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REGULAR MEETING
November 22, 2019

President Alan Ilgen called the meeting to order with the pledging of allegiance at 8:30 AM. Council members in attendance: Al Ilgen, Robert Zeigler, Stephen Myers, Beth Cowher, Patty Beckenbaugh and Mayor Lauralee Snyder also in attendance Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Denise Immel. Mr. Myers left meeting at 10:20 AM.

Citizens Present: Sel Edor

Citizens Input: Mr. Edor reported on the progress of the Solar Project. Mr. Ilgen has spoken with APPI about any cancellation fees that may occur when we cancel the energy contract with Constellation. Mr. Etherton will investigate and return his findings.

BAI and SRE are working with SRE's insurance company to negotiate flood insurance. SRE has also offered an option to prepay, meaning we pay them funds upfront and the rate we pay on energy becomes less. Mr. Edor will follow up with SRE for a breakdown of these options.

Employee Updates:

Mr. Rupert and Mr. Kerstetter gave recommendations on the hiring of the new full time maintenance person. Mr. Rupert also reported that the cleaning room is being re-insulated and dry walled and new steps will be installed over the new interior raw waterline. Mr. Kerstetter reported that 14 loads of leaves have been collected and 7 loads of brush during the November collection dates.

New Action Items:

Real Estate Tax Ordinance:

The ordinance will be advertised in the CDT on November 26 for adoption at the December 10th meeting.

Water and Sewer Grant Resolutions:

A motion was made by Robert Zeigler to adopt Resolution 2019-7 requesting a PA Small Water Sewer Program grant for \$212,500.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Screen and Dam Improvement Project, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Zeigler to adopt Resolution 2019-8 requesting a PA Small Water Sewer Program grant for \$403,750.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Wastewater Treatment Plant Membrane Replacement and Upgrade Project, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

Fire Company Payment Resolution: tabled to December meeting

PV EMS Payment Resolution: tabled to December meeting

Zoning Board Appointment:

A motion was made by Al Ilgen to appoint Sharon Heckman to fill the vacant seat on the Borough Zoning Board, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

Elk Creek Dam Letter: will be referred to Uni-Tec

CCMPO appointments:

A motion was made by Robert Zeigler to reappoint Bob Decker and Joel Myers to their current committees with the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO), seconded by Patty Beckenbaugh. Motion carried.

Merry Millheim:

A motion was made by Robert Zeigler to approve the Merry Millheim event to be held by participating businesses on December 6th and 7th, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

Old Action Items:

New Employee:

A motion was made by Robert Zeigler to extend the full time maintenance position to Adam DeGarmo with an hourly rate of \$15.00, seconded by Beth Cowher. Motion carried.

Policies and Job Descriptions:

Solicitor Miller has reviewed the documentation and has advised of two changes to the policies. Changes will be made as recommended and brought for adoption at the December meeting.

A motion was made by Robert Zeigler to approve the November 12 minutes as presented, seconded by Patty Beckenbaugh. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Robert Zeigler to pay the \$276.85 Solvency fee to PA Unemployment Compensation Fund, seconded by Patty Beckenbaugh. Motion carried.

Costs of individual emails for employees and council members will be \$4.99 per month, Mr. Zeigler will reach out to Ms. Grove to help establish the emails thru the Borough webpage.

The Borough received a letter from Century Engineering (Nittany Engineering) introducing their firm and offering their services.

A motion was made by Beth Cowher to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patty Beckenbaugh. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Denise Immel Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

