

Avis Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021. President Stover presiding with Mayor Harter and members Raab, Brooks, Gordon, Herman, Aungst and Christian present.

Motion by D. Aungst to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2021 and the October 18, 2021 meetings 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 T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

The amount of the bills for the general account presented were \$ 22,034.12

The amount of the bills for the sewer account presented were \$68,494.29

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 also indicated that he is working on a grant application through the AARP funds that the County will be distributing. He also talked about slip lining near Pine Mountain and extending to Oak Grove Run and putting in a manhole.

Mayor Harter informed Council that the police department had asked if the Borough could use the extra cameras that they have and install them at Smith and Fairview Streets. That would be very helpful to them. M. Herman is going to check on what all would need done to accomplish this. Mayor Harter also pointed out that he has noticed that there are several cars parking the wrong way on the streets and to close to the corners. He is going to discuss this with the police. An October police report was not provided to Council for the meeting. .

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes Officer, had nothing to report. He was informed of the following:

High grass at several location; and
Missing slats on fence at Central Avenue property.

Council also received a letter from the Borough's solicitor regarding the property on Central Avenue. After discussion of this letter, it was agreed by Council to let the Zoning Officer keep doing what he is doing and that perhaps he can come to another agreement with the property owner.

E. Hughes, Supervisor, informed Council that he received two (2) quotes for a skid steer:

The first quote was for \$103,758.67 with attachments and the second one was \$71,906.23 without any attachments. These quotes were from John Deere and Kubota.

He also informed Council that the landfill is expanding their leaf pick-up and that they will bring a trailer to the Borough for the leaves. The cost is \$75.00 to bring it and \$75.00 to take it back. Council decided not to do this.

He also informed Council that hunting season was approaching and that both he and Brian will be taking some days off but at this point he wasn't sure which days that would be.

The Summit Street project was getting finished up. He did state that the storm-water system needs replaced before that gets paved. He is thinking that could be a spring project.

He asked the Borough if they have some kind of moratorium regarding UGI and anyone else that would need to cut into the roads after the roads have been paved. He stated that he knows that some boroughs/townships have a 5 year moratorium before a road can be cut into after it has been paved.

He also informed Council that he has no more room to store anything. He has run out of space. Council is going to look into and kicked around an idea of putting up a building over by the tennis courts in the parking lot owned by the Borough.

He asked about the Christmas lights and the banner that goes at the end of town. Council left it up to him whether to put the banner up or not because of safety reasons.

He also discussed the painting of the lines on the tennis court. He stated that an acrylic epoxy should be used. He does not have the time to do this and informed Council that recreation should look into hiring someone to do this.

M. Herman stated that the student at Penn College will be working on the electrical issues at the ball field in the Spring.

J. Raab stated that he has received confirmation on the salt contract. The price is \$72.87/ton and the contract has us getting 150 ton. You can go over or below 40% of this amount.

The water company will be fixing the hole on Smith Street.

Sewer – There was one shut off in October and there will be 8 in November.

There will be a primitive bingo on November 21st at the fire hall @ 1:00. The proceeds are to help with purchasing new Christmas lights.

Borough residents Catiese and Adam Williams were at the meeting to find out what was going on with the insurance claim. Their property was damaged when the Borough received several inches of rain. They also provided Council with an invoice from Big Dog Storage in the amount of \$397.50 which they had paid. J. Raab made a motion to reimburse them for this with a second by T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor. Secretary will get a check to them.

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.

8:30 P.M. – Executive Session

8:40 P.M. – Out of Executive Session

Discussions pertaining to police matters regarding some people in the Borough. Mayor Harter will handle this matter directly with the police. Also discussions regarding some letters the Borough received on a former employee and from worker's comp. Discussion on whether or not there was going to be any increase in sewer so that the collector could get the sewer books ordered. The 2022 budget was provided to Council to go over to be approved at the Dec. meeting.

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