

The May committee meeting 5/2/2023 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, Jay Doyle, Mayor Hugh Vrablic and John Turcmanovich were not in attendance.

Public Works:

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

Bill Chuma gave the report: The street sweeper has broken down. The sweeper is 32 years old and there is no point in fixing it anymore. The back gate is so rotted that the water comes out the back gate. We have stopped sweeping for now. The crank shaft broke right off the motor. We need to purchase something used but newer than the one we have in 1991. I found a 1995 for \$26,000.00 And it is not worth it. I also found a 2015 for \$75,000.00. A new one goes for about \$320,000.00.

Bruce asked if Summit Hill can come down and help?

Bill mentioned that we need to do something about Tractor Trailer Trucks parking on the streets. They disconnect on the street and take the tractor home they do not belong on the street. We need to change the ordinance to anything over 19,500 lbs. must be off the street. They should be parking down by the ZOO in the Summertime and parking at the pool in the Wintertime. Having them parked by Kennedy Park and the bus stop is not good, some kids could run out from between them and get hit by a car.

Talked to Lansford Alive and they cannot get any trash cans for us. I found some for \$260.00 apiece. Maybe we can ask the banks to sponsor us and get 10 cans at a time. Speaking of trash cans, the conversation was now about sanitation and the fact that people do not put lids on their garbage cans, businesses not using cans and only putting out bags, garbage being put out too early. Talked about Commercial Sanitation Accounts and how much garbage can be put out.

Bruce mentioned that the Borough could hire a constable to enforce ordinances which might help with the problem.

Jay Doyle said so now we can hire a constable. When I wanted to hire a part-time code enforcement officer then we could not afford it.

Bill asked that we put the purchase of a street sweeper on the agenda for the Council Meeting on 5/10/23.

Public Works will be going to start some sewer work and paint some lines as soon as the paint comes in.

Municipal Administration:

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

Bruce Markovich gave the report: The Borough Garage grant was extended for another 2 years. We have the paperwork to sign for an extension on the pool grant for another 2 years. Jim and I went to court for the Eric Wenzelberger hearing on Monday. He was found in contempt and now must pay fines in the amount of \$77,000.00.

Brimble's Wall there were no bid packages picked up the 1st grant for \$74,000.00 will run out at the end of the year instead of losing out on the money we are going to look into having the money go towards the demolition of 151 & 151 ½ W. Ridge St. Met with the Borough Engineer there were complaints filed

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with DEP about the creek . DEP will get back to us with a plan of corrective measures. Ed Black was hired to do a plan of improvements for Kennedy Park and the Skatepark he will be here in June.

Bruce mentioned that him and Bill met with DEP about the creek and the blockages. The blockage is near the bridge on Dock St. The water is eroding underneath the bridge.

Ed Black is the consultant who is going to come here and help to lay out the plans for JFK Park and the Skate Park. He will be here in late June.

The Sewer Authority applied for a grant through Susan Wild's office. Rose from Carbon Engineering did the grant. We were notified that Sen. Casey's office is now backing this grant so hopefully we will get a half million dollars to start working on the vortex separators to alleviate the moratorium and get it lifted.

Park and Recreation:

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

Gwyneth Collevchio gave the report: Plant Fest was a success despite the rain we had 60 vendors register and 50 show up. The next event is Bingo Rock & Roll on June 20th at the pool.

Gwyn thanked Public Works for bringing the extra garbage cans to Kennedy Park for the event.

Public Safety:

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

In the absence of John Turcmanovich, the report was given by Gwyneth: Gwyn was wondering whether we ever answered the letter from Jack Soberick to buy his gun and was his badge ever turned in. Also mentioned was the phone that Jack used while on duty and whether it was turned in or not. Gwyn asked if we could put on the agenda to write a letter to Jack about his gun and badge.

Zoning & Ordinance:

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

Jay Doyle gave the report: Jay mentioned that the Committee got together last week to amend the Residential Rental Ordinance and that if there were no other changes that needed to be made then he was going to present it to Council. Jennifer Staines mentioned that they still need to work on the animal ordinance and exotics. The animal ordinance right now is that you are allowed to have up to 4 dogs. The ordinance should be changed to read that you are allowed to have a total of 5 animals between cats and dogs.

Economic Development:

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

Bruce Markovich gave the report: Someone is going to try and do something with St. Michael's to turn it into an Airbnb and an art gallery. There is also a possible buyer for the old factory and to turn it into Condos.

The meeting went into executive session at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer

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