

UTICA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: April 11, 2017

Location: Utica Fire Hall

Meeting was called to order by President Tod Elford at 7:11 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance in addition to T. Elford were Ken Bryan, Jack Foster, Bill Henze, and Mayor MaryAnn Schell and Secretary/Treasurer Jody Burgert. Absent was Shannon Osborn.

T. Elford called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

T. Elford called for a motion to approve the March treasurer's report. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

T. Elford called for a motion that all bills be paid. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION REPORT: Nothing to report

ROAD REPORT: Council voted to sweep the streets prior to the Utica Festival/Big Bass Tournament. J. Burgert was directed to contact Suit-Kote to arrange for the sweeping with the stipulation that J. Foster be contacted several days prior to the event date so that the streets can be prepped. K. Bryan offered to help. Council approved contacting Todd Steetle to help as well. The "watch for children" sign by the playground needs to be moved. J. Foster will handle.

COMMUNITY LIAISON: All is well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON: B. Henze discussed the work planned by the Fire Department for the new parking lot side of the building. A request for an additional key to the Fire Hall to be held by the president of the Council was approved

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY SHELTER: No news on the emergency shelter designation.

MEADOR PROPERTY: No contact with the Meadors.

DCNR PLAYGROUND GRANT: K. Bryan will coordinate the volunteer efforts. Council decided to hold off removing the gravel, etc. until closer to the time that work will begin on the playground. Plans are to open the sidewalk bids at the May meeting.

LIGHT UP NIGHT: Mrs. McAvoy has not responded to the Borough's request to decorate trees on her property for light up night.

2016 AUDIT: Council approved paying the auditors \$100 this year only as they had to work on the audit on two separate occasions.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS: Council voted to adopt resolutions supporting the use of radar by any police officer, not just Pennsylvania State Police, and eliminating the ceilings for monetary prizes “so long as the provision outlined in Section 502(a), Distributions of proceeds, is not found in violation.” This change would affect community charitable organizations. Currently the ceiling is no more than \$35,000 in prizes “shall be awarded from games of chance by a licensed eligible organization in any seven-day period.” These resolutions will be submitted to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs steering committee which will submit all resolutions collected across the Commonwealth to the full PSAB R&P Committee at the Annual Conference in May.

UTICA FESTIVAL/BIG BASS TOURNAMENT: Events will begin on Friday, June 30 with registration for the Big Bass Tournament and the crowd-pleasing Karaoke contest. Scheduled for Saturday, in addition to the fishing tournament, will be community yard sales, fighting demonstrations by the Society for Creative Anachronism, and fireworks at French Creek Farms. Sunday will feature a corn hole tournament.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A recent building permit notice from Venango County was reviewed.
- Council was reminded of the Wake up to the Issues Breakfast, sponsored by PSAB on Friday, April 14 at Perkins Restaurant in Meadville.
- A thank you letter from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy was read.
- Council approved posting a notice at the post office soliciting interested persons to apply to care for the playground, including mowing, weeding, and sweeping the sidewalk.
- J. Foster asked J. Burgert to check on replacing street lights with LED lights to save money.
- J. Foster shared a letter from the United Way that notes that a 211 number for people to call when emergencies occur has been established. The 211 call will provide contact information concerning appropriate services.

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Meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Joanne C. Burgert, Ed.D.
Secretary/Treasurer