

Avis Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019. Stover presiding with members Raab, Brooks, Gordon, Herman and Christian present.

Motion by T. Gordon to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting, seconded by J. Raab and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Motion by J. Raab to pay the bills as so presented, seconded by M. Herman and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Residents, Walter and Dixie Burnett attended the meeting. They live on E. Central Avenue and are having an issue with the neighbor's grandchildren building a dam in the stream behind their house and causing flooding. They have tried to speak with the neighbors and their grandchildren but have not gotten anywhere with them. They would like to know what could be done to resolve this. Codes Officer, K. Barger will go and check it out and get back to them.

Resident, Linda Kitchen, asked if Council knew when sign-ups for T-ball were. She also inquired as to whether or not a park bench would be put in the doggie park. She wanted to know when the sign ordinance was put in place and was told that is was in 2002 and there was discussion about the color of the signs.

A. Uhler, Borough Engineer, informed Council that the reason that the sidewalks were stopped where they were at the park was because there is drainage work that needs to be completed both on Reed Street and Prospect so they stopped the sidewalks short of these areas. He stated that the park project is 100% complete with regard to Charles Construction and the original plan. He did state that they did put a load of stone at the Rich Street intersection but that they did not tie it into the sidewalk. The handicap striping is down. He told Council that there are 2 change orders, the 1st in the amount of \$2,849.00 for adjustment to the inlet and the 2nd in the amount of \$998.00 for additional stone. The total still owed to Charles including the 2 change orders is \$31,156.23. J. Raab made a motion to approve the change order amounts and for Alan to go ahead with getting the payment for Charles with a second by E. Christian and so carried with all Council voting in favor. The total cost of the project was \$77,110.11. A. Uhler talked about picnic tables for under the pavilion. These picnic tables will need to be ADA compliant. He provided Council with a picture of a style that he picked out for their review. These tables are approximately \$1,500.00 each and he believes that they are looking at getting 4 for under there. They will be 8 feet by 6 feet. J. Raab made a motion that pending approval from the recreation committee to have Alan go ahead and purchase the tables. M. Herman seconded and so carried with all Council voting in favor. A. Uhler also said that there is more grant money available. J. Raab made a motion to have Alan resubmit our application for grant money to help finish the park project to complete the lighting, a second was by A. Brooks and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

A. Uhler's office will also be getting with E. Hughes, Supervisor, to go over the list of streets that need sewer mains replace.

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes officer, did not have a report for December. He did state that he provides Council with 2 reports. One is a report of the permits/zoning and the other is for enforcement of the ordinances.

A. Brooks stated that she noticed that E. Hughes, Supervisor, must have lost his safety jacket in the fire. J. Raab will take care of ordering a new fluorescent jacket for him.

E. Christian stated that he noticed in the Oak Grove Development that there is a box with a red light attached that lights up when there is a sewer issue. He wondered if that flowed/hooked into the Borough's sewer system and he was told that it did not.

A Brooks stated that she is working on the web-site and that she had a historical summary of Avis from 1779 to 1908. She is willing to make a copy for anyone that may want it.

7:45 – Executive Session

7:55 – out of Executive Session

It was decided that the Borough would file an appeal with the unemployment office regarding Troy Bennett's request for unemployment.

Council went over the deficiencies reported in the accountants letter and they feel that they addressed them and are comfortable with them.

B. Stover wondered where we were at with him getting bonded. Secretary will contact the insurance company.

The Borough received notice from FEMA stating that the hazard mitigation plan has been approved by them.

The Borough used all of the Act 13 money it received in 2018 for police protection.

Motion for adjournment by J. Raab with a second by T. Gordon.