

A meeting of Portage Borough Council Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, September 17th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Sharon McCarthy
Todd Learn

James Kissell
Jerome Yetsko

George Wozniak

David Hayes

Also present were: Robert Koban, Borough Manager
Absent were John Morgan and Michelle Claar.

Visitors:

Ron Portash, Mainline Newspapers, Irene Huschak-Portage Historical Society;

Mrs. Huschak commended the Public Works Dept for all their efforts on the paving project on Lee Street and the repair of the bricks that remained. The bricks that were removed from Lee Street are going to be used to create a monument to the past businesses in Portage. Names of businesses that are no longer in existence will be engraved onto the 1912 bricks and laid beside the Museum where the cement is now cracking. The bricks and be purchased for \$15.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Update on Recreation Director/Manager

Mr. Koban advised that he received a draft scope of work from Mr. Longwell for the grant application and requested Councils review.

B. Borough Building Roof litigation

No update. Mr. Koban informed Council that American Roofing will be sending out a specialist to check out the roof.

C. Update on Trout Run Flood Protection Grant-there was no update.

D. Update on PennDot Project on SR 164 and Main Street

Mr. Koban advised that he received an updated plan from Bruce Schweitzer regarding for the S-Curves and the radius at Central Alley for Council to review.

E. Update on PennDot MTF Grant for the Main Street Phase II Improvements

There was no update but moving forward.

F. Update on Main Street Phase III Project

There was no update.

G. Update on sump pump issues at the Administration Building

Mr. Koban advised the work is in progress.

H. Update on Sonman Avenue Bridge 12 Year plan

There was no update.

I. Update on grant funding for generator

No update, work in progress

J. Update on retainer wall at Johnson Avenue

The project probably won't be complete until next year.

- K. Update on Restroom Project at Crichton McCormick Park
Mr. Koban advised that with the inclement weather, the project has not yet commenced. The compliance permit and plans are here at the office.
- L. Sump Pump issue on Making and Caldwell (Gallo and Dobrowolsky)
The contractor should be there next week to make changes to the sump pump diversion.
- L. Update on proposed ordinance for sump pump and drainage issues within the Borough
There was no update.
- M. Discussion on Memorial event for World War II Vet; Mr. Walter Mintus
There was no update.

Buildings:

- A. 1309/1315 Jefferson Avenue (Bobolsky)
There was no update. The deadline for demolition is September 30th, 2018.
- B. 616 Dulancey Drive (Adams)
There was no update on a representative.
- C. 933 Sonman Avenue-(Greenawalt)
There was no update
- D. Shoenfeld property at Orange and Grove
There was no update.
- E. Update on 828 North Railroad (Gaunts)
The Gaunts are now in default judgement. Waiting on Cambria County Courts.
- F. Update on 730 Sherman Street (Plummer)
There was no update but there is still junk on the front porch.
- G. Update on 720-722 Orchard Street Property (Plummer)
There was no update. A Public Hearing to be held on October 1st, 2018.
- H. Update on 406 Caldwell Avenue (Barclay)
There was no update but the public hearing will be held on October 1st, 2018.
- I. Update on 925 Main Street (Lewis)
There was no update but the public hearing will be held on October 1st, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of Ordinance 3-2018 concerning handicap parking zones.

ON MOTION OF MR. KISSELL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 3-2018 BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 406, SPECIAL PURPOSE HANDICAP PARKING ZONES. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATELY WERE MR. LEARN, MR. YETSKO, MR. WOZNIAK, MR. HAYES, MR. KISSELL AND MS. MCCARTY. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

- B. Discussion with the PARPC to distribute the brochures within the 4-county area.
Mr. Bernazzoli sent an e-mail concerning the distribution of the brochures. The PARPC has joined the Cambria, Blair and Bedford Visitors' Bureaus to get the Portage brochure out to the various businesses in the respective counties. The PARPC also advised they did not approve joining the Laurel Highlands VB because of cost and scheduling structure.

ON MOTION OF MR. WOZNIAK, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY TABLED ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATELY WERE MR. LEARN, MR. YETSKO, MR. WOZNIAK, MR. HAYES, MR. KISSELL AND MS. MCCARTY. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

- C. Resignation of Portage Borough Tax Collector

Mrs. Joanne Redfern submitted a letter of resignation as the Portage Borough Real Estate Collector, effective for January 1, 2019. Mrs. Redfern has been the tax collector since 1996. A short discussion was held on appointing and advertising for the position.

ON MOTION OF MR. WOZNIAK, SECONDED BY MR. KISSELL, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF MRS. JOANNE REDFERN AS THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR OF PORTAG BOROUGH. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATELY WERE MR. LEARN, MR. YETSKO, MR. WOZNIAK, MR. HAYES, MR. KISSELL AND MS. MCCARTY. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

- D. Review of a proposed ordinance prohibiting debris onto alleys and roadways.

Mr. Koban presented a proposed ordinance for Council to review. The proposed ordinance regulates/prohibits any debris onto any borough alleys and streets. A short discussion was held on the type of debris.

ON MOTION OF MR. KISSELL, SECONDED BY MR. HAYES, COUNCIL APPROVED THE ADVERTISING OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DEBRIS ONTO ANY ALLEY OR ROADWAY WITHIN THE BOROUGH. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATELY WERE MR. YETSKO, MR. WOZNIAK, MR. HAYES, MR. KISSELL AND MS. MCCARTY. MOTION CARRIED 5-1 WITH MR. LEARN VOTING NEGATIVELY.

- E. Approval to purchase a certificate of deposit with First National Bank of Cresson.

Mr. Koban advised that a certificate of deposit was maturing on September 21st with 1st Summit Bank. Interest rates were marketed with several financial institutions. Mr. Koban commented that the 2018 allocation of \$3,000.00 can be added to the maturing certificate deposit.

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. WOZNIAK, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 11-2018 BY PURCHASING A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN CRESSON; IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,416.76. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATELY WERE MR. LEARN, MR. YETSKO, MR. WOZNIAK, MR. HAYES, MR. KISSELL AND MS. MCCARTY. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Paying of the Bills

Ms. Claar presented a copy of the bills and additional bills to be paid in written form.

ON MOTION OF MR. HAYES, SECONDED BY MR. WOZNIAK, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO PAY THE BILLS IN WRITTEN FORM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13, 624.37. VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. LEARN, MR. YETSKO, MR. WOZNIAK, MR. HAYES, MR. KISSELL, AND MS. MCCARTHY, MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

The Cambria County Borough Association sent notice of the Fall Meeting being hosted by Ebensburg Borough. The meeting will be held at Amici's Restaurant on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018 with social hour at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Yetsko updated Council on several issues at the Portage Borough Water Authority.

Mr. Kissell advised that he received burning complaints on Maken Street.

There being no further business;

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. KISSELL, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED. VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. LEARN, MR. YETSKO, MR. WOZNIAK, MR. HAYES, MR. KISSELL, AND MS. MCCARTHY, MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

The meeting concluded at 7:42 P.M.