

Present: Pres. Fred Kellerman, Plummer Davidson, Ethel Kellerman, Chuck Weidow, Greg Ritter, George Holt, Sandy Dieterle, and Mayor Clair Martin

Absent: None

Consultants: Tracey Benson, solicitor and Nick Witherite, employee

The meeting was held at the Milesburg Borough Building, 416 Front Street at 6:30 p.m. and opened with a salute to the flag.

VISITORS

None

A motion made by Plummer Davidson and a second by Chuck Weidow to adopt the minutes of 4/5/23, treasurer and budget reports and pay the bills. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT (Keith Rupert)

Reviewed the monthly violation report. Keith said the chickens are taken care of. Pres. Fred Kellerman said there are still some chickens in the borough. Keith said if anyone knows where they are let him know.

SOLICITOR (Tracey Benson)

Borough Council Meeting Agenda Procedures – A motion made by Ethel Kellerman and a second by Greg Ritter to adopt a procedure to put items on the agenda. 1) Submit to Manager and create the agenda. 2) Present to Council President or in absence Vice President to review agenda first. 3) Have agenda items to the Manager by the end of business on Wednesday, before the meeting. 4) Residents give to council members agenda items, and then will be given to the Manager or come to the meeting. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Video Meeting – 1) Disclose recording and council approval. 2) Law can't republish on another media. No quality control. 3) Rebroadcast or live stream. 4) If on CNet then the municipality has control. 5) Liability issues, because someone can be defamed or harmed. 6) Can't recommend live streaming but will look into it further.

Chuck Weidow asked if anyone was live streaming and the answer was "no".

Sandy Dieterle said it would keep us accountable for what is said and all kinds of reasons why you should or shouldn't.

A motion made by Chuck Weidow and a second by Plummer Davidson to put on hold and research. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Website – Procedure of any changes to post on the website. State law mandates to advertise meetings in the legal ad section of a newspaper of general circulation.

Name/Address/Phone Number/Email - According to Commonwealth Court email is public. Greg Ritter discussed maybe individual government email addresses and publish. Attorney to research case law to see if personal email is public.

Facebook – The Milesburg site(s) on facebook and are not sponsored or monitored by Milesburg Borough. Research for next council meeting about disclaimer and liability. Sandy Dieterle said it is Milesburg, PA and not Milesburg Borough on Facebook. Sandy Dieterle was now changing on Facebook by adding what our attorney advised as a disclosure on the site that this is a private site and not sponsored by Milesburg Borough, and not endorsed, or monitor any content on this site.

A motion made by Plummer Davidson and a second by Ethel Kellerman the borough is not behind the Facebook and not any Milesburg Borough title on Facebook . Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Nick Witherite, employee saw that someone was recording the meeting on Facebook for 12 minutes and 24 seconds.

Dawson Sherman was video live streaming the meeting. Samatha Walker,(Dawson's mother), said she sent an email to Paula Hall, Manager/Sec.-Treas. that video recording of the meeting would be done. Samantha Walker said she did not get a reply and assumed it would be ok to record the meeting. Greg Ritter said if she didn't get a response then she can still record and Samantha would not have know that until now. Chuck Weidow said it should be denied until approved. Paula Hall said she does not have the power to approve the recording and council would have to approve. Samantha Walker had spoke to CNet about general rules. Attorney said he will do more research to find out the line between public right to post stuff, confusion of governing body to endorse or private people.

Borough Business – Discussion about previously holding meetings in a council members home. A motion made by Plummer Davidson and a second by Chuck Weidow that all borough business, including committee meetings are to be conducted at the Milesburg Borough Building. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

BEWA – no updates

McAfee Land Development – Penns Valley Code Enforcement is waiting on a Guiderail Plan from the McAfee's. Attorney said if they meet the requirements then may be able to develop the two lots that front Dell Street.

Received a letter from Comcast and the renewal of the franchise agreement will be done soon and let our attorney know about it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Service Grants – Reviewed an email concerning grants and hopeful that in June there will be funding available.

Code Enforcement can also be done by Spring Township Police .

Kirsty Lloyd said there are wild bunnies everywhere near her home. This is something the Game Commission will take care of it.

STREET COMMITTEE

Commercial Street - During ball games and Pavilion #5 rentals people are parking on the turn near the lower park gate. Discussion about putting concrete barriers along the road. Chief Keith Russell, Fire Co. said may be a problem with fire equipment to be able to make the turn and could damage the fire engine. Nick Witherite said it is also near a waterline and you can not park over a water valve, according to the Water Rules. Discussion about maybe removing the sidewalk along Commercial Street and more discussion at next month's meeting.

BUDGET & FINANCE

The 2022 Borough Audit was distributed.

HEALTH & SANITATION

None

BUILDING & ZONING

Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency – no report

FIRE & POLICE

Oversight Committee – none

Events – none

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PARK

Robinson Septic fee for two porta potties at the park would be \$440.00 per month plus additional fee of \$40.00 each to dump. Rachel Wiler said she has two children and would prefer an actual bathroom and no porta potties.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Will review ordinances next Monday during a work session.

Greg Ritter is interested in joining with Bellefonte Borough's Outdoor Expo event next year. Along Spring Creek near the Community Center improve the walkway to the stream. He will need to contact PA Fish and Boat about the easement they have. Keith Russell, Fire Chief said a dry hydrant could be installed and would also benefit the Fire Company.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAIL

Crooked House - A motion made by Sandy Dieterle and a second by Greg Ritter to donate to the Crooked House the same as last year but through Centre Gives. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Historical Museum – Will be cleaning tombstones in the Milesburg Cemetery.

Centre County Planning – Broadband

BEMS – seminar
CDBGrant
EMS Week - Proclamation

APPOINTMENTS

A motion made by Greg Ritter and a second by Plummer Davidson to appoint Robyn Dyke to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

A motion made by Plummer Davidson and a second by Chuck Weidow to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Minutes by: _____
Paula J. Hall, Manager/Sec.-Treas.