

Avis Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021. President Stover presiding with Mayor Harter and members Raab, Brooks, Gordon, Herman, Aungst and Christian present.

E. Christian made a motion to amend the resignation of the secretary to say that the resignation is as of March 31, 2022, M. Herman seconded with all Council voting in favor.

Motion by D. Aungst to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting with a second by J. Raab and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Motion by D. Aungst to pay the bills as presented, with a second by M. Herman and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

The amount of the bills for the general account presented were \$ 23,297.09

The amount of the bills for the sewer account presented were \$18,420.78

J. Raab made a motion to accept the 2022 budget as presented with no tax increase and no sewer increase with a second by D. Aungst and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Borough resident, Scott James, attended the meeting to discuss the parking issue on Fairview Street. He said that since there is no parking on his side of the street he now needs to park in his yard as there are no spots on the street. The street committee is going to look into this.

There was discussion regarding Larch Alley and Cedar Alley and the fact that the alley is so bad that Mr. James cannot get back to his garage. T. Gordon made a motion to authorize E. Hughes to repair Larch Alley with a second by J. Raab and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

A Uhler, Borough Engineer, stated that he is just about completed with the design for the storm sewer project for Short Street/Central Avenue. He would like to have Brubaker do an exploratory dig in the intersection at \$275.00 per hour. They will need to cross over one line and duck under another. J. Raab made a motion with a second by D. Aungst to have Alan go ahead and keep this project moving, with all Council voting in favor. J. Raab made a motion to have Alan go ahead with the grant application through the AARP funds that the County will be distributing for sanitary sewer rehabilitation, with a second by T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes Officer, is in the process of working with the Solicitor in updating the landlord ordinance. He also will have some mailers that he was intending to put in with the new sewer books that will be mailed out to Borough residents.

Mayor Harter, went over the October and November police reports, attached hereto. He inquired about installing cameras at Smith and Fairview Streets. He was told that it can be done, however, getting a signal is the problem.

J. Raab discussed the building of a pole barn over by the Oark Grove Apartments for Borough use. It would be a building with 3 overhead doors. He informed Council that there was someone interested in purchasing the leaf truck. D. Aungst made a motion to go ahead and sell the truck and put the money back into the equipment fund. E. Christian seconded with all Council voting in favor. There is an issue with the sewer (jet) truck and J. Raab will take a look at it before any decisions are made regarding this truck.

The fire company requested that Brady Street be closed on December 18, 2021 for the Lenny Stroud fundraiser. D. Aungst made a motion to allow Brady Street to be closed on December 18, 2021 with a second by J. Raab and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

A. Brooks informed Council that the pension audit for the years 2017-2020 was being conducted. She also informed Council that she is working on a job description for the secretary job and that she would like to have a committee meeting. A. Brooks made a motion to purchase Wal-Mart gift cards in

the amount of \$50.00 each for all Borough employees, including E. Hughes who is working on keeping the web-site updated. D. Aungst seconded with all Council voting in favor. A. Brooks also mentioned that it might be time to purchase new chairs for the meeting room.

T. Gordon stated that the liability claim for the water damage in two borough resident homes is in the process of getting resolved.

E. Christian reminded everyone that with winter here and wood burners working to get chimney's cleaned and to keep the roads cleared during snowstorms so the plows can get through

M. Herman said that the electrical work at the ballfield has been approved for the Penn College students to do.

A. Brooks said that the Christmas decorating contest will be judged the week of December 13-18. She also stated that a mural is going to be painted at the back of the memorial at the tank. The artist that painted the mural at the ballfield is going to paint this mural as well. She is submitting an application to the Clinton County Foundation to help in the purchase of the Christmas lights. The recent bingo fundraiser raised \$8,000.00 for the Christmas lights. She gave that check to the secretary to be deposited.

Borough resident Cheri Overdorf was at the meeting to let council know that she is having a dog problem on E. Highland Street. She did contact the dog warden but was asking Council what else she could do.

Borough resident Linda Kitchen was at the meeting and asked why Council was planning on putting cameras at Smith and Fairview Streets. She also thanked Council for not raising the sewer rates.

J. Raab made a motion to go into an Executive Session with a second by D. Aungst and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

8:00 P.M. – Executive Session

8:20 P.M. – Out of Executive Session

Discussions pertaining to the pension fund.

Motion for adjournment by J. Raab with a second by D. Aungst .