

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Minutes
July 23, 2019

President Sherry Weinzierl called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Carol Neubert, Scott Herbst, Sherry Weinzierl, Patricia Rinebolt, David Felsing, Joseph Sepich, and Mayor Gillespie were present.

Josh Novotny was absent.

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manager, Chief Joseph Beachem, Mike Gallagher/Solicitor, Richard B Foust, J. Fred Caesar, Doug Farney, Judy Farney, Karen Kennedy, Judy George, Ralph Davis, Rose Davis, Don Venterini, Paula Grubbs, Pete Watt, and Carol Young.

Correspondence

- Officer Collin Lawson, June 21, 2019, provided resignation letter.
- Town Center Associates, July 8, 2019, sent a letter outlining a 4-part training session regarding downtown properties.
- SBCL, July 19, 2019, sent a press release explaining the ransomware attack on the Butler County Federated Library System.

Executive Session Announcement Under the terms of Act 84, Section 8A, subsection 1, Council would meet in Executive Session just prior to adjournment, to discuss legal contract matters. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

Minutes Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019. The motion carried.

Public Comments

Doug Farney Storm Water at 156 Constitution and speeding on Fisher Road

- Mr. Farney discussed the problem of storm water run-off from neighbor on Water Street
- He stated the contractor discharged drains 15-20 ft from his property and the storm water runoff is affecting at least five properties.
- He said a walk-through was conducted in December with Manager Papik and Mayor Gillespie to show the problem and stated the Borough inspection missed the problems.
- Mr. Farney also discussed the problem of speeding on Fisher Road and requested lines be put on the road.

Karen Kennedy Dollar General Grass

- Karen discussed the landscaping progress being made at Dollar General.
- She stated the ravine behind Dollar General is still being neglected and would like to see more progress on this specific area.
- She said residents will remain vigilant on watching property maintenance.

Mayor William Gillespie

- Mayor Gillespie stated a crack in a catch basin at 145 South Isabella street has started to form and will need to be repaired before it grows and becomes worse.
- Manager Papik stated she will have the field crew look at the problem.

Chief of Police Joseph Beachem had no report.

Manager

Mary Papik

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the bills as presented. \$17,928.69 paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$9,344.33 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$8,554.36 the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in June from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$75,177.06 of which \$30,037.04 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$45,140.02 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for June 2019. The motion carried.

Certificates of Appropriateness

- Manager Papik discussed the new businesses opening on Main Street and HARB's approval of signage.

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Carol Neubert to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Art Spirit at 251 West Main Street, Suite 3 for signage. The motion carried.

Motion was made seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Accents on Design at 251 West Main Street, Suite 1 for signage. The motion carried.

Mingle on Main

- Manager Papik discussed impact of weather on the June and July Mingle's, and stated the community's response was understanding of the circumstances.

High Weeds Dollar General

- Manager Papik stated some success has been made with the landscaping and high grass at Dollar General.
- She stated some issues remain and if they are not rectified by the end of July, Dollar General will be getting citations.

Storm water

East Main Street Sink Hole

- Manager Papik discussed a sink hole that opened on East Main Street and required the field crew to repair the pipes.
- She stated the repairs were done on an emergency basis to get the road back open, and the pipe size will need to be assessed for any future improvements.

Banking Relationships

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to adopt Resolution #5-2019, adopting the Public Body Resolution and associated Online Banking Resolutions with First Commonwealth Bank. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to adopt Resolution #6-2019, adopting the Government/Municipal/Public Funds Banking Resolution with Nextier Bank. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Patricia Rinebolt to adopt Resolution #7-2019, adopting the Corporate Authorization Resolution with First National Bank. The motion carried.

Solicitor

Solicitor Mike Gallagher had no report.

Old Business

Parks and Recreation Department, Arts Festival

- Councilmember Neubert stated things are going well with the Arts Festival and people are stepping up and contributing.
- Mayor Gillespie asked if the bus service to transport people around the Arts Festival has been booked yet. Councilmember Herbst said it should be booked within the next week.
- Councilmember Sepich asked about signage advertising the Festival and when it can be set up.

New Business

Resignation from Police Department – Collin Lawson

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/David Felsing to accept the resignation of Officer Lawson from the Saxonburg Borough Police Department contingent upon him being needed to testify on an outstanding matter. The motion carried with thanks expressed to Officer Lawson for his service.

Resolution #4-2019 – Destruction of Records

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to adopt Resolution #4-2019, which authorizes the destruction of old SHRC records. The motion carried.

Street Closures for the 34th Festival of the Arts

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the closures of Main Street, North and South Rebecca Street, and North Isabella Street each year during the Saxonburg Festival of Arts. The motion carried.

Executive Session

The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss legal contracts.

The meeting reconvened at 9:03 p.m. and the following actions taken:

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/David Felsing to approve waiving the fees for the June 6, 2020 rental of Cooper Hall by Carter and Connie Tackett in recognition of their years of service to the Borough. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Scott Herbst to approve the usage by Sister City during the Arts Festival at no charge. The motion carried.

Motion made and seconded by Joe Sepich/David Felsing to approve the proposal from HRG to conduct the feasibility study for the west end of Water Street near Butler Road in the amount of \$17,650. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meredith Phillis
Secretary