

UTICA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: January 2, 2017

Location: Utica Fire Hall

Meeting was called to order by President Tod Elford at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance in addition to T. Elford were Ken Bryan, Jack Foster, Bill Henze, Mayor MaryAnn Schell and Secretary/Treasurer Jody Burgert. Shannon Osborn was absent.

Recognition of Guests: None

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

T. Elford asked Council to review the draft of the December treasurer's report. With the meeting scheduled so early in January, the necessary statements could not be obtained to balance the books.

T. Elford called for a motion that all bills be paid, including invoices from Penelec, Dan Bryan for mowing and the 4th quarter federal taxes. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION REPORT: Nothing to report

ROAD REPORT: All is well.

COMMUNITY LIAISON: The sidewalks are being cleared, but it appears that some in the community do not realize that this is a courtesy by the Borough rather than an obligation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON: B. Henze reported 198 ambulance calls in 2016, up by about 70. Council expressed its appreciation to both the Ambulance and the Fire Department personnel.

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY SHELTER: Signed form has not been returned by the American Red Cross.

MEADOR PROPERTY: K. Bryan has not heard from the Meadors concerning fill material for the Water Street property.

DCNR PLAYGROUND GRANT: No news.

VENANGO COUNTY/PENNDOT GRANT: Still waiting for the reimbursement check from the County for \$17,600.

SECURITY CAMERA: Cameras have not been installed.

LIGHT UP NIGHT: J. Burgert will contact Ronnie Beith, events coordinator for Franklin, about commercial lighting. A letter will be sent to the McAvoy family asking permission to decorate two trees on the edge of their property. K. Bryan will work on locating a bucket truck to use for decorating. Lori Young will be contacted about the possibility of coordinating a lighting contest to be held in conjunction with light up night.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 AUDIT: Permission was granted to schedule the 2016 audit with the three auditors, Meagan Clark, Erin McLean and Denny Snyder.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- In response to a letter from County Planning, it was determined that the Borough has no GIS mapping information.
- Bruce Getsinger was once again approved as the solicitor for the Borough.
- A letter from the Franklin Public Library, thanking the Borough for its annual donation, was read.
- Mayor Schell noted that Glade Run hopes to have its new Utica school up and running in February.
- There is a problem with the light at 4th and Water. Mayor Schell will obtain the numbers from the pole so that Penelec can be called.

Respectively submitted,

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