

Avis Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, Monday, March 4, 2019. Stover presiding with Mayor Harter and members Raab, Brooks, Gordon, Herman, and Christian present.

Motion by T. Gordon to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2019 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 and amended, seconded by T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

A. Uhler, Borough Engineer, informed Council that the two items that were still deficient with the State on the boiler have been resolved. The Borough needed to provide the State with a notice of intent to install boiler (which was never completed when the boiler was installed) at a cost of \$102.20 and there also needed to be a drawing of the boiler room with a variance request at a cost of \$328.06. A. Uhler will get all of this information and checks in the mail on Tuesday, March 5th to the State so this should all be resolved.

He is working on closing out the park project. There will be two invoices, one for the final for Charles Construction and the other for the picnic tables. The borough should be receiving a final check approximately in the amount of \$35,000.00. The two invoices will need to be paid out of this at a cost of approximately \$30,000.00. A. Brooks asked A. Uhler who was responsible for the cost of the incorrect inlet and grade on Prospect Avenue. Because of time restraints and getting the project completed, it was paid for out of the grant money. A. Uhler stated that he has the application about 50% completed for the next phase of trying to obtain grant money. This grant money will be used for the lighting. He would like to coordinate a meeting with the recreation committee to go over this so that everyone is on the same page with this next phase. The application needs to be submitted by May 31.

D. Winkleman went over the February report, a copy of which is attached.

E. Harter, Mayor, stated that he will be talking with Bear radio about the parking lot. When the radio station purchased the church they were to provide off street parking and put a fence up. As of this date, neither have been completed yet.

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes officer, provided Council with his monthly report and his year-end report. He did state that there may be a new house going up at the corner of Grove and Park.

E. Hughes was not at the meeting, however, he did let J. Raab know that the burgundy plow truck is due for inspection and there needs to be some work done on it. He said that if he can get the parts, he and B. Snook have the time and will fix it themselves. A. Brooks asked J. Raab to pass information onto E. Hughes regarding his pension. She said that our pension guy, Gordy, is willing to come and have a meeting with Ethan regarding making any changes that he may want to it.

J. Raab stated that the Borough has received the 2019 liquid fuels money in the amount of \$61,733.86. He also stated that he is going to amend the Costars salt contract for the period of Aug. 2019 to July 2020 to include 2 more additional loads of salt.

M. Herman stated that he did not have anything regarding sanitary sewer. Beginning in April, the water will be able to be shut off for non-payment of sewer.

A Brooks stated that she is finalizing the web-site and hopes to have it up within the next 2-3 weeks.

T. Gordon stated that the Borough has received the final General Codes bill for the codification.

E. Christian stated that the mitigation plan that has been put in place is good. He also stated that the tire pick-up will be May 17 & 18 and household hazards pick-up is scheduled for August 23rd.

Resident, Linda Kitchen had the following questions:

What % of fines does the Borough receive back from the police?

When and how often is the borough audited? Once a year

Are there any plans on paving Clinton Street this year? No

Are chickens allowed in the Borough? They are allowed but cannot be free roaming and cannot be a nuisance to any residents.

She also just wanted to point out that she saw a councilmember “speeding” on Central Avenue and wanted to say that she feels that Council should be setting a good example and should not be speeding. She did thank Ethan for keeping Clinton Street clear when he plows.

Resident, Joni Piney, Thanked Council for the paving of Prospect Street but asked what is the purpose of the curbing on the residential side. She stated that the water is backing up onto her sidewalk and sits there for days and will eventually ruin her sidewalks. The street committee will look into this.

Michael Bilbay, Borough resident, asked Council if there would be a way to notify residents perhaps 24-48 hours prior to any work being done on their property. Perhaps on the web-site?

8:10 – Executive Session

8:25 – out of Executive Session

Motion by J. Raab with a second by E. Christian to have supervisor decide if there is work for M. Wagner to do. If there is not work, supervisor can tell him to stay home. All Council voted in favor.

Motion for adjournment by T. Gordon with a second by M. Herman.