

Avis Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021. President Stover presiding with Mayor Harter and members Gordon, Herman, and Christian present.

Prior to roll call, a motion was made by T. Gordon with a second by E. Christian and so carried with all Council voting in favor, to add the following items to the agenda: The master past due sewer list, the Pine Creek Township police report the Codes/Zoning Report, trick or treat, a primitive bingo date, the sealing of the basketball/tennis courts and the Christmas decorating contest.

Motion by T. Gordon to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting with a second by M. Herman and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

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

The amount of the bills for the general account presented were \$ 51,154.12

The amount of the bills for the sewer account presented were \$6,904.36

A Uhler, Borough Engineer, stated that he is working on the re-design for Short Street and also suggested that Council gets ready to bid out that job once prices for materials start to go down. Right now prices are high and there are shortages in the materials. There was a motion from E. Christian and a second by M. Herman to have A. Uhler go ahead with the first part of the project which is getting the depth of the phone lines and 2 corings in road and design. All Council voted in favor. A. Uhler also told Council that the county has 7 ½ million dollars and that they are allocating 2.7 million of that for projects. Alan is going to apply for a grant and see if Avis can get some of the grant money for a project.

Mayor Harter went over the September police report, a copy of which attached.

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes Officer, provided Council with his report.

There is water in the basement at 18 W. Central Ave.

There is a junk car at 19 E. Central Avenue, a letter was sent.

A fence is down at 10 W. Lincoln Street. Kris spoke with the property owner.

E. Hughes, Supervisor, informed Council that while they were working on the Summit Street sewer project, the heavy rains came and there were 2 properties that got water in their basements. He did call the Borough insurance company. He was told that there might be a no fault clause in our policy and that the claims adjuster was looking into that. E. Hughes had gotten a dumpster there, a storage unit and had dura-clean come to the properties to clean out the basements. At this time, he does not know what the cost of this is. T. Gordon is going to go talk to the insurance company regarding this.

There is a short in the underground wire at the ballfield that keeps popping the breaker. E. Christian made a motion to have the Borough get the electrical stuff needed to fix with problem with a second by M. Herman and so carried with all Council voting in favor. Electrical students from PennTech will do the work.

Eileen Hughes is working on the Borough web-site and will be making sure information gets posted. There was discussion regarding paying her for this. It was sent to the personnel committee to discuss.

Pine Creek Police requested use of the fire police during the corn maze hours in Pine Creek Township. M. Herman made a motion to allow the fire police to assist at the corn maze with a second by E. Christian all so carried with all Council voting in favor.

M. Herman stated that the tennis/basketball courts have been sealed and look nice. The lines need to be painted now. Trick or treat hours are on October 30, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. There will be a trunk or treat at the fire hall. There will be a primitive bingo at the fire hall on November 21, 2021.

This is a benefit for the Christmas lights. The Christmas contest will be judged on December 13. The prizes are for the best house, best door and reason for the season. The recreation committee had a meeting with the fire company regarding joint fundraising. The meeting went well.

T. Gordon made a motion to go into an Executive Session with a second by E. Christian and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

7:50 P.M. – Executive Session

8:00 P.M. – Out of Executive Session

Discussions regarding the state pension money that the borough received. T. Gordon made a motion with a second by M. Herman to have the pension money split in half since there are two employees in the pension plan with all Council voting in favor. Once it is split in half, we will reduce the one by \$200.00 and put that money into the other persons. The reason being that the Borough had to put an initial amount into the account for the second person when it was opened and this will now have that initial money accounted for so starting in 2022 the state money will be split evenly. Borough will also make their contribution into E. Hughes pension and starting in 2022 the Borough will also be making a contribution for B. Snook.

There will be a budget work session on October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 at the Borough Building. This will be advertised.

Motion for adjournment by T. Gordon with a second by E. Christian. .