

A special meeting of the Borough Council of Portage was held on Friday, December 21st, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers. Council Members in attendance were: Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Kissell, Mr. Vandzura, Mr. Yetsko, Mr. Slanoc, Mrs. Chobany, and Mayor Fox. Also present were: Robert Koban, Borough Manager and Michelle Claar-Borough Secretary.

Visitors present included Sarah Wolford with the Dispatch.

There were no other visitors.

Ms. Claar provided a list of bills to be paid through December 21st, 2012. Ms. Claar informed Council that an error had occurred in Quickbooks with employee unemployment compensation being withheld twice for several employees.

ON MOTION OF MRS. CHOBANY, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,478.12. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. KISSELL, MR. VANDZURA, MR. YETSKO, MR. SLANOC, MRS. CHOBANY, MAYOR FOX, AND MS. McCARTHY. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The 2013 budget was presented to Council along with the Manager's budget message. The budget was properly advertised. The following Ordinances were reviewed:

- A. ON MOTION OF MR. VANDZURA, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 4-2012 SETTING THE 2013 TAX MILLAGE RATE AT 16.5 MILLS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND .5 MILLS FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR A TOTAL RATE OF 17 MILLS. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. KISSELL, MR. VANDZURA, MR. YETSKO, MR. SLANOC, MRS. CHOBANY, MAYOR FOX, AND MS. McCARTHY. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.
- B. ON MOTION OF MAYOR FOX, SECONDED BY MR. SLANOC THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 5-2012 ADOPTING THE 2013 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND STATE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNTS. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. KISSELL, MR. VANDZURA, MR. YETSKO, MR. SLANOC, MRS. CHOBANY, MAYOR FOX, AND MS. McCARTHY. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.
- C. ON MOTION OF MR. SLANOC, SECONDED BY MR. VANDZURA, THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 6-2012 SETTING THE 2013 COMPENSATION PLAN WAGE RATES FOR UNIFORM AND NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEES. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. KISSELL, MR. VANDZURA, MR. YETSKO, MR. SLANOC, MRS. CHOBANY, MAYOR FOX, AND MS. McCARTHY. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Claar presented the 2013 calendar for regular and committee of whole meeting dates.

ON MOTION OF MR. KISSELL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ADVERTISING OF THE 2013 MEETING DATES. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. KISSELL, MR. VANDZURA, MR. YETSKO, MR. SLANOC, MRS. CHOBANY, MAYOR FOX, AND MS. McCARTHY. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Mayor Fox commented that he was approached by Jane Onderko concerning 2 potted evergreens that she would like to donate to the borough to be planted at the old Harpo's lot. A discussion was held on where to place the evergreens and will be discussed at the January meeting. Council was agreement to accept the trees.

Mayor Fox advised that the Chatter Box will be hosting carols and Christmas music on Saturday and Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Winterfest went very well this year with great participation between the organizations and committees.

Ms. McCarthy commented on the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Connecticut and to keep them in our prayers. Prayers were also requested for the Geeseytown incident of State Police and three homicides.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MRS. CHOBANY, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.