

JIM THORPE BOROUGH WORKSHOP
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Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Gregory Strubinger with the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for the men and women serving our country with the Corona Virus pandemic.

President Strubinger announced at this point in time under Governor Wolf's orders we are limiting participation by the public, unless you have an agenda item. This is how the meetings will be, we are limited to the number of 25 people to attend indoor events. We ask residents to submit their comments by mail, email, hand deliver comments to the office, or place their comments in the drop office box.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Michael Yeastedt
Edith Lukasevich
Gregory Strubinger
PSM Vince Yaich
Police Chief Schatz

Joanne Klitsch
Robert Schaninger (a)
Mayor Michael Sofranko
Borough Manager Sterner
Borough Secy. McClafferty

Kyle Sheckler (a)
Thomas Highland
Connor Rodgers, JCP

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Public Comment – limited to 1 minute per person – public is encouraged to submit public comments via regular mail, email or place in drop box at municipal office
UCC Joint Board of Appeals Board Vacancy

Sal Verraspro from Spillman Farmer was present to discuss the bids for the Public Service garage. He said there is a discrepancy in the bid. It was in 2017 when they started the bid documents, there are some clarifications as to why the prices came in that high.

1.) Sal Verraspro thinks it was off on the budget dollar and cents was for the site work. They had \$115,000 in the budget for site work and it was supposed to be more than that. The site work is much more involved than \$115,000.00. He spoke to the first and second low bidders, and they are in the \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 dollar range for the site work, which is a big difference in the bids.

2.) It is over 2-year period and the budgets have increased, that is about 67% over a 2-year period that is about \$140,000.00. He did poll some of the bidders and a lot of them said the increase is due to COVID for most of the materials. There is about \$800,000.00 over and these items chew away at the discrepancy in the bid.

Sal Verraspro said there are a couple of options for Council to discuss to get it within budget. At this point you can't just award the contract as is at this price. You could re-bid this, you would have to change something. If you re-bid it just the public works building, we could pull a couple of things out of the project that are not absolutely necessary, if there are any. We could re-bid it with the municipal building and bid it with that. You could get two separate bids for them.

Sal Verraspro said one of the things that was brought up to them is Costars. He is not sure if this would be available for the public works building, it is a metal building, he does not know if this could be purchased through Costars.

Sal Verraspro said the low bidder, they did bid clarification with him, to make sure they had everything in the project. They have to be careful with the questions that they have as the low bidder. They did ask questions and he did answer them honestly and quickly, nothing raised a red flag.

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Sal Verraspro said they have been seeing bids come in over budget, they have been seeing ridiculously high prices. This is not a complicated project, it is not like they can pull something out of it, simple site work.

Blaine Summit said he spoke to a high and one in the middle bidders and asked them if they understood the project, was there something that was not explained? They said they understood the project. Some of them said they don't really need the work, but they are worried they may need the work in the future. They want to get their names out there.

President Strubinger said we want to do these projects, as far as the current bids, they are over budget, we won't have any problems legally rejecting the bids. He is not sure moving forward what comes in our favor. Initially our thoughts were to put both of the projects out to bid at the same time. The site work, what was the problem with that?

Sal Verraspro said he thinks what happened, the site engineer for whatever reason, when Maureen asked him the budget numbers when she was putting it together, she asked him what the site number should be. He is embarrassed to say he didn't even notice it. When they started the budget, they didn't know where the site even was located, it wasn't until after they got into it a little bit and saw where the site was, that is a low number, there is no way that site work could be done for \$115,000.00 on Penn Dot road, the turning lane is going to be \$100,000.00. He thinks the turning lane is going to be \$100,000.00 just to get into the site.

Mr. Yeastedt asked if the site work could be bided separately?

Sal Verraspro said we could bid that separately but that is not usual. He said he does not know if there is anything that could be cut out like the salt shed, pull that out and bid that separately, maybe not do the paving do that at a later time.

Blaine Summit said there are some elements that could be taken out that are not big-ticket items.

Mr. Yeastedt said maybe there are some options.

Borough Manager Sterner said the Building Committee would want to meet to see if there is anything you want to scale down. The way it was explained to her with Costars there are General Contractors on their lists. You contact the General Contractors; they then need to go to all Costars suppliers for all of the materials. Everything has to be covered on Costars. If the building isn't covered on Costars you have to bid that out separately, which could end up costing us more and you also need to get USDA approval to use Costars. We would need to request them that we could use Costars and they would make us bid it through Costars. We would have to contact multiple, if not all of the General Contractors. You could pull the salt shed out, they are generally on Costars; you could purchase that separately.

Borough Manager Sterner said keep in mind you need excess money. You have talked about how to move forward with this, and if you want to pull stuff, you have to get USDA approval for the dollar amount.

Mr. Yeastedt said \$800,000.00 over the amount we thought. At the last meeting we discussed it might be difficult to get them to agree to that. Does it make any sense to do some of the project, that is not an option we have to do the whole project.

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Borough Manager Sterner said we could scale the project back, whether you are only going to do part of it now, she does not know how that would affect the loan. Scaling it down, you are still doing the whole project. She would have to ask USDA.

Sal Verraspro said if we rebid it won't be \$800,000.00 less, maybe \$300,000.00 - \$400,000.00 lower that would be fantastic. He is not saying this bid we received is out of line.

Borough Manager Sterner said you should consider if you are going to move forward with this project, expect the same kind of results. If you have another project and another \$800,000.00 over the estimate you are now \$1.6 million, is USDA going to give us that money or are you going to be forced to look both projects as a whole, how you need to move forward at this point in time. If \$800,000.00 is a tough sale for USDA you're not getting the rest of it.

Blaine Summit said the last time they looked at the estimate was back in November 2019.

President Strubinger said we have to take another look at this project and the estimates.

Borough Manager Sterner said the first thing council will need to do is make a decision at next week meeting on the bids you received or plan a special meeting before Sept. 30, 2020, the bids are good for 60 days. You may want to sit down with USDA and talk to Tonya and say this is where we are at realistically, tell us what we can expect. It's not a matter of if they won't give us the money, we just go find it some place else. They will look at those bids that came in with the financing that they already approved. If they feel we cannot afford this, then there is going to be an issue. You may want to have this discussion with her before you even go to the next step of rebidding.

Blaine Summit said there are prices that were allowed for the salt shed, the well, the other stuff was one lump sum.

Borough Manager Sterner said she asked Sal & Blaine to get this break down from the bidder. Sal suggested at this point we do not get that, because you don't want to violate anything.

Sal Verraspro said the hall project will be a little bit more competitive, because it could be winter work, it's interior work. Renovation projects are more known for change orders than a new project because you don't know what is behind the walls.

Mr. Yeastedt said the timeline; next week we could accept the bid or turn it down, we have to do something before Sept. 30, 2020. We need to get more information before next Thursday. You will have to talk to USDA to see if we could do this in phases.

Borough Manager Sterner said that wouldn't pertain to this bid. You would have to rebid to do that. They already bid the project as it was, it was put out.

Mr. Yeastedt said we could vote down the bid because we want to readjust the project. There are \$600,000.00 in normal upcharges in 2-years, and \$200,000.00 over what should have been.

Borough Manager Sterner said she will contact Tonya.

Mr. Yeastedt asked Sal & Blaine on the hall, if there is anyway that they could break down the project and put some values to it?

Sal Verraspro said yes.

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Mr. Yeastedt said then that way, if we have options, we can look at it and have an idea.

Tony Ganguzza, Boyle Construction, they are the construction manager for Carbon County. There are requests:

1. Temporary removal of parking spaces in front of 44 Susquehanna St.
 - This will be a complete renovation of the building at 44 Susquehanna Street, to have County offices. The second floor they are completely removing what is there and reconstructing the second floor and renovating the first floor.
 - Renovating the entire first floor of 76 Susquehanna Street and minor renovations will occur on the second floor. This is all internal work.
 - They are looking for the safety of the people to temporarily remove the parking in front of 44 for 3-4 months, October 26, 2020 to May 1, 2021.
2. 3 utilities that will come in off of Susquehanna Street, they need to move that line coming into the building. Water, Sewer and new fire suppression line coming in to the building.
 - The Highway Occupancy permit they are asking the Borough to sign. Two are for the domestic water and fire suppression coming in to the building. They will be creating another parking space for the borough; they will be taking out the part of the pressed curb along the frontage of the building.
3. Curbing the Highway Occupancy Permit they would like to request the Borough to sign the application for 44 Susquehanna St

Mr. Yeastedt said when he was at the preliminary presentation on this, we talked about down spouts, drainage, did you come up with a way to get rid of the water without it washing over the sidewalks?

Tony Ganguzza said they will look into this.

President Strubinger asked if there will be any construction in the lot.

Tony Ganguzza said when they are under construction the lot will be closed, there will be no parking in that lot. That will be fenced off, that will be for construction staging, etc.

President Strubinger asked the need for the borough to apply for the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP), what is the reasoning for that?

Tony Ganguzza said the borough owns the water line; you have to be the applicant.

Police Chief Schatz said he was on the conference call, we really don't have any concerns with the parking, just the pedestrian traffic through there.

Tony Ganguzza, Boyle Construction said the entire sidewalk will be replaced along the frontage of 44 Susquehanna Street. They will have protections against the neighbor's property, they will be responsible for pedestrian and traffic control, the sidewalks will continue to operate.

Mr. Yeastedt asked is there any tie into the church with anything?

Tony Ganguzza said they will continue to monitor it and they did the view of the windows. They are not doing any demolition or rock pounding. They are renovating and removing the second floor, that is the loudest thing that will happen, there should not be any difficulty there in respect to the church.

President Strubinger asked if there was any discussion on the lost revenues for the 3 lost spots?

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Police Chief Schatz said they did not know how council wanted to approach this. He knows on construction projects in the downtown that are associated with the kiosks paid parking, they do charge \$10.00 a day for the use of a space for a contractor. They put in a request for action for that.

President Strubinger asked if there is any allotment for that in the contract.

Tony Ganguzza said no there is no allotment.

Commissioner Lukasevich asked if there is any requirement to redo the curb? Could we leave the curb in the existing condition?

Tony Ganguzza said they could.

Commissioner Lukasevich said that means if the County would leave the curb in the existing condition, there would not be one to two parking spaces, which provides financial revenues and perpetuity.

Jay Miller and Vince Yaich, Jr. were representing the Jim Thorpe Fire Company. He is here tonight to answer any questions council may have in regards to the presentation. He presented Borough Manager Sterner with the signed resolution that council had asked the fire company to do. He read the resolution that was adopted by the Diligent Fire Co #3 on August 31, 2020. The resolution assures the borough when the Diligent Fire Co. sells the 2006 International Ford Tanker pumper unit #1134 all proceeds from that sale will go directly to the borough, to be applied to the balance of the loan taken by the borough for the purchase of a new tanker pumper. The Diligent Fire Company Authorizes Jay T. Miller to sign all the necessary documentation regarding the sale of unit #1134. This action is being taken as for the upgrades/replacement of fire company equipment and the borough intends to use all of the proceeds towards the purchase of new equipment. He would like to see a motion put out in October and the bids back for the November meeting and award the bid. He asks for council's help to get this taken care of.

Borough Manager Sterner said we are waiting on a similar resolution from the Fairview. She did get the Fairview bid documents today if anyone would like a copy Mike Yeastedt has them.

Mr. Yeastedt said the Fairview did pass this at their meeting, the same thing only they don't have it in resolution form, they only have it in the minutes.

Borough Manager Sterner said a copy of the minutes would be fine.

Jay Miller said he would appreciate it if it could be put out to bid in October, both of them together. He would like to ask council for their help in doing this, and second, you are under the gun because of price increases throughout the industry.

President Strubinger said he does not see a problem with this, everyone is on board with this.

John McGuire, 1325 Center St., he is here to talk about the drainage issue around his property. He spoke to PSM Yaich and Mr. Yeastedt for talking to him about some of the issues. He said there is a paper alley behind his home, they put rip-rap in on 11th St, Mauch Chunk Lane drains and comes down the alley, it is getting washed out. He has a fence in the back and there are trees, the ground is getting undercut as the water runs by. The other thing is in front of his house the street curves to go back up to North Street, the only drain pipe that is on Center St is right there in at the "Y" part of the street, there are no drain pipes that go down past his place to 12th St. everything that runs off the street runs onto his property. He appreciates the help.

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Mr. Yeastedt said they are working on the drainage ditch through there; and working their way up towards his place.

John McGuire said the Planning Commission are working on a draft for Group Homes, the Marijuana ordinance. They are working with Carson Helfrige for updating the zoning & SALDO ordinances. He appreciates that council still holds the prayer in the beginning of the meeting. You are doing a good job, continue to support the police and emergency services.

Action

Discuss Council Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2020

Discuss Council Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2020

President Strubinger said if anyone has any corrections to the minutes let Louise know.

Discuss Expenditures from all Funds as presented

Borough Manager Sterner said we just have some non-residential water meters that were replaced, other than that it's the normal bills.

PSM Yaich said the life span of the battery is 10 years. They thought they were like the meters on the residential meters when the heads go, you pop it off and put a new head on. The larger meters they also have a battery in them like the MXU has on your house and they have a self-life, these you have to take the whole head and the chamber because they are all inner connected to read the computer.

President Strubinger asked how is the system working that captures all of the usage?

PSM Yaich said really good.

President Strubinger asked if this is something that needs to be updated?

PSM Yaich said from time to time Sensus will send them something when they have an upgrade to the technology.

Borough Manager Sterner said the paving is on this bill list.

PSM Yaich said they did a little bit more paving for us around the Fairview Station because they were running into water trouble there. He had a request from a resident on 7th and Oak Street cross the swale for the run off, she was concerned about her mother. So, what we did was they cut a 36" x36" steel plate and recessed it in with the paving, we put a plate over that.

Discuss Treasurer's Report August, 2020.

Discuss Ordinance 2020-07 Fire Department Amendment – consolidation of Fairview & Phoenix

Borough Manager Sterner said this has been advertised and is ready for adoption.

Discuss Ordinance 2020-08 Permit Parking West Broadway – to advertise.

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President Strubinger asked about the question that we had on the fine.

Borough Manager Sterner said the solicitor has in the ordinance what the max is.

Police Chief Schatz asked who makes the determination on the fine amount, is that through the State?

Borough Manager Sterner said the solicitor looked it up through the law.

Police Chief Schatz said where he questions that is, we set the fine at \$50.00, and since the 1970's we are still making \$12.25 on a citation. We need to talk to our law makers about getting that fine a little higher.

Borough Manager Sterner said she will tell the solicitor we really want the fine \$150.0.

Mayor Sofranko told council to hold it, the fine can be no more than \$50.00 this is under section 75 Section 3353.

Police Chief Schatz said if that is the case, we should put in an impound yard and charge the people \$150.00 to get their vehicle out, this defeats the purpose of the ordinance.

President Strubinger said it doesn't make sense, people will stay there and pay the fine, this doesn't help the people on West Broadway.

Mr. Yeastedt asked if there is a provision in the ordinance that states how many times, they can be ticketed in 24 hours?

Borough Manager Sterner said after 24 hours, she does not know if this can be reduced. She asked council if they want her to inquire if that time period can be shortened?

Mayor Sofranko said he understands the whole bit and there has to be some type of permit. He said anyone can park there during the day without a permit, except on weekends. After 5:00 pm until 8:00 am only those with permits can park there, everyone else will be ticketed. If somebody's furnace goes out in the middle of the night, or a plumbing issue after that hour, and someone shows up to fix the furnace because there is no heat in the house, and the neighbor calls where are the provisions for the police to allow that truck to be there. They need to call the Comm Center or the police to let them know they are there.

Police Chief Schatz said if someone is parked over there, they will need to contact the Police dept. so they can revoke that ticket. How is the enforcement going to know, say there is a white van there not a plumbing van and they ticket it? There has to be something in there to say in a timely fashion, to come to the police dept and explain and show what they were doing and why they were there.

Mrs. Klitsch said one of the things that bothers her is she knows we have to have something because the residents are the ones that started this. They are the ones that came to us and said we need to do something with permit parking. We did not start this, they did. Her issue is why should they have to pay for a permit to park and they are there 50 years and they pay taxes?

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Borough Manager Sterner said she calculated out what the annual fee would be is \$12.00, it is not set yet because we don't have the ordinance yet.

Mrs. Klitsch said she told them this does not guarantee them a spot with this permit.

PSM Yaich said the first thing will be putting the signs in and the signs have to say what the fine is. If you decide to change the fine, you will have to replace the sign. You will need to keep in the budget item to change them. He said what about the handicapped parking spots. The purpose of the handicapped parking spots is to pull in and let the handicapped person out and pull out to leave that spot open for the next handicapped person. People are getting these and using them as private parking spots.

Police Chief Schatz said the only issue with that is and he has run into this with the American with Disability Act, a lot of handicapped motorists think that they don't have to pay at the kiosks. He spoke to the ADA and if it is governed by the borough they have to pay. This is residential and someone from NY pulls in to that handicapped spot with a placard they fall under the same rules. Currently now anyone with a handicap placard pulls into a handicapped spot they can park there. If we deem that as residential parking then there are issues. He will check in to this with the ADA.

Borough Manager Sterner said the STR won't get permits, the owner does not, a traditional Bed & Breakfast the owner may get permits because they live there as their primary residence. STR it is not their primary residence; this is for primary residents.

Mr. Yeastedt said those people are going to close down because they will have no parking on the streets.

Discuss Resolution 2020-13 LSA Monroe Fire Dept. Grant – updates at Fairview & Diligent Fire Co.

Borough Manager Sterner said this is for the Fire Depts. Application. The resolution authorizes applying for the grant, it designates president and manager to sign. The pledge letter is \$7750.00, which is the match.

LSA Monroe Funding Pledge Letter - Fire Project \$7,750.00

Discuss Disaster Declaration Extension – renewal to December 20, 2020

President Strubinger said the current resolution expires the end of September 20, 2020, this one will expire December 20, 2020.

Sgt. Bokeko Longevity Pay - \$500.00 due Sept. 11, 2020

Officer Carelli Longevity Pay - \$500.00 due October 3, 2020

Ford Fusion 2020 Police Vehicle – Lease Purchase for Meter vehicle

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Borough Manager Sterner said we did get a couple of quotes; we will do a down payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 which was in the budget for this year. We will be financing \$14,767.00, first payment will be in 2021, this is for 5 years.

Police Pension 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation – Annual Financial Obligation \$230,019.00

Borough Manager Sterner said council will have to choose which dollar amount you want. The minimum amount is \$206,825.00, they also give you an obligation based upon market value of assets which is \$230,019.00, that is a difference of \$23,200.00.

President Strubinger asked Borough Manager Sterner what she would recommend?

Borough Manager Sterner said she would recommend the lower amount.

Non-Uniform 2021 Pension MMO – Annual Financial Obligation \$120,428.00

Borough Manager Sterner said this one you don't have a choice, the amount is \$120,428.00, it's only \$560.00 higher than this year.

D&L One Year Anniversary Event – 9/24/20

Borough Manager Sterner said the information and everything is all the same, it is just the date changed.

County Parking Spaces Closure Request - close spaces on Susquehanna due to construction

County HOP Request Water - request for Borough to apply for a HOP for water connections for county project 44 Susquehanna St

County HOP Curb Request - request for Borough to apply for a HOP for new curbing for county project 44 Susquehanna St

President Strubinger asked about the pressed curb that is currently there. They will be removing the garage door.

Police Chief Schatz said this won't matter, if there is no longer a garage door there and nothing there but the pressed curbing, we would just line it and people could park there.

Borough Facilities Projects

- Spillman Farmer Garage Invoice #7850.18.01 - \$6,675.27
- Resolution 2020-14 Facilities Construction Project – Demo of current PS Garage & pledge land to National Park Service Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant of 1977

Borough Manager Sterner said this is for the USDA. They are not going to require us to do anything for the National Park Service grant. This is formally pulling the demolition of the old garage out of the USDA project or the Memorial Hall project. We are not going to demolish it there will be no earth disturbance no matter how we convert that for recreation and it is pledging that for recreational use. Public Service Garage Bids – consider bids received

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President Strubinger asked where does this set us up with the current bids? Where does this project stand as far as if we do reject these bids and put them both out at the same time?

Borough Manager Sterner said the National Park Services approved the conversion, USDA is reviewing that, we have to wait for them to review this. She believes it would be more beneficial for us if we had the two projects out to bid at the same time, they would still be separate projects.

President Strubinger asked what council's feelings are on the bids based on all of the information that we have, we have no choice but to reject the bids, we are over budget. He does not think we will be hurt by trying to get both of the projects out to bid together. We will try to hold this off, we don't want any further taxation than needed for the project.

Borough Manager Sterner said we have to be realistic and expect that to happen. You have to know if you are going to have the financing to even award these bids. What you need is to get Sal to come back with his thoughts on the Memorial Hall Project and see what new estimate we are looking at and discuss this with USDA. If they don't feel that they are going to be able to give us the financing. If we go out on our own for the difference, can we do that or will they pull all of the financing? That is what we need to know.

Mr. Yeastedt said the other question is can we build a new one anyway, if we can't afford this now, build it incrementally and still get the benefit of the building.

Borough Manager Sterner said she has already said we could scale it down. Building it in phases will depend on how this will work. She doesn't see them liking us building a building and not put water in it. If you were to do half of the phase now and the other half later, they would probably do that.

Mr. Yeastedt said you do the things that you have to do to it under construction, then maybe there are things that you don't have to have that right away, maybe we could fund that a different way.

Borough Manager Sterner said she sees what you are saying, but our financing, the whole radiant heat is included in that financing but you're now only going to want to do half of that and still get the amount of money for the full, that is what they will have a problem with.

Mr. Yeastedt said what is it going to be scaled back at? Say it was 6 garage bays, we say we are going to scale it back to 3 bays, that is scaling back the project.

Borough Manager Sterner said you have 3 fully constructed bays, you don't have half of radiant floor heating system, which is what you would have with the way you are talking about. You would have 5 years to spend the money.

Borough Manager Sterner said if you want to accept it, you would have to do it conditioned upon us getting the financing. She does not know if a contractor would accept that.

PSM Yaich said you scale back; they did the same thing with the Borough Office. They scaled that building back to fit the grant money that you were getting and here you are 12 years.

Borough Manager Sterner said the site things and the building are the big-ticket items and you're not changing those.

President Strubinger said we have to put both projects out at the same time.

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PSM Yaich said he does not know what the value of the trees are over there? People come in and they take it for mulch. They want to be able to get 40 to 50 tons of mulch per acre to make it worthwhile and they will pay you for that. If there is some valuable hard wood or pine in there you might get a little bit more having an outfit come in to do that clearing and save money there.

Mr. Yeastedt said the realistic question is this is not comparable, \$600,000.00 of it is due to inflation over 2 years, and the COVID situation costs. Are you willing to go the \$600,000.00 that the prices went up and if we could knock \$200,000.00 off of it somehow, if you can, are you willing to go that?

Borough Manager Sterner said don't just think about the garage building, think about the hall building. If that project is that much higher, you have to expect the hall project will be higher too.

Borough Manager Sterner said she is going to check with Tonya to see if we are able to do it in the manner that Mr. Yeastedt had suggested doing partial stuff. Then we need to see what Sal has to say about the new figures for the hall project and see what we might be looking at there. To see if we have a realistic total amount that might be higher. The hall project, he had an estimate dated November 2019. The decision is for council to decide if you're willing to spend that much more money? If this project goes up 30% to 40% like the other one did, we are about the same amount of money.

Borough Manager Sterner said if you want to bid them out together towards the end of this year you would bid it with the thought that the hall project would be the first project to get done which would be the winter work inside, then when they are done with the hall they would start with the Public Service garage in the spring. If you bid it then, they would know they have a winter job and then a spring job.

Park Master Site Plan – N/A

WWTP Upgrade Project – N/A

Utility Action

Utility Accounts Lien Reports

Past Due Garbage Accounts

Active Utility Accounts Garbage & Others Lien Report (0)

Active Utility Account Garbage Only Lien Report (4)

Active Utility Accounts Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (1)

Active Utility Accounts Water/Garbage Lien Report (0)

Active Utility Accounts Water/Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (1)

Temporary Off Lien Report (0)

Inactive (0)

Uncollectible Accounts Report – (0)

Utility Accounts Proposed Updates (0)

Account #4920 – request to waive penalty

President Strubinger said this request his mother fell ill and he had to leave and go to Baltimore to take care of his mother, the bill was paid as soon as he returned. He is looking to have the penalty waived amount of \$24.47.

Exoneration Request

- Bernice Guth

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Committees

Administration

Municipal Pension Distress Score – our funded ratio is 92% not distressed, total distress score is 0

Borough Manager Sterner said this is just a notification that we received. The Municipal Pension reporting have to make bi-annual distress determination for all municipalities. Our distress score is 0 and to obtain a distress score of 0 our ratio has to be 90% or greater and ours is 92%, we are doing good.

Public Service (Sewer/Sanitation/Water/Streets)

1325 Center Street Drainage – resident requested discussion

Police

George Nawrocky - Handicap Sign request

Police Chief Schatz said that handicap request is for Navigation building at 1 Broadway. He would not know where to even put this. There are two handicap spaces in front of the building, kiosk spots. He wants it for a permanent spot. He has contacted the County.

Borough Manager Sterner said we have had requests from Navigation tenants before, that because there are a couple spots in the area, Council opted not to entertain it.

National Night Out – 2020 status

Police Chief Schatz said National Night Out was rescheduled for October and speaking with the Mayor they have decided to wait until next year.

Police Chief Schatz said he did receive the OPS plan from EMS, he finished the plan and will submit it to Manager Sterner.

Mayor Sofranko said he has had several calls about Trick or Treat night, everything is changing on a daily basis how it is being handled. He is not sure. We have to look at social distancing. Halloween falls on a Saturday this year and he would prefer to hold Halloween on Halloween this year and possibly during the day time hours. The drawback is getting kids from other communities. He will check to see if the Veteran's parade is still on for this year. He will have more information for council at the October meeting.

Buildings/Parks

Emergency Services

Fire Department Vehicles Replacement

Old Business

Order Signs for Permit Parking WB
Short Term Rental
Parking Study
Stormwater Installation Plan
Blight Landbank

Flizak Request – 4th St Quit Claim Deed
457 Plan
Past Due Garbage Accounts
Readdressing Phase II
Zoning Ordinance Group Homes

Borough Manager Sterner said we are hoping to have information for you on the stormwater installation plan for next week. She is waiting to hear back from Isett on how their team is going to handle this.

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Mr. Yeastedt asked Borough Manager Sterner if she had read the information about the rundown buildings and taking them to court.

Borough Manager Sterner said this is one of the various tools, the bottom line is if council is not willing to spend the money there is no sense getting into that.

Mr. Yeastedt said by spending the money, that would be to take that land owner to court, he would have to show up for court.

Borough Manager Sterner said 204 Center Ave., you would set a date for court, go to court, you never find them to serve them, there are warrants out for them and they can't be found. So, they are not going to show up for court. These are corporations, you can't find them, they aren't registered in the state. This is what the limited liability corporations do.

Executive Session

Adjourn

MOTION: Michael Yeastedt second Thomas Highland to adjourn.

YES 5

NO 0

ABSENT 2 Robert Schaninger & Kyle Sheckler

Adjourned at 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted

Louise McClafferty
Borough Secretary