

SAXONBURG BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019

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

Roll Call Scott Herbst, Sherry Weinzierl, Patricia Rinebolt, David Felsing, Joe Sepich, Mayor Gillespie

Josh Novotny and Carol Neubert were absent.

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manager, Mike Gallagher/Solicitor, Chief Joseph Beachem, Crystal Seybert, Richard W. Craft, Fred Caesar, Jim Stanek, Lee Anne Pennington, Ben Brewster, June Crawford, Mike Hilterman, Ronda Blough, Paula Grubbs.

Correspondence

- Community Development Corporation, Invitation to the Annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive on December 5, 2019.
- Lee Anne Pennington, expressing interest in serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mary noted that Lee Anne has interest in both the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission, and knows that she can only serve on one or the other.

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 employee and 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 Scott Herbst/David Felsing to approve the minutes of October 15 and 29, 2019. The motion carried.

Public Comments

Richard W. Craft

- Mr. Craft of Olsen Craft Associates discussed MS4 permits and brought literature to share with the council that includes his contact information should any questions come up. Olsen Craft Associates is working with Clearfield Township to address MS4 permits and the Buffalo Run Watershed.

Mike Hilterman

- Mike said the plan as discussed at the October 15, 2019 Borough Council meeting would be delayed until 2021. Mike expressed his thanks to everyone for their positivity and feedback.

Lee Anne Pennington

- Lee Anne lives on North Isabella Street and described how the lack of business parking causes drivers to either block her driveway or park so closely on either side that it's dangerous for her to emerge onto Isabella. She asked that any future plan to bring in businesses onto Isabella also include a parking lot. Secretary's Note: Ms. Pennington would prefer a "proper" business parking lot visible from the street. Ms. Pennington is not proposing that she or anyone else install a parking lot in her backyard.

Jim Stanek

- Jim asked that Council keep in mind before voting for any future Isabella business that there has to be a benefit to Saxonburg for said project.

Secretary / Treasurer

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Scott Herbst to appoint Jody Brown as the Borough Secretary / Treasurer effective immediately. The motion carried.

Mayor

William Gillespie Jr.

- Mayor Gillespie reminded everyone that the police cruiser will be in town collecting toys for the "Stuff the Cruiser" toy drive this year.

Resolution 9-2019

Motion was made and seconded by Joe Sepich/Scott Herbst to adopt Resolution # 9-2019 recognizing the years of service and dedication from Clarence Anderson to the Borough.

Chief of Police

Joseph Beachem had no report.

Manager

Mary Papik

Bills

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to approve the bills as presented: \$36,461.69 paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$20,971.38 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$15,490.31 the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in October from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$28,550.28 of which \$13,545.95 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$15,004.33 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for October 2019 in the amount of \$71,977.50 of which \$24,016.28 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$47,961.22 is the Authority's portion of the expense. The motion carried.

2020 Tax Ordinance #472

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Joe Sepich to approve the 2020 Tax Ordinance #472 as advertised setting the general millage tax rate at 20.66 mils, the debt service tax rate at 2 mils and confirming the Act 511 taxes of \$5.00 Per Capita Tax; ½% Deed Transfer Tax; ½% Earned Income Tax; and \$47.00 Local Services Tax. The motion carried.

Budget

Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Joe Sepich to adopt the 2020 Budget as advertised. The motion carried.

- Dave Felsing proposed taking a look at the budget in early spring/February to move \$1500.00 from the budget surplus to Parks & Rec for "future projects."

2020 Health Insurance Rates

- Mary explained that the existing UPMC Platinum PPO was quoted to increase by 22%. The acceptable increase threshold is 15%. An alternative plan was found with an increased cost of 16%, of which the employees will cover the additional 1% through payroll deductions. The new plan is called UPMC Platinum EPO.

Motion was made by Scott Herbst/Joe Sepich to approve the UPMC Platinum EPO, Dental Advantage, and Vision Advantage plans for 2020. The motion carried.

Solicitor

Solicitor Mike Gallagher had no report.

Old Business

- Councilmember Joe Sepich expressed interest in pursuing the 501(c)(3) for the Borough. Solicitor Gallagher and Fred Caesar agreed to assist.

New Business None

Executive Session The meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss employee and contract matters.

The meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m. and took the following actions:

Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Joe Sepich to approve the 2020 non-union wages as presented. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded by Sherry Weinzierl/Patricia Rinebolt to appoint Lee Anne Pennington to the Saxonburg Borough Planning Commission. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Jody Brown
Secretary