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REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2020

Robert Zeigler called the meeting to order with the pledging of allegiance at 8:30 AM. Council members in attendance: Robert Zeigler, Patty Beckenbaugh, Katie Blume and Beth Cowher. Also in attendance Mayor Lauralee Snyder, Sherry Corman Treasurer/Assistant Secretary and Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Denise Immel. Absent Steve Myers.

Consent Agenda:

Code Enforcement/HARB/Planning Commission: no reports

Employee Reports: still waiting on more information from the dry press test

Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2020

Committee and Mayors Reports: no reports

A motion was made by Katie Blume seconded by Patty Beckenbaugh to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

New Action Items:

Land Lease Agreement for Solar:

BAI Group has requested the use of an additional 100 acres and supplied us with a new lease agreement based on the additional acreage including all changes previously agreed upon. Katie Blume made a motion to approve Robert Zeigler signing and submitting the agreement, seconded by Patty Beckenbaugh. Motion carried. Landowner will be advised of the intent to do the study. An adjoining landowner requested to be able to purchase an additional 100 feet of ground bordering his property for safety purposes. No action was taken.

Pollinator/Solar at Sewer Update:

The specified seed mixture can be purchased thru Knause for \$400.00 - \$500.00. The borough is receiving offers of donations of various plants as well as interest from beekeepers.

Ems Looking to Purchase New Ambulance:

Penns Valley EMS is looking to purchase another ambulance, they have a substantial down payment but may be asking for additional funds to assist in properly equipping the ambulance.

Water Screen/Dam Weir Project:

Grant funding of \$106,000.00 expiration date in June 30, 2023, Uni-Tec will prepare bid packages for three different phases. Determination as to how many phase will be completed at one time will be determined by bid amounts.

Old Action Items:

Fire Tax Request:

Patty Beckenbaugh made a motion to have Solicitor Miller execute a resolution releasing Fire Tax Funds to cover the boroughs portion of workers compensation, truck payments and audit expenses, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

NIMS: no updates

Secretaries Report:

The boroughs contract for maintenance of Union Cemetery expires October 31, 2020, cost of contract is approximately \$2,600.00. The secretary has spoken with Justin Kerstetter about our maintenance crew taking over the care of the cemetery, he is willing to accept this responsibility. Mr. Kerstetter has also requested to purchase some additional equipment: a zero turn mower and a skid steer trailer with loading ramps.

Patty Beckenbaugh made a motion to have Mr. Kerstetter purchase the zero turn mower and skid steer trailer with ramps, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

Katie Blume made a motion not to renew the contract with Mr. Styers for maintenance of Union Cemetery and have the Boroughs maintenance crew assume the responsibility and track hours for reimbursement from the Union Cemetery account, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

Katie Blume made a motion to conclude the regular meeting and commence with the budget meeting, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

Council members held discussion on the line items for the Fire Tax budget. No major adjustments necessary. As the Fire Company is interested in repaying the truck loan faster discussion was held as to how the Borough could assist, no decision was made at this time.

Council Members held discussion on the line items of the Liquid Fuels account. Projected income from Commonwealth of PA is \$32,353.63. Expenses will include the Park Road/Bridge project.

Robert Zeigler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Katie Blume. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM

Denise Immel Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

