

The March committee meeting 3/1/2022 was called to order by Borough Council Vice 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.

In attendance at the beginning of the meeting session: Martin Ditsky, John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Jennifer Staines, Gwyneth Collevchio, Mayor Hugh Vrablic and President Bruce Markovich was not in attendance.

The Committee Meeting started with a brief Executive Session. There was an emergency that needed to be discussed.

Public Works:

The Committee is William Chuma, John, and Jay.

William mentioned that the Borough Workers have been cleaning up the property across from Silberline he called Brinkash as to when they can do the survey. William got a price on forks for the loader now that the loader is fixed, and the bucket is fixed we got a quote from a 5 Star Dealer of \$5100.00 for forks and they are 4 foot long. We are going to start getting the street sweeper ready for street sweeping. Jay Doyle asked what we need a set of forks for. William mentioned that we get pallets of concrete and mortar and for lifting other things. Jay Doyle wanted to discuss streets in the Borough he asked if Sharpe and Water St was on the Liquid Fuels map and the end of Water St. and Cortright St. William mentioned that Sharpe and Water St is not but Water St and Cortright St are. Jay asked can we get the junk out of it that its in rough shape. Can we push snow back in there it is a street if there is junk back in there then they need to move it? The snow from Water St. should go there. Can't we fix the road to where it needs to be?

There was a discussion about EDUs in the Borough and how many were available.

Municipal Administration:

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

John Turcmanovich did the reporting for Bruce as he was not in attendance. Bruce, Gwyneth, and Martin interviewed 5 candidates for the Assistant Borough Secretary Position. From there they narrowed it down to 3 candidates one of them rescinded her application, so we are down to 2 applicants. We need to do something. Council can decide at the meeting. There was a discussion about the advertisement for the hiring and the use of Quick Books.

Public Safety:

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

There were two incidences that happened. Officers were baited and videoed. I am going to make a suggestion to Council that we need to get body cameras or dash cams for in the cars. The officer was set up. The Officer kept his cool he was dealing with what they call a "Sovereign Citizen" they do not have to obey any laws or ordinances. This all started over an illegally parked car and the driver had no driver's license. The video ended up on "You Tube". The incident caused the person to call the communications center over 30 times in 8 hours carrying on about this officer. I think its time to protect our officers. The officer kept his cool.

*These minutes are unofficial minutes.

A discussion came up about the 2 probation officers and the cost of hiring them. John said that the tuition at Lackawanna is \$8,000.00 and at Allentown it is \$6,000.00. The academy is 6 months and Allentown is full.

Park and Recreation:

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

Gwyn mentioned that Lacey Timony contacted her about a Special Event form to run in a 5K Run to help Veterans. Also mentioned was that 3% of the proceeds go to Veterans and 3% will go to the pool she was not sure where the other 3% was going.

Park and Rec. is working on fencing around the basketball court down by the #9 mine. Also mentioned was moving the skatepark out from where it is. There was a long discussion on the Food Trucks at Music in the Park.

Zoning and Code:

The Committee is Jay Doyle, Jennifer, William

James Dean was at the committee meetings, and he spoke first for zoning and code. Jim mentioned that the first thing that needs to be worked on is the Residential Rental Ordinance. The properties are changing every day. There are people with a lot of LLCs, and they keep changing LLC names. There are people renting homes that do not even know that they need to register them within the Borough. The fire properties on W. Bertsch St. on W. Ridge St. have been a challenge to deal with. On the update of the Residential Rental Ordinance there was a letter stating the landlords' obligations to have a license and that they will not get a license this year till everything is paid in full and up to date. Wendy is putting the letter with the invoice for the 2022 Residential Rental fees and mailing them out there are 641 being mailed to landlords if they do not do everything their license will be suspended. Jim mentioned that he would like the committee and himself to work in workshops to update the Rental Ordinance. The next thing that needs to work on is the Zoning Ordinance. We also need to add short term B&Bs to the Rental Ordinance. Jay Doyle mentioned the QOL Ordinance and the fact that the police handle this one. Jay also mentioned that he believes James Dean should work more hours.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer