

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

Motion by T. Gordon to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting with a second by J. Raab and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Motion by A. Brooks 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 \$26,167.11

The amount of the bills for the sewer account presented were \$8,142.63

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

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes Officer, brought up an issue regarding when a property is being sold and the fact that he may not immediately get notified of the sale and that it may take a few months for him to know. He was saying that perhaps some tax money and sewer money is getting missed. He does not believe that it is a big issue but just wanted to make Council aware. D. Aungst told him that the back gate on the Powell property is wide open and needs to be closed.

E. Hughes, Supervisor, informed Council that the way the E. Summit street sewer project was approved was not going to work because it cannot make grade. His two suggestions were to either generate a 6" main on the north side of the street to get the grade needed or to reroute and relocate taps to bring it across the road. After much discussion, J. Raab made a motion to amend the Borough's previous approval in the Spring to run a 2<sup>nd</sup> pipe down E. Summit Street and get the 5 homes on the North side cleared up and then will just need 1 ditch line over to the South side of the Street. D. Aungst 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

E. Hughes also provided Council with the estimate on the E. Martin Street project from Cliff Street to W. Park Street which involves putting in a shoulder and curbing. That estimate is \$24,464.00.

E. Hughes also provided Council with the estimate regarding the drainage issue on W. Central Avenue and Short Street. That estimate is \$56,260.00. Also an estimate for a drainage project from the triangle to Short Street toward the pizza shop. This estimate is \$95,000.00.

J. Raab made a motion to proceed with these 3 projects at the Engineer's and Ethan's suggestions with a second by T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

A Brooks informed Council that the Borough did receive money from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$77,978.56. She is not sure what we can use this for at this time but perhaps it could help with these projects.

E. Hughes also stated that Charles Construction will be finishing the Lafayette Street project.

E. Christian stated that he received notice regarding the Dam up at Waterville.

M. Herman informed Council that all of the cameras are now working in the Borough.

A Brooks brought up Halloween. Halloween hours for this year will be on October 30, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Leaf pick-up will also be beginning. It will be the same as prior years and can be raked out to the curb or bagged.

Borough resident, Kerry Snook, was present at the meeting to ask Council about converting the tennis court into a pickle ball court. Apparently several Borough residents play pickle ball at the tennis court. She stated if they could at least paint yellow lines indicating the lines for pickle ball. There was

then talk about actually getting the tennis court resealed prior to painting the lines. D. Aungst is going to look into getting it sealed.

7:55 P.M. – Executive Session

8:25 P.M. – Out of Executive Session

A water issue as well as the Borough pension plan were discussed.

The 2020 Borough audit has been completed. President B. Stover indicated that he did not sign the questionnaire that the accountant provided and that he was not going to sign it.

A motion was made by T. Gordon with a second by J. Raab to take the money (\$77,978.56) that the Borough received through the American Rescue Plan and open a checking account at Muncy Bank and Trust so that this money can be easily tracked. All Council voted in favor.

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