

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

Consultants: Tracey Benson, solicitor; Nick Witherite, employee

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

PA Rockview State Police (Lt. Jones) – Reviewed the annual activity report for 2022 and 2023. The usual response time is 5-12 minutes, depending on where the police cars are located. The Mayor has requested speed metering lights showing the actual speed of motorists as they are going past the sign.

A motion made by Plummer Davidson and a second by Ethel Kellerman to adopt the minutes of 9/11, treasurer and budget reports, and pay the bills. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

A motion made by Ethel Kellerman and a second by George Holt to adopt Resolution #2023-4 (Pension Plan contribution increased to \$6,000.00 per qualified employees. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT (Keith Rupert)

Monthly violation report was reviewed. Violation at 401 Broadway Street was submitted to the District Magistrate. The court date (10/17) for the violations 126 Railroad Street. The attorney will also attend this court hearing.

SOLICITOR (Tracey Benson)

A motion made by Greg Ritter and a second by Chuck Weidow to adopt Ordinance #362 to vacate alley between Iddings St. and Wetzler Alley, (Steve Stem & Adam Powers). Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Railroad St. Bridge Easements – Final documents drawn up and easements will have to be signed by property owners.

Borough & Water Agreements/Lease – To reflect the buildings, equipment, etc. and facility share agreement.

MAYOR’S REPORT

None

STREET COMMITTEE

None

BUDGET & FINANCE

2024 Budget – few changes

A motion made by Plummer Davidson and a second by Chuck Weidow to have M&T Bank close the Bald Eagle Watershed, Park, Monument checking accounts and Stream Diversion CD account, and transfer the funds into the Milesburg Borough General Fund checking account. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Liquid Fuel Audit – reviewed

Water Authority Audit – reviewed

HEALTH & SANITATION

None

BUILDING & ZONING

Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency – Activity report, 9/2023 Wetzler documents, and 2024 rates. A motion made by Chuck Weidow and a second by Ethel Kellerman to approve the Penns Valley Code 2024 rates. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

FIRE & POLICE

Oversight Committee – Fred Kellerman said due to increased costs the fire company would like to increase the contribution from 1/23 mills to 2 mills. Greg Ritter made a motion and decided to wait until next month when we review the 2024 budget.

Events

1. A motion made by Sandy Dieterle and a second by Greg Ritter to approve assisting with the Howard Fire Co. Punkin Chunkin on 10/21. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.
2. A motion made by Ethel Kellerman and a second by Chuck Weidow to approve the Open House that was held on 9/30. Motion carried with all of council voting yes. Event was previously approved and delayed due to weather conditions.

Drivers List – Borough will no longer run the driver's license. This is up to the fire company if they want to check their driver's license, along with required training.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PARK

The Park will be closed on October 31st.

Discussion about keeping the Park open year around. A motion made by Sandy Dieterle and a second by Greg Ritter to keep the man gate open at the Park. From November 1 – March 31st do not clean or keep maintained, bathrooms locked, and 2-3 signs (Enter at Your Own Risk). Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Limestone St. Grant – Told the County Planning Office that we no longer will be using the grant because the scope of work has changed and delayed due to not being able to get easement signature.

A motion made by Chuck Weidow and a second by Plummer Davidson to no longer participate as a member of the Spring Creek Watershed Com. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Turnpike St. Trees – There was discussion for and against the trees, sewer and waterline locations, visibility, PennDOT right-of-way, and sidewalks should be 4 feet wide to be handicap standards.

Received a letter from Newman Hill, Inc. attorney about zoning and use of the property. This was turned over to Penns Valley Code Enforcement and they confirmed that the property was grandfathered since the use of the property was from the 1940's, before the first zoning ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Hometown Christmas – Sandy requesting the flags, rebar, signs to be put out, and print the flyers.

A motion made by Sandy Dieterle and a second by Plummer Davidson to approve closing Church St. for a parade the Milesburg United Methodist Church is doing. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Note: Greg Ritter was asked by the Manager to provide a backup email with the final details.

Reschedule the November 13th meeting. Sandy Dieterle asked why, and it is due to a possible lame duck session, and long overdue lease agreements between the Water Authority and Borough need approved. Sandy Dieterle and Greg Ritter would like to postpone the vote on the Turnpike St. trees so people know. A motion made by Ethel Kellerman and a second by George Holt to reschedule the regular monthly meeting to November 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

Sidewalk Repair – At George Holt's when the sidewalk was repaired by our employees they left an elevated edge of asphalt and someone may trip over it. Nick Witherite said the repair will be done before Halloween.

Greg Ritter asked to have on the agenda the issue of the secretary not giving the council and mayor their quarterly checks at the September meeting. Paula explained that she lost track of time and thought she had until next month, but immediately the checks were sent out.

MAIL

Centre Co. Library - donation
Centre Co. Recycling
Centre Co. Boro Association meeting
Centre Co. Tax Collector meeting
Penndot Multi-Modal Grant
BEMS – quarterly report

APPOINTMENTS

None

Motion made by Chuck Weidow and a second by George Holt to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Motion carried with all of council voting yes.

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