

The June committee meeting 7/5/2023 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 Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Jay Doyle, Martin Ditsky, John Turcmanovich. Mayor Hugh Vrablic was not in attendance.

Public Works:

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

William Chuma gave the report: The Borough crew is trying to get the streets ready for paving. We have 4 kids from the summer work program. We finished the sewer problem in the Fire Co. lot they laid 280 ft. of pipe down. Cleaned away a 140 ton of bricks that were the Fire Company's from practicing and took them to the dump. The job cost \$14,590.00. We saved the Borough \$10 – \$12,000.00.

Summit Hill called, and they are ready to start paving tomorrow.

Krajcirik yelled at me because Kennedy Park was not mowed for the 4th of July. Everything was so wet last week it could not be mowed.

We may not be able to pave as many roads this year as we wanted to. Bill talked about when John Davis was here, he mentioned about getting an easement from the homeowners of Edgemont signed so we can get those roads on the liquid fuels map.

As far as equipment we still need to get the spreader on the dump truck fixed. The problem is the Central Hydraulic System, something is not working on it, and I can't find anyone to work on it. Everyone installs them but no one works on them we are not even sure that is what is wrong with it.

We are trying to get some more sewers done.

Bruce opened to Public Courtesy before Municipal Administration:

Chris Ondrus – 10 Edgemont Road – Asked about the Audit. Once the last Secretary left the Borough was to do an audit of the books there was a motion to do one at the May 12,2021 Council Meeting. Was it ever done? On April 12, 2023, you applied for an LSA grant for \$160,000.00 for handicap ramps for Ashton Park. Bruce mentioned that we did not go through with it because we did not have a project planner.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St. -Mentioned that she heard it said that we lost a grant in 2015 for Brimble's Wall in the amount of \$44,000.00. I will have you know I looked at all the minutes for 2015 and that never happened.

Chris Ondrus – Said that the Borough has two big projects they should focus on that is the Borough Garage and the Swimming Pool. Do you think that you will apply for funding for both.

Bruce mentioned that on July 11th Christin Dettore from DCNR for funding for the pool for next year.

The next question he asked was what gets put on the agenda? Lansford Alive submitted a letter that they were not going to repair the Pool sign thought it would be on the agenda and it wasn't.

He addressed the event that Provaznik's had and asked if they had a Special Event Form for it.

Joe Genits – 210 W. Front St stated that Edgemont is private property and that the taxpayers paid to repair the road to Frank Gustus's property.

Municipal Administration:

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

Bruce Markovich gave the report: Mentioning that he would like to thank Rose Chapello and Carbon Engineering they were approved by Sen. Ben Casey for a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for Collection System Improvement Project that goes in with the money that was given by the 1.5 million

*These minutes are unofficial minutes.

grants from Susan Wild and they already had a grant for a half a million. Take note that Fetterman declined.

St. Michaels Church has been sold and a and they are working on a roof project.

Christine Hunter from Ed Black and Associates called we were to have a scheduled meeting here in July well now it is pushed back until September.

Brimble's Wall, we need \$398,000.00 for the project I am thinking we can maybe apply for an LSA grant to pay for the wall and then use CDBG money to pave the road since you can't use LSA money on the roads.

Park and Recreation:

The Committee is Gwyneth Collevecchio, William Chuma.

Gwyneth Collevecchio gave the report: The receptacles are fixed at Kennedy Park I would like to thank Bob Silver for the reference of the contractor to do it. Bill Chuma talked to Matt Dunn to cut down rotted branches on a tree and take down other trees as well he can do it all for \$900.00.

Smokey Krajnak wants to power wash the coal miner's monument at Kennedy Park.

Public Safety:

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

John Turcmanovich gave the report: As you know we received emails from the Fire Company they would like to sit down with Council about closing off Coal St. they were never informed and could not come up with a backup plan. In the future the Fire Company would like to be informed when there are road closures. We need to leave access to get through. Council will need to decide. I talked to the Mayor, and I know that two applications came through I asked how they were and he said no good. However, we do not know anything else. We need to spend money on advertising for officers.

Zoning & Ordinance:

The Committee is Jay Doyle, William Chuma.

Jay Doyle gave the report: Spoke with ARRO and they went after the owner of 242 E. Kline Ave.

The owner of the old Silver's building will be getting more citations also 235 E. Abbott St. and all the garages on the South side of the 400 and 500 Block of E. Abbott St.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer