

A meeting of Portage Borough Council was held on Monday, February 4th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers.

Those in attendance were:

Sharon McCarthy
Jerome Yetsko

James Kissell
John Morgan

David Hayes
Todd Learn

George Wozniak

Also present were: Robert Koban, Borough Manager; Michael Emerick, Solicitor; Gary Wisor, Engineer; Scott Maul, Public Works; Chief Miller, Public Safety; Ms. Claar, Secretary. Ms. Wozniak-Jr. Council was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., which was followed by a roll call with a quorum being present.

REFLECTION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kissell offered a reflection. The reflection was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jean Kinley questioned the borough ordinance regarding snow and ice on the sidewalks throughout the borough. She questioned why the ordinance is not being enforced with the latest snow and ice storms. Ms. McCarthy commented that with the frigid cold temperatures and below zero wind chills, it would be difficult for any resident to be outside trying to shovel or clear the ice from sidewalks. She also commented that with these type of weather conditions, the ordinance was strictly enforced. Several snow parking citations have been filed by the Police Department for residents not being in compliance with the snow parking ordinance.

REPORTS

A. Borough Manager

Mr. Koban provided his report in written form prior to the meeting. Mr. Koban elaborated on several issues;

- Mr. Koban called for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel issues.
- Ms. McCarthy questioned the certification for parking meters being performed in house. Mr. Koban advised that the Dept of Agriculture is now providing certified training for the parking meters. The Dept of Agriculture Weights and Measures has ceased in certifying the meters and now becomes the responsibility of the municipality. Mr. Koban commented that training classes will be researched within the near future.
- Mr. Koban advised that Pro Disposal will be removing the wheels from the dumpster in the back of the administration building parking lot.
- Mr. Kissell questioned the grant being sought by the PAJRC and the PAYA. Mr. Koban advised that both organizations are applying for equipment and repairs to the park through the Community Foundation. The Borough Council motioned last month to be the fiscal agent for the grant funding and it is a totally separate grant than the DCNR grants.
- Mr. Koban informed Council that the Cambria County Tax Claim Bureau sent notice of two properties that will be listed on the proposed sale on Friday, March 29th, 2019. The two