

JIM THORPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

APRIL 7, 2022

MINUTES

The Borough Council Work Session Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Gregory Strubinger with the pledge of allegiance, and moment of silence for the Highland and Klitsch families. The meeting was held in Memorial Hall, 115 East 10th Street, Jim Thorpe, PA.

Roll Call of Members & Officials

Gregory Strubinger

Michael Yeastedt

Solicitor Nanovic – absent

Joanne Klitsch – absent

Robert Schaninger

Mayor Sofranko

PSM Yaich

Kyle Sheckler

Jessica Crowley

Police Chief Schatz

Manager Sterner

President Strubinger spoke on the passing of Councilman Thomas Highland. He said we are sorry he is not here; he fought so hard to come back to Council. The town and Council meant a lot to him. We are deeply saddened. President Strubinger asked that all keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. Tommy will be missed.

Announcements

The April 14 Borough Council regular meeting has been changed to Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm in Memorial Hall.

Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau Clean Up the Pocono's Campaign – April 23, 9 am to noon; will clean roads in the downtown area near their office. Visit the PMVB website to sign up.

Borough Spring Tire & Electronics Recycling event to be held May 14 from 7 to 11 am.

Carbon County Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing for FY 2022 is scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 10:30 am, virtual. Information posted and at the Borough office.

Public Comment

Curtis Jackson commented on his letter of interest for the vacant Council Seat.

SALDO

Albertson Reverse Subdivision (Lot Consolidation) Waiver Requests – Council discussed the requests for waivers to sections of the SALDO for preliminary/final plan submittal and contours requirements.

Albertson Reverse Subdivision (Lot Consolidation) – Outstanding items were discussed; Carbon County review letter to be distributed to Council; awaiting corrected plans.

Action

The following items were reviewed and discussed:

Jake Arner discussed the possibility of running one low pressure sewer line and one water line between his properties and SR 209. Manager Sterner will request an escrow amount estimate from our engineers in order for Mr. Arner to discuss the feasibility of running these lines. Bill Erdman, Mr. Arner's engineer, stated they are only looking for a concept approval if they can meet all ordinances, rules and regulation. Council will seek the advice of their Solicitor on this item.

Council Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2022.

Council Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2022.

Expenditures from all Funds, to date, were presented.

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Treasurer's Report

2022 Chemical Bids received.

NEPA Business Technologies quote – office computer server system quote.

Utility Services Group – sewer lines spot repairs quote.

Police Vehicle Computers – quote for two, with associated accessories for one; one for new vehicle, second to replace old that is no longer working.

Markl Supply Company – police firearms quote to replace aged firearms.

USIQ Quote – sights/optics for new firearms.

2022 Road Paving – proposed roads; authorize to advertise for bids when appropriate; will attempt to join with School Street project in order to obtain a lower price for all work.

Engineering Work Order for Cherry Avenue Community Development Block Grant Project – FY 2019 and 2021.

JTNB Hot Dog Day.

St. Mark's & St. John's Race Street Run and associated requests.

Blight Remediation Grant Projects - Lehighton Borough – RC Construction Payment Application #2 - \$90,098.01. Retainage held. Project complete. Project close out site-visit scheduled for next week.

High Street Water Main Project – nothing to report.

Utility Action

Utility Accounts Proposed Updates (0)

Account 4090 – request for credit on sewer portion due to leak.

Account 3330 – payment plan for excess water portion of billing due to leak.

Various Accounts (5) for local business – request for waiver of late fees.

Account 8585 – request for waiver of late fees.

Exoneration Request

Monthly report submitted.

Committees

Administration

Borough Council Vacancy – letter of interest being accepted; move to Action agenda.

Meeting Formats – Roberts Rules – Councilperson Crowley said she had a change of heart, and this item can be removed from the agenda.

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Lot Consolidation Regulations – information provided to Council, including Planning Commission recommendation. It was suggested Council, with their Solicitor, attend a Planning Commission meeting to discuss and determine the preference for completing this item.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Summer Work Program – additional information received provided to Council; move to Action agenda.

COVID Disaster Declaration – no extension recommended by Mayor; Declaration will expire April 15, 2022

Public Service (Sewer/Sanitation/Water/Streets)

Street Sweeping – move to Action agenda.

Line Painting – move to Action agenda.

Commonwealth Financing Agency Multimodal Grant Application for High Street Wall Project – move to Action Agenda.

Police

KRE Security Proposal – Event Traffic Control – move to Action agenda.

Tourist Season Traffic Flow Hazard Square – move to Action agenda.

Commonwealth Financing Agency Multimodal Grant Application for Downtown Traffic & Pedestrian Calming & Safety Improvements Project – move to Action Agenda.

Buildings/Parks

Emergency Services

Rescue Pumper – Front Line Graphics quote – previously approved; updated quote \$275.00 additional funds needed – move to Action agenda.

Old Business

Nothing to report on old business.

Executive Session

Executive Session for personnel will be held after this meeting.

Adjourn

MOTION by Mike Yeastedt, seconded by Bob Schaninger, to **adjourn** the meeting and go into executive session. There were no comments. Motion carried 5 to 0. The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Sterner
Borough Manager