

UTICA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: May 9, 2017

Location: Utica Fire Hall

Meeting was called to order by President Tod Elford at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance in addition to T. Elford were Ken Bryan, Jack Foster, Bill Henze, Shannon Osborn and Secretary/Treasurer Jody Burgert. Absent was Mayor MaryAnn Schell.

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

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

T. Elford called for a motion that all bills be paid, including a reimbursement check for Jack Foster for \$44.52 (drive cap). Motion was made, seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION REPORT: Allen Paul Clark was hired to maintain the playground for \$15/hour plus gas. Duties will include mowing, weeding, and keeping the sidewalks clear.

ROAD REPORT: J. Foster reported that the signs have been taken care of.

COMMUNITY LIAISON: No report due to the absence of the mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON: A key to the fire department building was provided to President T. Elford. B. Henze and J. Foster will remount the cameras on the building. The handicapped parking signs along the Grant Street side of the fire hall are doing their jobs.

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY SHELTER: Still trying to connect with the Red Cross representative

MEADOR PROPERTY: No contact with the Meadors.

DCNR PLAYGROUND GRANT: J. Burgert reported that DCNR still needs to provide approval to send the bidding package to four local cement contractors. Sherwin-Williams gave the Borough \$50 off on a \$100 purchase for paint for the pavilion, picnic table, and lines for the basketball court.

LIGHT UP NIGHT: T. Elford volunteered to contact Mrs. McAvoy about using her trees.

STREET SWEEPING: The sweeping is scheduled for June with Suit-Kote.

NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Council signed off on a bank financing form for the purchase of the new fire truck by the fire department. The Borough assumes no financial obligation by signing the form, but it does allow the fire department to be given a lower interest rate.
- The French Creek Valley Conservancy Sojourn from Shaw's Landing to Utica is scheduled for Saturday, June 17. A dinner will be held at French Creek Farm. Mayor Schell will be asked to welcome the group with B. Henze agreeing to provide a brief and light-hearted history of Utica during dinner.
- In response to a request for information on LED streetlights, J. Burgert reported that Utica is not scheduled to replace bulbs until 2030. Doing so before that date would be a very expensive proposition. Bulbs cannot be traded out when they are replaced. Each bulb would cost \$386 with a minimum order of 12 for a total of \$4,632. The Borough converted from mercury to sodium vapor in 2010. Penelec notes that while LED lights use less kilowatts, they cost more monthly to rent (\$8.29 a bulb).
- Council reviewed the Tax Base Summary Report, decided to wait a year for another Borough-sponsored community clean-up, tabled a discussion on minutes binders pending further research, and expressed appreciation of the Eagle Scout Project at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy boat launch.

Meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

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