about the different Code official duties and gave everyone handouts. Also went over the Occupancy of Vacant Structure Ordinance.

Economic Development:

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

There were no updates for Economic Development.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, **Shante L Lauer**, Assistant Secretary Treasurer