

Call to Order:

The regular scheduled meeting of Monday, August 1st was rescheduled to Monday, August 8th, 2011 and was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Kissell, Mr. Vandzura, Mr. Slanoc, Mr. Wozniak, Mrs. Chobany, and Mayor Fox. Also present were Robert Koban-Borough Manager; Mr. Wisor-Engineer, Chief Miller-Public Safety, and Mr. Squillario-Public Works. Absent were Michael Emerick-Solicitor and Michelle Claar-Secretary.

The minutes were derived from Mr. Squillario's notes and the agenda motions.

VISITORS:

Present was: Jerome Yetsko

Mayor Fox motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to go out of order to recognize the visitors. Mr. Yetsko advised that he will comment at the next meeting, still gathering facts.

Reports:

Managers Report:

Mr. Koban furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mr. Koban commented on several issues in his report.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Emerick was absent but furnished a written report prior to the meeting. The Kenneth and Melissa Plummer hearing was held at the Cambria County Courthouse on August 4th, 2011. Mr. Emerick provided a lengthy report of the details of the hearing that will be kept on file in the Secretary's office. To summarize the hearing: There are two liens against the property; Cambria Thrift in the amount of \$17,950.47 and Delinquent Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$5,655.85. The property is currently in upset sale status with no potential offers to purchase. Council will discuss further at the August committee meeting when Mr. Emerick can be present. Mr. Vandzura suggested contacting the County to ask for a judicial sale and to remove the liens and taxes. Mr. Vandzura also commented to contact Larry Custer's office or the grant writer to obtain funding.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Wisor furnished a written report to Council. Mr. Wisor provided an update for the MOP priorities of the borough bridges.

Police Report:

Chief Miller furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Chief Miller had nothing additional to report.

Public Works Report:

Mr. Squillario furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mr. Squillario had nothing additional to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Claar furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to approve the Treasurer's report in the amount of \$64,277.07. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence:

None

Citizens Input on Agenda Items:

Ms. McCarthy called for citizens input. Mr. Yetsko advised that he will comment at the next meeting, still gathering facts.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the July 18th regular meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to approve the July 18th regular meeting minutes, motion carried 7-0.

Paying of Bills:

The bills were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$15,732.23, motion carried 7-0.

Reports

Reports were received from the Municipal Water Authority and the Sewer Authority for May & June, the Joint Recreation Commission for June, the Portage Library for June and July, and Cambria County Bldg Codes Enforcement Agency for June. Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mayor Fox to approve the monthly reports as presented, motion carried 7-0.

Unfinished Business:

There was no update on the Mainline Heritage Association future meetings.

The Harpo's Building was demolished by Earth Movers during the week of August 1st. The item can be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Koban informed Council that the subcommittee list has been received by DCNR and the complete agreement will be forthcoming from the Eads Group. A notice to proceed should also be forthcoming.

There was no update on the Main Street Streetscape project.

Mr. Koban advised that there was no progress made on the steps and handrail project at the side of the Fire Company.

There was no update on the Bookhamer property located at 619 Main Street.
There was no update on the Johnstown Housing Authority agreement.

New Business:

None

Good of the Borough:

Mr. Koban advised that another meeting will be scheduled with Amfire when Mr. Dick Rice can obtain confirmation on a date.

Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to go into executive session for personnel issues, motion carried 7-0. Mr. Kissell motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to back into the regular meeting, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to advertise the cancellation of the August 15th committee meeting and reschedule for Monday, August 22nd, motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Kissell to adjourn, motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.