

The November committee meeting 11/3/2021 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 4:00 p.m.

In attendance at the beginning of the meeting session: Bruce Markovich, Martin Ditsky, John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Gwyneth Collevecchio. Not in attendance were Marie Ondrus, Bob Silver and Mayor Michele Bartek.

Public Works:

The Committee is William Chuma, Martin Ditsky, and John Turcmanovich.

We used Coaldale's new Sealing Machine we went through one pallet of sealant. On Wednesday there will be 2 guys down in Coaldale to help get their Christmas Lights up. The new springs on the Red Truck. On the Main St. (Ridge St.) I would like to keep the Winter Parking on the Unit Block of W. Ridge St. the same and make the Unit Block of E. Ridge and the 100 block of W. Ridge St. No Angle Parking on the North Side Only. That way we just need to do Ordinance plowing. We will need to change the Ordinance from Nov. 1 – March 31. We got the bill from Central Spring from getting the new springs on the truck and the bill was \$1400.00, the truck sits a lot better.

The front loader needs repairs to fix it the bucket and a set of forks will be needed and that would run about \$1200.00 if you got a plow for it that would cost about \$25,000.00, I would like that put on next years budget. The loader needs 2 tires & 2 tires for the white dump we need to check chains and snowplow blades. The Meyers plow needs 2 blades the Western needs 1 extra blade and 1 Carbide blade going on the International. I did order a gas heater and I will order a torpedo heater.

I was waiting for the Mayor to show up she has smashed pumpkins in the pool parking lot and she didn't clean any of it up. There are even corn stalks still up I am waiting for someone to start them on fire.

Municipal Administration:

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

November 15th is the deadline for the school to get back to us about the sidewalks at the Stadium. Jim is going to issue citations then we will need to hire an attorney to represent the Borough I have contacted Greg Mousseau, he quoted me \$115.00 an hour. To represent us. Jim and Atty. Mousseau should meet before issuing a citation.

Bruce and Gweyn met with Rick Beckesy at the pool to find out about security lighting. We discussed installing 5 lights like the ones outside of the Police Station. There is still no estimate back on the survey down at the site for the New Borough Garage. We didn't get anything back from the fencing company. We met with the insurance adjuster the insurance will pay for the damage at the pool to the changing rooms, bathroom, and fence.

I would like to add a couple of items to the Special Events Form add a Start Time and an End Time and a hold harmless clause.

The Street Light Project starts tomorrow they will start the wiring on the South side of Ridge St. and then do the North side after that the work they are doing is for the Christmas Light transfer.

*These minutes are unofficial minutes.

We need to collect the money from Lansford Alive that they owe us on this grant the actual money on the first grant is gone their contribution which is questionable is \$5,000.00 or \$10,000.00 must be collected we will be starting on the 2nd \$40,000.00 shortly. They put in for the grant they need to pay for it.

I sent emails down to Meusser's Office to see if we can pay out of the COVID money we received for some storm sewer replacements we can also probably pay for the Snyder St. project and pay the loan off. We are waiting on pipes for that project then we can do the project. I am also thinking of putting Air Conditioning in the Police Dept. We need a list of things to spend the COVID money on, so we do not have any money left over.

We had a meeting with Bill Richard and Tim Drake about the Sewers they wanted us to use our COVID money on the Sewer Separation for Coaldale.

The meeting in Summit Hill about the Shared Services went well they are going to go along with it. When they send in their letter, we will have Mike Carpenter come up and set up some dates.

We received 2 letters from the Sewer Authority asking for re-appointment to the Sewer Authority the letters are from: Scott Fisher and Robert Lakata.

Parks & Recreation :

The Committee is Gwyneth Collevchio, William Chuma, and Martin Ditsky

Christmas Trees are all sold. The stands are here. The Scouts are going to be selling Hot Chocolate and hot dogs the Panther Valley Band will be there. Gwyneth would like to have a contest for the trees and is working out the details to do so.

She also mentioned that she would like to see everyone there.

Public Safety:

We had the meeting in Summit Hill they were receptive. Since the meeting they have gotten one new hire. We have an application from an officer who is laid off from another force that disbanded he turned in PT and FT application now its up to the Mayor and the Chief to set up Polygraph we got recommendations on him that he is a good officer he is from New Ringgold. Checked with the Solicitor under the Borough Code if the Police Dept goes down to 3 or less officers the Civil Service regulations are null & void. We are under this right now and can use it for this officer and appoint him with the provision that the next time we do Civil Service testing he gets tested. I did clear it with the Solicitor. Can we put in the budget for next year the Mayor wants to remodel some of the office in the station? The office is too easy to get into. Blocking off the windows was discussed.

There was talk about whether you want to invest in something you may not stay in. Discussion went on about moving furniture.

County wants to meet with us about the Community Block Grant when is a good day?

The County is not responding to us at all about Brimble's Wall. Clewell reached out and got nothing as well. They are ignoring I think if we get them here, we can corner them about Brimble's Wall.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer

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