

Avis Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021. President Stover presiding with Mayor Harter and members Raab, Brooks, Gordon, Herman, Aungst and Christian present.

Motion by J. Raab to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting with a second by D. Aungst and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

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

The amount of the bills for the general account presented were \$34,346.40

The amount of the bills for the sewer account presented were \$8,541.21

E. Harter, Mayor, went over the police report for May, a copy of which is attached. Officer Gill was present at the meeting to answer any questions anyone may have. He stated that he talked to the owner of the drop box at the laundromat regarding all of the stuff that is dropped there. The owner stated that he is willing to go through anything left there and will dispose of the items that he cannot use. M. Herman made a motion to have Brian Shobert, the owner of the laundromat, contacted to make him aware that Council believes this is an eyesore and to suggest that he contact the owner of the boxes to have him/her pick it up more often. J. Raab seconded and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes Officer, stated that he has spoken with Mr. Powell regarding the cleaning up of his property on Central Avenue. K. Barger also stated that he has spoken with the Solicitor and the Solicitor stated that there is not a timeframe as to how long he has to get it cleaned up. K. Barger did note that orange fencing was put around the property for public safety.

Councilman, D. Aungst, stated that he would like to give Mr. Powell 45 days to get this cleaned up or the Borough will take the necessary steps to make it presentable.

T. Gordon made a motion with a second by A. Brooks to have the Code Enforcement officer negotiate with Mr. Powell and come up with some kind of plan that is acceptable by both parties or the Borough will contact the Solicitor and take legal action. There were two nays to this motion. The ordinance committee is going to meet and go over the ordinance to see if it needs revised.

E. Hughes, Supervisor, stated that the doors are ordered and that they will be here in the next 6-12 weeks. He was hoping to get started on Phase 2 of the Summit Street project but due to unforeseen issues with the contractor, this will be put on hold for awhile. He stated that Saar's Tree Service took down a dead tree at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Grier Lane. He also stated that there are some trees that need removed toward the back of the building. They are interfering with the cameras. A. Brooks made a motion to have these trees removed with a second by D. Aungst and so carried with all Council voting in favor. Saar's Tree Service gave a price of \$750.00 to take these trees down. E. Hughes also stated that Geisinger wants to pave their parking lot and would like to pave Ivy Alley as well. A. Brooks made a motion to allow Geisinger to get Ivy Alley paved with a second by T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor. E. Hughes stated that since Charles Construction will already be in the Borough perhaps Council would want to look into getting the tennis court parking lot paved while they are here.

J. Raab stated that he, E. Christian, E. Hughes and B. Snook met with the gas company regarding their plans. The gas company would like to put a line up Prospect to Clare Road, basically from Borough line to Borough line. The gas company was told that they could not do patching after they install this line. They will need to mill and pave. This project may not happen for a few years.

There is a total of \$2,439.50 past due in sewer accounts. There was one resident past due in March and 1 shut off in May and 7 shut offs in June.

A Brooks stated that she received an estimate for the paving of the tennis court parking lot. The estimate was approximately \$35,000.00. She stated that this is just a starting point in this project. She also stated that she was approached about a higher fence at the ball field for foul balls.

T. Gordon went over the proposed amended ordinance, amending Chapter 485, Article IV, Section 485-32 with respect to general parking regulations- parking prohibited at all times and in certain locations. T. Gordon made a motion to adopt this amendment with a second by D. Aungst and so carried with all Council voting in favor. This will go into effect in 30 days.

Council received an email from John Shade regarding the open constable position. Mr. Shade is eligible to apply but will need to petition the courts to get appointed.

Council received a letter from Jersey Shore requesting the use of fire police for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. D. Aungst made a motion to allow the fire police to go to Jersey Shore for the parade with a second by J. Raab and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Council received a letter from the Jersey Shore Library requesting approval from Council to appoint Linda Roller as the Avis Borough representative to be on the Board of Trustees for the library. T. Gordon made a motion to have Linda Roller appointed as the Avis Borough representative with a second by A. Brooks. There was one nay.

J. Raab made a motion to have the July meeting be on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday. A. Brooks seconded and all Council voted in favor. Secretary will advertise the change.

July 12 is yard sale day. Avis recreation will be chancing off a big cooler and 2 bicycles with the proceeds going toward the Christmas lights at each end of town.

The carnival went well and there are discussions about having some kind of festival in the Fall.

Motion for adjournment by D. Aungst with a second by E. Christian.