

Avis Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 5, 2019. Stover presiding with Brooks, Gordon, Herman, Aungst and Christian present.

There was a moment of silence for the recent victims in the Texas and Ohio shootings.

Bids were open for the 2019 paving project and were as follows:

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| 1) Charles Construction | \$48,251.00 |
| 2) Hawbaker | \$71,102.00 |
| 3) HRI | \$61,640.00 |

E. Christian made a motion to accept the lowest bid providing it meets all of the specifications with a second by A. Brooks and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Motion by T. Gordon to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting, seconded by A. Brooks and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

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

Michael Berger from the 2020 census bureau was at the meeting to inform Council about the 2020 census coming up. He stated that as early as August 18, 2019 residents could see census people in the borough checking names and addresses. The census should be completed by June, 2020.

B. Stover provided Council with a Certificate of Approval for the fire company in order for them to be able to move forward with obtaining a loan for equipment. D. Aungst made a motion to allow the fire company to apply for the loan with a second by T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

B. Stover also stated that the solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board has passed away and that a new solicitor would need to be appointed. Attorney for the Borough, P. Welch, recommended attorney Frank S. Miceli, Esquire. A. Brooks made a motion to accept Mr. Miceli as the solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board with a second by E. Christian and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

A Uhler, Engineer stated that the Tony Breon Estate on Municipal Drive between 3rd and 4th Streets has a storm water issue. Mr. Haines who represents the Estate is trying to correct this issue so that the property can be sold. They informed Council of the way they want to fix this and D. Aungst made a motion that upon the recommendation of Engineer, A. Uhler and with it being coordinated with Borough Supervisor, E. Hughes, to allow Mr. Haines to go ahead and proceed with getting this fixed. Second by A. Brooks and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

A Uhler also stated that the line for the sewer connection for Avis Building has been connected to the main and that John Schultz, owner of Avis Building is moving forward with getting connected.

A Uhler also stated that his office should have updated maps for Council next week.

The Mayor was not present at the meeting but Council was provided with both the June and July police reports, copies of which are attached. Officer Gill was present to answer any questions.

K. Barger, Zoning and Codes Officer provided Council with his July reports. He stated that the property owner at 303 Ross Street is applying for a variance request for his property. He wants to be able to put an apartment in his basement but it is zoned R1 which is for single family residence. He stated that he had to hire someone to mow the property at 14 E. Summit Street. Apparently the owner of this property is in a home and isn't aware. He asked Council for their input on this and how he is to proceed. Council would like him to send a letter to this property owner. He also asked about the letter that Council received from attorney Rosamilia regarding the property at 115 W. Summit Street and whether Council agreed with the letter or not. At this point, he believes that this issue is between the two property owners and that the borough doesn't have any say in the issues.

E. Hughes, supervisor, stated that there is a water issue at the cemetery which involves Bellview Avenue and Ross Street that are located in Pine Creek Township. This is a property owner/township issue but no one wants to do anything about it. D. Aungst made a motion to send a message to the solicitor to have him send a letter to rectify the problem with a second by T. Gordon and so carried with all Council voting in favor. The sewer main on Lincoln Avenue has been completed. J. Raab would like to get another spreader. Ethan is to get some quotes on the cost of a spreader. E. Hughes indicated that a resident put on facebook that she fell in a pot hole on Prospect Avenue. Ethan is to get a quote on the cost of getting Prospect Street completed.

T. Gordon provided Council with one quote to replace the doors at the borough building. He is still shopping around.

A Brooks stated that the web-site is up and running so if anyone needs to have anything posted on the web-site to get it to her. Halloween hours were discussed and D. Aungst made a motion to have Halloween on October 31st from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. A. Brooks seconded with all Council voting in favor.

M. Herman said that the batting cage needs moved so that it can get mowed there.

Borough resident, Joni Piney, stated that the alley has been graded, top soil and grass seed put down but that she is still having ponding on her sidewalk. E. Hughes will look out.

Borough resident, Diane Kline asked Council what could be done about all of the fireworks being set off. Council is looking into a fireworks ordinance. Kevin Kline asked about Hazel Alley being overgrown and what could be done. He was told that the Borough cannot do anything in the alley and that it is ultimately up to the property owners to take care of.

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