

## Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Walker at 7:00 PM.

**Attendance:** President Walker, Mr. Robol, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Derr, Mr. J Pfeil, Mayor Aber, Mr. D Pfeil, Mr. Swartz, and Mr. Morales. Also present: Jess Novinger, Brittnee Vann, Sam Shaffer, Seth Heddings, Officer Henrie, and Atty Wiley

*Motion* to approve the meeting minutes from Sept. 13, 2023: **1<sup>st</sup> Morales / 2<sup>nd</sup> D Pfeil / Carried**

### **Borough Manager's Report**

- The YMCA will be hosting its first Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and asked if the Borough Council would like to participate by decorating a vehicle trunk and handing out candy
- Later in the agenda you will see a request to purchase two (2) new batteries and conduct preventive maintenance on both of the emergency notification/warning sirens within the Borough. The batteries have not been replaced in these units since their installation in 2012. The recent serious weather conditions and use of the early notification/warning system has prompted additional conversations with Keystone Communications (the company that had done the original installations) and the battery replacements (being 11 years old) and preventive maintenance were the immediate recommendations
- Our estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2024 is \$191,637.30. In 2023 we received \$190,921.06. (\$716.24 more), in 2022 we received \$198,164.94 (\$6,527.64 less than this year), and in 2021 we received \$212,939.07 (\$21,301.77 less than we are receiving in 2023)
- Boroughwide brush pick up will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> with leaf pick-up to follow (until the first plowable snowfall)
- I continue to work on collective bargaining negotiations (Teamsters & MPOA), the 2024 budget, and employee evaluations

### **Mayor's Report**

- During Harvest Festival, Mayor Aber spoke at the dedication ceremony of the tree planted for Mayor Nelson
- Attended the dedication of the Milton Community Center
- Judged the sidewalk chalk art on Elm St
- Jumped in the cruiser with Officer Derr and toured the parade

### **President's Report**

- Mayor Nelson's tree planting ceremony was beautiful and well done
- Tyler finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Harvest Festival's Chalk Art competition, and he expresses satisfaction with the how the voting was handled

### **Chief of Police's Report**

- The new server for the Police Department has arrived (MePush)
- The camera system is scheduled to be installed at the end of October
- Had a few significant felony level crimes that arrests have been made for

- Still have not found Joe's bike

### **Public Works Director's Report**

- The PD parking lot is officially a completed project (sealed and line painted)
- Front parking lot for the Borough office has begun demolition for paving
- The stormwater system at the Borough office was remodeled to work appropriately
- Wiring for the security cameras is finished except for the streetlight over next to the PD office
- Big Rock Paving finished all paving on Brown Ave, Penn Pine, Fairview, and Highland
- The extension of Highland going east is not complete as UGI is extending the gas line there which will be completed in the Spring of 2024
- Met with Big Rock regarding some issues with the paving so they can correct them
- 405 / Mahoning's paving project is continuing
- Scratch coat is going onto Garfield
- Curb cuts continue to progress

### **Fire Chief's Report**

- 25 Calls for Service, 23 EMS Calls, and 172 MICU calls
- Four (4) members of the FD completed their boat operator state-level course

### **Public Comments**

- No Comments

### **Public Works and Cemeteries**

- Nothing to report

### **Public Safety**

- *Motion* to approve allowing the Arrowhead's "Cruise" to circle through town on October 10<sup>th</sup> shortly after 5:00 PM **1<sup>st</sup> D. Pfeil / 2<sup>nd</sup> Moralez / Carried**

### **General Government and Finance**

- *Motion* to adopt the Resolution declaring the Borough's intent to follow schedules and procedures for Disposition of Records (becoming Res. No. 23-05) **1<sup>st</sup> Fawess / 2<sup>nd</sup> Meckley / Carried**  
(Moralez abstained)
- *Motion* to adopt the Resolution declaring the Borough's intent to destroy recordings of the meetings (becoming Res. No. 23-06) **1<sup>st</sup> Fawess / 2<sup>nd</sup> Meckley / Carried**  
(Moralez abstained)

- *Motion* to approve the purchase of preventative maintenance and (2) back up batteries for the early emergency warning sirens **1<sup>st</sup> Fawess / 2<sup>nd</sup> Meckley / Carried**
- *Motion* to pay the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$191,411.40: **1<sup>st</sup> Fawess / 2<sup>nd</sup> Meckley / Carried**

### **Final Comments**

- President Walker and Borough Manager, Jess Novinger, discussed when Council receives Resolutions and they are advertised in the paper, he would like to also upload them to our website so the community can also view the potential Resolution. This would begin when the backend work of our website being improved is complete
- Vice President Morales asked if we can provide print outs of what Council is voting on for guests attending the meeting to view

*Motion* to adjourn at **7:16 PM**

**1st Meckley / 2<sup>nd</sup> D Pfeil / Carried**

Submitted By:



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**Brittnee Vann**  
Secretary / Treasurer