

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. 11/11/20 by President Bruce Markovich followed by Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by the secretary treasurer.

Present were Martin Ditsky, Bruce Markovich, John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Bob Silver, Gwyneth Collevchio, Marie Ondrus, Mayor Michele Bartek and Solicitor Robert Yurchak.

Executive Session – 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to discuss the purchase of Silberline property for the borough garage, the easement for the sewer project at 400 E. Snyder Avenue, and personnel issues.

Public Courtesy

Mary Soberick, 109 W. Abbott Street, questioned the sale of property at 120 & 122 E. Bertsch Street by the Historical Society with the borough's right of first refusal and the vote waiving the right of first refusal. In her recollection the borough sold the parcels to the library and the income from a future sale should come to the borough. President Markovich said the minutes (February 21, 2006) reflect the property was sold to the Historical Society for \$1.00 with the right of first refusal. The sale will be researched by Attorney Yurchak to ensure it is being sold correctly.

Rose Mary Cannon, 242 W. Ridge Street, asked about notification for the 10 EDU's from PA Dept. of Environmental Protection. The borough was granted 10 EDU's in April 2011.

Approval of meeting minutes: October 14th monthly meeting, October 20, budget meeting, November 2, 2020 special meeting

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to approve the October 14, 2020 monthly meeting minutes as written. All were in favor, Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve the October 20, 2020 budget meeting minutes as written. All were in favor, Motion passed.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to approve the November 2, 2020 special meeting minutes, to include 2 corrections; two motions made near the end of the meeting (to approve the PennDOT Multimodal Grant and Resolution 2020-20) omitted a second to the motions. John Turcmanovich explained he made the second to both motions. All were in favor of approving the minutes with these two corrections. Motion passed.

Correspondence :

Handicap Parking Applications: 339 E Abbott Street & 411 E. Abbott Street

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by Bob Silver, to approve a handicap parking space for Suzanne Vavro, 339 E. Abbott Street. All were in favor, Motion passed.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve a handicap parking space for Kathleen Williams, 411 E. Abbott Street. All were in favor except Martin Ditsky who was opposed because the area is overly congested. Motion passed, 6 Yes, 1 No.

Special Event – Am. Fire Co. No. 1 – Request to hold a Santa Parade 12/6/20 rain date 12/13/20 starting at 3:00 p.m. (Due to Covid-19 virus the annual Christmas party at the firehouse will not be held)

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve the Santa Parade event to be held 12/13/20 at 3:00 p.m. by American Fire Co. No. 1, contingent upon learning the exact parade route. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Special Event – Valor Clinic Foundation – Request using the Ashton Park parking lot for a drive thru distribution for Veterans on 11/14/20.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve the Valor Clinic Foundation request to hold a drive-thru distribution event for veterans 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 11/14/20 at Ashton Hill Park parking lot. All were in favor, Motion passed.

LC Joint Water Authority (Nanovic Law offices)10/29/20 – Work Order required if borough needs holes drilled

No 9 Mine Museum– Request for Letter of Support for its 2021 LSA Grant Application for renovations.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver to send a letter to the No. 9 Mine in support of its application for Grant Funds through the 2021 LSA Monroe County Grant Program. The Motion was second by Gwyneth Collevchio. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Correspondence not copied – available on request

Tommy Vadyak – e-mail of 11/6/20 distributed in mailboxes

Eugene A Depasquale, PA Auditor General - Completed Liquid Fuels Audit for 2019

CC Tax Assessment appeal determinations – sent to Attorney Yurchak

CC Planning & Development – Nov 18th ZOOM meeting updating CC Hazard Mitigation Plan

Committee Topics

Zoning & Ordinance – Bob Silver, Chairman

A Motion was made by Bob Silver to reinstate committee meetings to be held in a contiguous manner, on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Motion was second by Martin Ditsky. On roll call vote: Martin Ditsky, Yes; Gwyneth Collevchio, No; Marie Ondrus, No; Bruce Markovich, Yes; William Chuma, No; Bob Silver, Yes; John Turcmanovich, No. Motion failed, 3 Yes, 4 No.

Public Works – William Chuma, Chairman, verbal report. The public works department have been picking up leaves, trucks are being winterized, street cracks are being sealed. There has not been notification from PennDOT about milling Route 209 to improve rainwater management.

Municipal Administration - Bruce Markovich, Chairman, written report was distributed and is on file in the borough office. Explained work zones for the Route 209 bridge project near Andrewsville Street. The conduits for the streetscape project will be mapped out with the help of Bill McMullen of ARRO Engineering. ARRO will also provide an estimate for a borough garage at the site near Silberline.

Park & Recreation – Martin Ditsky, Chairman; Reported the roof on the gazebo is about half done and should be completed in another week. Joe Hutta said he would have the leak detection completed at the Ashton park pool on November 18th.

Public Safety – John Turcmanovich, Chairman. Verbal report. Mr. Turcmanovich and William Chuma met with PennDOT officials regarding removal of the bridge near Andrewsville on Route 209. There is concern about ingress and egress through town during the project, to last about two weeks. The detour routes vehicles to route 54 in Nesquehoning. An emergency route could be constructed from the 800 block of E. Ridge Street to Andrewsville Street. Constructing the gated emergency route would be at the borough's expense. The project is scheduled for 2022. The Civil Service Commission will meet to review full time applications and set a testing date.

Municipal Reports – for October

American Fire Co No 1 – The fire company answered eight calls: 4 in Lansford, 1 in Summit Hill, 2 in Coaldale, and 1 in Nesquehoning. Nine training sessions were held.

Leighton Ambulance – Responded to 56 incidents with a response time of 7.96 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

Mayor's Report – October receipts totaled \$195.00. Year to date received is \$12,715.00

Police Report – Mayor Bartek distributed the police report to council 286 calls.

Solicitor’s Report – Attorney Yurchak will advertise Ordinance 2020-01 to ordain East Street and the 800 block of E. Bertsch Street as streets, to be on the December Agenda.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to advertise Ordinance 2020-01, specifying East Street and the 800 Block of East Bertsch Street as ordained streets. All were in favor except Martin Ditsky who was opposed. Motion passed.

Carbon County Tax Collection Committee – ZOOM meeting is November 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

CC Council of Governments – No report

Tax Collector’s Report; September collections \$7,981.26, Year to date \$933,632.39

Treasurer’s Report: Bills to Pay Total \$87,518.88; Breakdown: General Fund \$45,507.26, Street Light \$4,645.29, Sewer Transmission \$3,103.72, Park & Recreation \$4,391.80, Liquid Fuels \$1,758.81, Sanitation \$28,112.00.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$87,518.88. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Requesting approval to move wages as budgeted; Assistant Secretary Treasurer (\$16,480.00 from Sanitation) and Tax collector \$5,010.00 (from Street Light \$2,500.00, Fire \$800.00, Park & Rec \$210.00, Sewer Transmission \$1,500.00) into General Fund.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve the transfer of \$16,480.00 from the Sanitation Fund to the General Fund and the transfer of \$2,500.00 from Streetlight Fund, \$210.00 from Park and Recreation Fund, \$1,500.00 from Sewer Transmission Fund into the General Fund to cover wages. All were in favor except for Marie Ondus who was opposed. Motion passed, 6 Yes, 1 No.

- \$75,000.00 Loan for 400 E. Snyder Sewer has been setup and will appear on the chart of Funds (in Sewer Transmission Fund) next month

End of month Bal.	2020		2020	2020
FUND/Saving&Ckg	No.	Account Title	Sept	Oct
General Fund	7673	General Acct	\$584,800.32	\$495,593.90
General Fund	7780	Escrow for 20 E Kline Ave	\$2,180.11	\$2,180.11
General Fund	7772	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	5725	Escrow for 2 E Ridge St	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sanitation Fund	7681	Sanitation Fund	\$180,278.07	\$222,001.39
Sanitation Fund	0283	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$51,866.72	\$51,873.31
Sanitation Fund	7730	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$12,165.64	\$12,171.64
Sewer Transmission	7714	Sewage Transmission	\$71,130.51	\$44,063.72
Sewer Transmission	1198	Sewer Transmission	\$165,226.17	\$165,247.16
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$152,972.92	\$152,979.21
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Transm. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,265.43	\$51,275.94
LST	7722	Local Service Tax	\$13,892.39	\$14,469.67
Street Light Fund	7764	Streetlights	\$59,836.05	\$57,806.84
Fire Tax Fund	7748	Fire	\$38,843.32	\$38,907.51
HiWay Liq Fuels	7706	Treasurers Special HiWay	\$152,771.03	\$91,778.43
Park & Rec Fund	7699	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,435.98	\$41,439.38
Park & Rec Fund	7756	Recreation	\$54,515.95	\$45,565.65
Total			\$1,636,180.61	\$1,490,353.86
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tunnel/SwrSeparthn	\$18,689.23 per mo.		\$597,249.35	\$580,632.31

MEM Debacle	20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May&Nov	\$104,239.11	\$104,239.11
2018 Police RAM	Gen Fund or LST 6/1/18 - 5 yr.	\$26,440.53	\$26,440.53
Total		\$727,928.99	\$711,311.95

Unfinished Business

Future 2021 Budget meetings – A special meeting to adopt the proposed budget will probably be needed before the December 9, 2020 monthly meeting.

Cable TV Franchise Agreement – information was reviewed from previous 10-year agreement which expires at the end of 2020. More information is needed.

New Business

USDA Police Vehicle Loan – All paperwork has been sent to the USDA for closing.

Brian Kelly Auditor for 2020 – The secretary treasurer will contact the Auditor for details.

Tax Anticipation Note for 2021 – The secretary treasurer will get information on interest rates.

Wage Resolution 2020-21 for non-union employees

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve Resolution 2020-21, identifying a 3% raise for two office employees for 2021. On roll call vote: Martin Ditsky, Yes; Gwyneth Collevchio, Yes; Marie Ondrus, No; Bruce Markovich, Yes; William Chuma, Yes; Bob Silver, No; John Turcmanovich, Yes. Motion passed, 5 Yes, 2 No.

Adjournment – On Motion of John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma and everyone dispersed at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall

Secretary Treasurer