

**SAXONBURG BOROUGH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 20, 2019**

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

**Roll Call** Carol Neubert, Scott Herbst, Sherry Weinzierl, Patricia Rinebolt, Dave Felsing, Joe Sepich and Mayor Gillespie were present.

Josh Novotny was absent.

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manager, Joe Beachem/Police Chief, Sean Gallagher/Solicitor, Richard B. Foust, Conne E. McCormick, Judy Franke, Karen Kennedy, Fred Caesar, Judy Farney, Doug Farney, Ralph Davis, Rose Davis, Kim Steighner, Dave Steighner, Carol Young, Peter Watt, Nicole Messenger, and Rich Messenger.

**Correspondence**

- Historic Harmony Inc., August 9, 2019, provided Historic Harmony Newsletter.
- Senator Joe Pittman will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6pm in Cooper Hall.
- Butler County Borough's Association (BCBA), August 20, 2019, flier for October 19 "Spouses Night Out" event.

**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 and personnel. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

**Minutes** Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the minutes of July 23, 2019. The motion carried.

**Public Comments**

**Karen Kennedy** Dollar General Landscaping, Town Condition

- Karen stated Dollar General is doing better with landscaping, but the property is still not being taken care of properly. She stated the grass is being mowed, but piles of cut grass are on the sidewalk and not being disposed of.
- She said the South Butler Community Library had a local landscaper come in and do a better job than the landscapers at Dollar General.
- She stated she has spoken to community members about the overall condition of the town, and residents are unhappy.

**Doug Farney** Storm Water On Property

- Doug asked the Council if any progress has been made on the issues with storm water drainage.
- Manager Papik stated storm water was going to be discussed during the meeting but explained the Borough had obtained the templates for rights-of-way from the solicitor to begin paperwork to enter properties to assess elevations on the Farney property. She stated the Borough has a list of property owners and knows where to go but needs to know the digging depth to make sure the water goes under Constitution.
- Doug stated a new house is being built on the property next to his. Doug said the drainage ditch goes towards his house, and has the lines running 10-15 feet from his property. Because it does not have a pit, a big pond of water forms when it rains. He

also stated he cannot mow some of his property and couldn't do so all summer because of how damp and wet the ground has become.

- Manager Papik explained water from East Water Street runs through both properties, recently filling the basement that was just excavated and continues down to Doug's property.
- Manager Papik stated the trees and grass taken off the property are causing part of the problem because they are not there to soak up the water. Doug stated there had not been that many trees before and this needs to be resolved before winter. Manager Papik said the Borough has the personnel and technology to address the problem.

Rich Messenger Four-Way Stop East Main Street

- Rich stated the four-way stop at the end of Main Street is dangerous because of obstructed views for drivers.
- Rich suggested a mirror be placed on one of the telephone poles to ensure all cars can see each stop sign.

Mayor William Gillespie

- Mayor Gillespie asked about the water line projects throughout the Borough and the surrounding roads. He asked if there could be a meeting about when the projects are being worked on to see if work could be done in the evening. Manager Papik stated she will contact PAWC about when they are working.
- Mayor Gillespie stated there will be another meeting with the Fire Department Chief Chuck Lewis about Cooper Hall.
- The Mayor's Table will be at the September 20<sup>th</sup> Mingle on Main. However, it most likely will not be down Main Street because of adjustments made to where vendors set-up so as not to obstruct entry into the daycare.

Chief of Police Joseph Beachem

- Chief Beachem stated a local prison work release program assisted with cleanup around the Borough and that it went well.

Manager Mary Papik

Bills

**Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Scott Herbst to approve the bills as presented. \$33,186.32 paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$22,853.30 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$10,333.02 the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in July from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$31,416.70 of which \$12,199.70 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$19,217.00 was the Authority's portion of the expense, decrease adjustments from the Revenue Fund in July in the amount of \$7.10, and payroll for July 2019. The motion carried.**

Storm water

- Manager Papik stated we have a template for right-of-way access to fix the Farney property.
- She stated the Borough and Authority share employees and have the personnel and technology to complete the project once the rights-of-way have been obtained.
- Manager Papik also stated Paul Cornetti is available for consultations at his fee and will assist the Borough if requested.

**Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Joe Sepich to proceed with rights-of-way and the storm water project on Farney property. The motion carried.**

**Solicitor** Solicitor Sean Gallagher

- Solicitor stated they are ready to work with Manager Papik on finalizing the Farney project rights-of-way.

**Old Business**

**Parks and Recreation Department, Arts Festival**

- Councilmember Neubert said the Arts Festival is ready to go. She and Councilmember Herbst stated the weekend of the event is when help will be needed.
- Councilmember Felsing stated he spoke with Morrow's Refuse about charges per roll off and adjustments.

**New Business**

**Resolution #8-2019**

Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Patricia Rinebolt to approve Resolution #8-2019 declaring the Borough Council's intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, amended on July 23, 2009 and March 28, 2019. The motion carried.

**MMO's for Uniformed (Police) and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans for 2020**

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Carol Neubert to approve the Minimal Municipal Obligations (MMO's) in the amount of \$10,500.00 for the Uniformed (Police) Pension Plan, and \$57,000.00 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, and to include these in the 2020 Borough budget. The motion carried.

**Executive Session** The meeting recessed into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss legal contracts and personnel.

The meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m. and the following action was taken:

Motion was made and seconded by Joe Sepich/David Felsing to approve the proposal from Leicher Construction to replace the doors at Cooper Hall with work not to begin before Arts Festival and to be completed by the end of October 2019. The motion carried.

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Meredith Phillis  
Secretary