

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Call to Order- 6:00 p.m. by Bruce Markovich

Attending Council Roll Call- Michele Bartek, Joesph Butrie, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jay Doyle, Bruce Markovich Jack Soberick, Jennifer Staines

Absent- Mayor Hugh Vrablic

Executive Session- 6:00p.m.-6:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment-**

Rose Mary-

There was a times news article about the Sunshine Act. Stated the terms and conditions of officers. Police department time off, they have a 90 days probationary period. Lacey is a contracted worker. The police final pay, vacation time left over, and sick time. Jack Soberick stated this has not been resolved.

Inquired about pickle ball court.

Joe Genitz-

Council act 77, the agenda must be posted to website prior to meeting.

Stated that number twelve handicap sign is being removed tomorrow.

Tom Boyko-

Tractor trailer safety redesign on certain streets. With twelve to fourteen hours of snowing results in lots of towing.

Andrew Smith-

Andrew Smith from parking resources stated they costs less than \$60 per ticket. Using their service can increase rate of collecting tickets up to 98%. They provide self service, returnable devices that are placed on windows that have a two hour time tracking and if not paid in that time frame, the cost of ticket increases.

Lori McLaughlin-

Intersection of Bertsch street and Powell Street needs to be a four way stop sign, it currently is a two way and is dangerous. Cars speed around corner and almost hit school bus.

**Old Business-**

Business should have own garbage carriers for perishable items and they should be picked up once a week to reduce chance rodents and to upkeep borough appearance.

Jack Soberick mentioned to review ordinance and amend.

**New Business-**

Shantel Laurer is to be a temp until there are two hires for borough secretary. There is a new employment agreement that is concrete.

Council discussion for three member chairs by committee and four members or more.

**Council Reports-**

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 not available currently.

**Committee Reports-**

Not available currently.

**Monthly Reports-**

Fire company and ambulance

Mayors Report-

Police Report

178 calls with 4 calls being non traffic and 1 DWI. 28 violations cleared. 72 tow bill not impounded.

Zoning and Code-

22 East Ridge Street, Techa mma \$11,999.00 was emailed never got email and has 60 days to respond.

Motion to email-

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Jay Doyle.

Code Compliance

Tax Collectors Report \$39,247.67

Solicitors Report (Opposition of tax sale of 22 E Ridge Street)

**Financial Report**

**Motion to pay bills-**

Motion by Jennifer Staines and seconded by Jay Doyle. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda-**

Motion to reimburse Shantle Lauer-

Motion to reimburse Shantle Lauer \$308.00 for medical expenses incurred due to her medical coverage stopping the week before her final workday.

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Michele Bartek.

Motion to purchase new computer system for police department-

Motion to purchase new computer system for the police department from Cloud Services costing \$22,117.84 paid from the American Rescue Plan Funds (Covid).

Tabled by Michele Bartek and seconded by Joesph Butrie.

Motion have the Borough Engineer prepare and approve the cost estimate to apply for Intermodal Grant funds-

Motion to have Lansford borough engineer prepare and approve cost estimate to apply for Intermodal grant funds. The grant funds to be used to install curbing from Route 209 to Courtwright Street, Patterson Street to Ridge Street, and to repave Dock Street from Route 209 to Courtwright Street. The estimate costs being \$850.00. Michele Bartek will call co-stars.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joesph Butrie.

Motion to have Billiter Electric, diagram, evaluate, and make recommendations for improvements to the electrical system in Kennedy Park.

Motion to have Billiter Electric, diagram, evaluate, and make recommendations for improvements to the electrical system in Kennedy Park. The costs to be paid from Parks & Recreation Funds for the amount of \$21,000.

Motioned by Gwyneth Collevchio and seconded by Jay Doyle.

Motion to reimburse Chief Kyle Woodward for medical tests-

Motion to reimburse Chief Kyle Woodward \$164.00 for medical tests not covered by his existing medical coverage.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Michele Bartek.

Motion to adopt changes to existing full-time borough secretaries work agreement-

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Gwyneth Collevchio.

Motion to increase Shantel Lauer's pay rate-

Motion to increase Shantel Lauer's pay rate from \$20.23 to \$23.00 per hour with a current work week of six to eight hours per week.

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion opposed by Joesph Butrie.

Motion for a new plow control installed-

Motion to have a new plow control installed by Mid Atlantic Truck Bodies on the 2008 Ford dump truck costing \$2,795.00.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joesph Butrie.

Motion to change handicap parking space into customer reserved parking space.

Motion to change Cabrera's handicap parking space at 167 West Ridge Street into a reserved customer parking space. Street department to determine installation costs and the yearly fee to be \$160.00.

Motion opposed by Michele Bartek.

Motion to table by Joesph Butrie and Michele Bartek.

Motion to approve Wendy Butrie's final gross salary-

Motion to approve payment totaling \$7,808.96.

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion favored by Michele Bartek, Jack Soberick, Bruce Markovich, and Jay Doyle. Motion was opposed by Jennifer Staines and Gwyneth Collevchio. Joesph Butrie abstained from motion.

Motion to waive Sanitation bill late fees-

Motion to waive the late fees on overdue sanitation bills until April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motioned by Jack and seconded by Joesph Butrie. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve two private parking spaces for Grace Community Food Bank-

Motion to approve two private parking spaces in front of the Grace Community Food Bank located at 47 West Ridge Street. Grace Community Food Bank is to pay an installation fee of \$300.00.

Motion to table by Joesph Butrie and Jack Soberick. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to waive yearly fee per spot for Grace Community Food Bank-

Motion to waive yearly fee of \$160.00 per for Grace Community Food Bank as per request.

Motion to table by Joesph Butrie and seconded by Michele Bartek.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer