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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was brought to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Wendy Graham.

MAYOR: BILL SHERMAN-ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT – WENDY GRAHAM	VICE PRESIDENT – TIM WHITNEY
DEANNA SHERMAN	MATT SHERMAN
RICK COLLINS	CRAIG STEWART - ABSENT
PETE VAN GORDEN - ABSENT	

Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Hall

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Mike Jones suggested that the 2013 police car be given to the Sewer/water department.
- Mike Jones asked why the new police car was not being used. The new car needs to have the communication radio installed and then it is ready for use.

MINUTES:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the October 13. Councilman Whitney seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councilwoman Sherman motioned to accept the financial reports and Councilman Collins seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Councilwoman Collins motioned and Councilman Whitney seconded to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$174,064.26. All present were in favor.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

- DPW – A written report was reviewed.
- SEWER/WATER

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- It was mentioned that the boiler at the sewer plant is not functioning well. It is either on or off.
- A camering update was given:
  - There are grease issues in the borough.
  - Water main breaks were found.
  - Private Sump pumps were discovered hooked into the sewer lines.
  - Bricks were seen in the sewer lines.
  - A storm sewer was in a catch basin.
- POLICE
  - A written report was presented there were no concerns.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mark Goodrich reported that Covid fatality rates are currently tripling in this area
- AUTHORITY
  - Mark Goodrich would like to meet with the Water & Sewer Committee
  - CAP plan has been submitted. DEP is not currently accepting the plan as submitted. Chris Lantz, Borough Solicitor, and Brad Upson, Borough Sewer Engineer, are trying to meet with Tom Randis of the DEP to discuss the submitted CAP plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilman Whitney motioned and Councilman Collins seconded to authorize Dan Clark to confer with the Army Corp of Engineers on the riprap on North Buffalo to try to stabilize the banks due to erosion. All present were in favor.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Collins seconded to remove the budget freeze line from the agenda. All present were in favor.
- In response to the agenda item – No smoking in public buildings or public vehicles- it was brought up that the Clean Air Act of 2008 already states this fact.
- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Sherman seconded to readvertise the police ordinance, including the update to the on-street parking.
- The budget committee reported that creating the budget was a more complicated process than expected. The committee will meet to try and present a budget soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was announced that there is a program called LIWHAP to help residents pay their water and sewer bills throughout the winter.
- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Whitney seconded to designate Council President Sherman as the signer for the PennDOT Route 49 project occurring within the borough, possibly in 2022.

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- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Sherman seconded to sign Resolution 3-2021, A Resolution to follow the disposition schedule and procedures set forth in the Municipal Records Manual. All present were in favor.
- The council made no move to sign the CDL Drug & Alcohol policy.
- Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Sherman seconded to accept, with regret, Rosemary Hackett's resignation from the Recreation Authority. All present were in favor.
- The council made no move on paying the Unemployment Compensation Solvency Fee.
- Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Collins seconded to approve the purchase of a DeWalt portable band saw in the amount of \$579.00 for the purpose of cutting pipe. A roll call vote was taken. The results are as follows: Councilman Whitney -Yes, Councilman Collins – Yes, Councilman Sherman – Yes, Councilwoman Sherman – Yes, and Councilwoman Graham – Yes. Motion carried.
- The Green-Light-Go grant was discussed. The borough will apply for it in hopes to replace the traffic light on Main Street.
- Employee Josh Symonds indicated that receiving chemicals from the current supplier, AMREX, was difficult, at times. Councilman Collins motioned and Councilman Sherman seconded to allow the purchase of chemicals from SLAAK when needed. All present were in favor.
- A draft Business Guide was presented. Councilwoman Sherman motioned and Councilman Sherman second to move forward with publishing the Business Guide to provide to new residents as they move into the borough.
- It was announced that the police department, along with The Moose, is offering a Veteran's Day spaghetti dinner on November 11, 2021, from 3:00pm -7:00pm. The dinner is free for Veterans and all others the cost \$8.00.
- There will be a Fire Department sponsored Christmas parade on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The parade line up is at 5 with the start at 6.
- Donna Blend asked if there are any plans for the sewer system on Proctor Avenue. She was told that the storm drain at the end of the street is a Venturi valve because the line meets the creek at an angle in that location and that drainage would continue to be an issue.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hall  
Secretary