

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024

President Bob Tate called the meeting to order. Mr. Little will try to make it; Mr. Seybert and Mrs. Helbig are excused.

The March minutes and officers' reports were approved.

Bill Heaton moved to remove the code enforcement certification and salary question from the agenda and was seconded by Jason Heaton. Motion carried. Jake Tate moved to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Jake Tate and approved.

Kevin Farkas, Citizen Co-chair of the Fire Service Review Committee will have its next meeting on April 4. All meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month. The committee is looking for citizen's input on the fire service. A survey is available on the website and community input is greatly encouraged. There will be two listening sessions – Wednesday the 24th from 5-8 pm and Saturday the 27th from 9-noon. A copy of the ISO report was requested and not received so we will have to get it from ISO.

Correspondence: information from LTAP on available safety and road maintenance training; PIRMA quarterly newsletter (our insurance carrier) articles on pickle ball court given to Jake; safety suggestions and maintenance of emergency generators article given to Bill.

Jason Heaton moved to listen to citizen comments and was seconded by Jake Tate. The motion passed all in favor.

Cheryl Meador, 3606 Craig Street told council that Craig Street Alley is completely washed out and asked if something could be done. It was suggested to cold patch from 37th Street to Harbison. Bob Tate said 2A gravel would be a better solution. It will be ordered from Oliastro (or someone cheaper if found) and TAC will be looked into as well. Slag needs to be ordered too.

Mike Ceravola, 118 James Drive, Beaver – in regards to Elite Athletic Facility on W. 2nd Ave. in the Borough. They are close to the finish line and the closing on this property is scheduled for the end of the month. The facility will have training for a number of athletics – baseball, football, cheerleading, soccer, wrestling and lacrosse. There is water running down to the corner of the building. The street is on the list for this year's paving project if funds are available, but we will look at it again.

With no other citizens wishing to comment, Bill Heaton moved to return to the regular order of business, seconded by Jake Tate and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Streets, Lighting & Bridges and Building, Grounds and Equipment – Jake Tate –provided council with a list of all the equipment that has been worked on. The boom mower is repaired and running; the GMC has been completely redone; the new Ford needs mud flaps; the backhoe has new tires, the wipers are fixed and only needs an oil change; the Bobcat has all new filters and rear window; the leaf vac is 100% ready to go; the mowers still need serviced, the chain saws are fixed and good to go; the Stihl 440 magnum needs about \$75 in parts; the pressure washer needs a new wand and the generator is good. The little pickup needs a lot of work – will have a list of repairs

needed next month. The leaves have all been picked up and the ditches are getting cleaned out. The borough building drainage is all blocked up and is running on to the property across the street. It is being worked on. We have been patching roads but are at a stand-still because of all the rain. The Park, Boden Street and Patterson need the boom mower run; the drainage ditch on Patterson needs cleaned out. Brian can be called out by Beaver Falls police department and the 911 Center. The contacts are Jake and Brian. There are bins behind the diesel tank at the borough building for yard waste and smaller twigs for the residents' use. The twigs are chipped and the yard waste is hauled to Brady's Run recycling center. The fire extinguishers were safety inspected and 2 were replaced.

Paving – I checked with First National Bank about loans – there is a 6% interest rate and I checked for \$100k, \$250k and \$500 k – it's extremely expensive. Bill Heaton went over the list and 6 roads are marked as bad. We need to get the footage for the streets. Brian will measure to get the footage from the streets on the list. Bill also did some math regarding paving all of the streets in the borough using the cost per square foot last year. 6 miles at 21 foot width would cost \$1.5 million. Last year it cost \$116k to do ½ mile. Will put loans on hold and see what next year is like.

Fire & Police - Lou Little – None (not present at meeting)

Sewers & Sanitation – Bill Heaton went over the MS4 bids that were opened on April 4th in the presence of myself, Pat Lansberry and Tony Sadaka from Widmer Engineering. All of the bids were tabulated by Widmer. There were two options for bidding: Option 1 with a stone base and Option 2 with a timberline. Option 2 would require a complete new permit from DEP so it was not considered at all.

The bids were as follows:

Piccolomini Development:	\$83,191.20
C Crump Inc.:	\$90,574.00
Boney Construction:	\$132,965.50
J. Stewart Excavating:	\$143,900.00
Fryer Excavating & Concrete:	\$153,486.76
Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting:	\$279,531.50
Golden Triangle Construction:	\$334,876.75

The bids were reviewed and discussed and a motion was made by Jake Tate to accept the low bid of \$83,191.20 submitted by Piccolomini Development. The motion was seconded by Jason Heaton and approved by a roll call vote as follows: Bill Heaton – yes; Bob Tate – yes; Jake Tate – yes; and Jason Heaton – yes.

Bill also reported that arrows still have to be painted at the speed bump on Rock Avenue. There is also a problem with water running into a resident's yard. They cleaned up at 37th Street and this helped some by a small ditch needs to be run from just above the speed bump down to the drain to direct the water flow to that drain.

For Emergency Management he again reminded council members that they need to complete 100 & 700.

Finance & Litigation – Jason Heaton went over the Aiken Contract that has a 2-can limit rather than the unlimited pick up that we are now using. A resident can have 2 48 gallon cans or 1 96 gallon can. If a house is unoccupied there would be no charge. The charge for the 2-can limit is \$18 per month with no increase to the end of the contract. A \$6 fee is charged for each bag over the 2-can limit and bags can be purchased from Aiken or the borough can purchase a case of 200 cans. The borough would be required to notify Aiken of unoccupied houses and they may want to switch pick-up day from Monday to Wednesday. Before we make any decision on changing to the 2-can limit, we want clarification on unoccupied housing so we will table this discussion for now.

Jason reported that he applied for a \$50k grant for the parks which would include making the park more handicapped accessible, redoing the restrooms and adding a walking trail. The grant has appeared on the list to be distributed in April of 2025. There were only 2 applications from Beaver County. He is also looking for grants to help with MS4 and streets.

The committee interviewed a candidate interested in the general labor position. He was supposed to get his driver's license but didn't so we could not hire him. There were no new resumes. Brian said that inmates were no longer available for work release to municipalities. Jason contacted Career Link, Community Service, CCBC, Geneva College, Blackhawk, Beaver & Beaver Falls high schools looking for summer help.

There are 2 candidates who were interviewed previously that might be interested. David Patton who wanted \$18 per hour and James Buckenheimer who had been hired previously but let go who would want \$16 per hour. Brian suggested that Mr. Buckenheimer because he was a good worker.

Ordinance – Jeff Seybert – None (not present at meeting)

Parks & Recreation – Jason Heaton for Janet Helbig – baseball has not been cleaning up after games.

President Tate – Regarding Ordinances – asked about the progress with yard sale and stop sign ordinances. Mr. Budicak provided council with a draft of the yard sale ordinance. Council approved the draft so Mr. Budicak will advertise and have it ready for the next meeting. Bob also reported that Vernon Krepps would be down to the park to seal the pickle ball court sometime after the first of May.

Mayor Cogley – reported on the bus trip that she took to the Ambridge 911 Center. The visit was very informative. The center receives all calls after business hours. Addresses in Patterson Heights are being changed from written to numeric because of confusion.

Mr. Budicak – reported that he has written a letter to the real estate sales company documenting that 3716 W. 2nd Avenue is zoned C-1 Business.

He got clarification from Chief Johnson regarding the stop sign ordinance so he will be working on that. He also asked about amending the property maintenance ordinance. Billboard billing – on signs should have an annual registration renewal.

New Business

Streets, Lighting & Bridges; Buildings, Grounds and Equipment– Jake Tate – boom mowing will continue and 2 jugs of weed killer have been purchased to begin killing weeds. Patterson up to Boden ditch needs cleaned out; parking lots smoothed out; patching roads; grading alleys; W 5th Ave swamp – 20 feet to scoop it out.

He brought up speed bumps on High Street – it's expensive. Talked about putting a stop sign at the T where High Street and High Street Extension meets. Chief Johnson said that stop signs can't be installed to reduce speed. Still no decision on how to curb speeding on High Street.

Tom DeLuca asked him about putting 40 foot of 2 foot pipe across from the double wide. See if it's a water issue.

Fire & Police – Mr. Little – none (not present at meeting)

Sewers & Sanitation – Bill Heaton - none

Ordinance – Mr. Seybert – none (not present at meeting)

Finance & Litigation – Jason Heaton just an IT safety reminder – any emails received from mydot.con should be deleted.

Parks & Recreation- Janet Helbig – none (not present at meeting)

President Bob Tate reported that he had spoken with Mark Stowe at the Beaver Falls fire department. Off-road diesel should not be used in fire trucks. The fire department should go to Sheetz to buy diesel fuel and turn in the receipts to the borough.

Mayor Cogley – just a reminder about Earth Day and cleanup of the borough. Nothing has been done about advertising on the fire department sign. Bill said he would take care of it.

Mr. Budicak – he passed a memo to the council members regarding relationship to the fire department. Kevin Farkas requested a copy of the memo.

Jason Heaton moved to pay the bills listed on the bill list and was seconded by Jake Tate. The motion carried.

Jake Tate moved to ratify purchases made by committees and was seconded by Jeff Seybert. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Jason Heaton moved to adjourn at 8:05; seconded by Jake Tate with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Borough Secretary