

**Call to Order:**

The regular scheduled meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 6:31 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Kissell, Mr. Vandzura, Mr. Yetsko, Mr. Slanoc, Mrs. Chobany-arrived late, and Mayor Fox. Also present were Robert Koban-Borough Manager; Mr. Emerick-Solicitor, Chief Miller-Public Safety, Mr. Squillario-Public Works, and Michelle Claar-Borough Secretary. Mr. Wisor-Borough Engineer was absent.

Mr. Kissell motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to deviate from the agenda to recognize the visitors. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

**VISITORS:**

Mr. Dick Rice with the Portage Area Planning Commission; Sarah with the Dispatch; Mr. Rice informed Council that the Eads Group will be holding workshops for comprehensive plan and provided a draft schedule. The meetings are as follows: on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Chatterbox for Group A, B, and Group C for the public session #1. On Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Co for Group CDEF and G. On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Co for Group H, I, J, and a public session #2.

**Reports:**

**Managers Report:**

Mr. Koban furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mr. Koban elaborated on several issues in his report. Mr. Slanoc questioned if there were a lot of applications for the full/part time police position. Mr. Koban commented that several were received. A discussion was held on when the position would be filled, wages, and if Council had a vote in the process. Mr. Koban advised that he will make his recommendation to Council at the April Committee meeting.

Mr. Koban advised Council that Officer Kings retirement calculation was forwarded to her for signature.

A discussion was held on the TAP building at the Park concerning the insurance. Mayor Fox commented that he was not against the idea but was only concerned from a liability aspect. Ms. Kinley was forwarded an e-mail to provide information to the insurance carrier before a quote is provided.

Mr. Koban advised Council that he attended a GIS Class and would like to commit to the project and budget funds in the future.

Mr. Koban provided a display to Council for the construction project at the intersection of Main and Dulancey concerning the truck traffic and road conditions. Mr. Koban provided details on the project and what the borough's responsibility would consist of. The Borough's portion of the \$610,000.00 project would be approximately \$25,000.00 for concrete sidewalks. Stagers Enterprises is donating a portion of the grounds and Amfire is working on a grant application for part of the funding. After a lengthy discussion, Mr.

Kissell motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to approve a maximum of \$25,000.00 commitment toward the project. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 7-0. Mr. Yetsko questioned if the JRC issue was addressed concerning the water charges by the Municipal Authority. Mr. Koban advised that he will be attending the meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the Borough and report back.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Mr. Emerick furnished a written report prior to the meeting.

Mr. Emerick advised Council that Mr. Bookhamer had twenty days to answer the complaint. There was no response from Mr. Bookhamer. Chief Miller had filed a citation with Mr. Bookhamer regarding the glass falling from the building. Mr. Vandzura suggested tacking up plywood on the structure. Mr. Kissell commented that the repairs should be made by Mr. Bookhamer and not the Borough. Mr. Kissell also suggested having Mr. Emerick proceed with the next step in the process.

Mr. Emerick advised Council that the Plummer's cost for legal fees are approximately \$2,100.00. Council can decide to pursue the legal fees now, accept payments, or a judgment can be filed against the Plummer's to include any other properties.

**Engineers Report:**

Mr. Wisor furnished a written report to Council. Mr. Wisor was not in attendance.

**Police Report:**

Chief Miller furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Chief Miller had nothing additional to add except that the Borough has received an Aggressive Driving grant for the month of April.

**Public Works Report:**

Mr. Squillario furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mr. Squillario advised that he replaced the tree at Decorts and cleaned up mud from a contractor on Mountain Avenue from a new home being constructed. Mr. Squillario advised that the contractor will be billed for the clean-up.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ms. Claar furnished a written report prior to the meeting. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve the Treasurer's report in the amount of \$80,125.37. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 7-0.

**Correspondence:**

The Moshannon Valley Council of Governments sent notice of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Equipment show and training day on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Clearfield Fairgrounds.

PSAB sent notice of the 2012 annual conference to be held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion from April 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see Ms. Claar if interested.

The Cambria County Borough Association Dinner will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Contres-Greer Social Hall at 5:30 p.m. Four representatives will be attending.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup> regular and March 19<sup>th</sup> Committee of the whole meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup> regular and March 19<sup>th</sup> Committee of the whole meeting minutes, motion carried 7-0.

**Paying of Bills:**

The bills were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Kissell to approve paying the bills, including the additional bills in the amount of \$28,067.83. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 7-0.

**Reports**

Organizations submitting reports were the Portage Area Sewer Authority for February; the Water Authority for January and February, and Laurel Inspection for February. Mr. Kissell motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to accept the reports as submitted, motion carried 7-0.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was no update on the Main Street Streetscape project.

Mr. Koban informed Council that the Comprehensive Plan, Open Space & Recreation and Trail Feasibility plan.

The Bookhamer and Plummer properties were discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Sekerak property located at 811-813 Gillespie Avenue was discussed. Mr. Emerick advised that a letter will be sent out to Mr. Sekerak with Councils decision on how to proceed.

There was no update on the Comcast Cable Agreement but Mr. Koban requested to keep the issue on the agenda.

Mr. Koban advised that the Stager and Greathouse properties can be removed from the agenda.

**VOTING ITEMS:**

A discussion was held on the Floodplain Management proposed Ordinance. Mr. Emerick advised that a letter has not yet been received from FEMA regarding the compliance but

it could possibly be amended if not in compliance. Mayor Fox motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve Ordinance 2-2012 by repealing Chapter 8 Floodplains to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and Federal Emergency Management Agency and updating the flood insurance maps and adding definitions. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 7-0.

**New Business:**

Mr. Joseph Beyers with the Eads Group submitted a request for Council to consider the waiving of permit fees for the Portage Area Sewer Authority project on Johnson, Jefferson, and Conemaugh Avenue. A discussion was held and Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mr. Vandzura to waive the permit fees for the PASA construction project on Jefferson, Johnson, and Conemaugh Avenue. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 7-0.

Dennis Kotzan & Associates presented the 2011 Audited Financial Statements for Borough approval and advertisement. Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mr. Vandzura to approve the advertising of the 2011 audit for the General Fund and State Liquid Fuels Funds. Ms. McCarthy polled and motioned carried 7-0.

Mr. Wayne Templeton submitted a request to close a portion of the 800 block of Blair Street for an auction. Mr. Kissell motioned, seconded by Mr. Vandzura to approve the request from Mr. Wayne Templeton to close a portion of 800 block of Blair Street for an auction to be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 7-0.

The Cambria County Commissioners submitted the 2012 County Aid applications for liquid fuels. Mr. Kissell motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to approve Resolution 3-2012 by making an application with the Cambria County Commissioners for the 2012 County Liquid Fuels funds in the amount of \$12,000.00, motion carried 7-0.

**Good of the Borough:**

Cambria County Borough Association dinner on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The 5K bunny race

Meeting with the Portage Area Planning Commission at the April 16<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to adjourn, motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.