

UTICA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: February 21, 2017

Location: Utica Fire Hall

Meeting was called to order by President Tod Elford at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance in addition to T. Elford were Ken Bryan, Jack Foster, Mayor MaryAnn Schell and Secretary/Treasurer Jody Burgert. Bill Henze and Shannon Osborn was absent. Meeting was held in the ambulance office.

Recognition of Guests: Andrew Holden and his father Doug Holden. Andrew addressed Council concerning his Eagle Scout project, the restoration of the Utica boat launch. He provided a handout on the project and asked for volunteer and/or monetary support from the Borough. J. Burgert was directed to contact the Borough's Association to determine if the Borough can donate \$300 to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for Andrew's project.

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

T. Elford called for a motion to approve the December treasurer's report. Motion was made, seconded and approved. President Elford then called for a motion to approve the January treasurer's report. A motion to approve the report once a typographical error was fixed 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: All is well.

COMMUNITY LIAISON: All is well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON: Due to the absence of the liaison, there was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY SHELTER: J. Burgert will meet with the Red Cross the first week of March to sign off on the document.

MEADOR PROPERTY: No contact with the Meadors.

DCNR PLAYGROUND GRANT: Time to get started by removing the swing sets, the gravel and the white pipes. K. Bryan offered to coordinate the volunteers and asked that a release form be provided

VENANGO COUNTY/PENNDOT GRANT: Reimbursement check has been deposited and project completed.

SECURITY CAMERA: The cameras ordered by Select Security are not compatible with the existing receiver so installation has been postponed until new cameras arrive.

LIGHT UP NIGHT: A letter was sent to the McAvoy family asking permission to decorate two trees on the edge of their property with a return letter and self-addressed stamped envelope included.

2016 AUDIT: The audit will be held at 9 a.m. at the Fire Hall on Saturday March 4.

NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Thank you notes from the Fire Department and the Humane Society were circulated.
- The upcoming primary election was discussed briefly.
- No one was interested in receiving the *Borough News*.
- The 2017 retainer for EADS was signed.
- A recent realty tax transfer was discussed.
- J. Burgert was given the Boundary and Annexation Survey to complete.
- Real Estate taxes collected in 2015 was \$12,935.78 and \$12,453.54 for 2016.
- No one was interested in attending the upcoming Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads seminar.
- Council discussed road weight limits in light of recent logging in the area. The roads are posted, but no one from the logging company contacted the Borough about bonding.

Meeting concluded at 8:23 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

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