

MONROE BOROUGH MEETING MINUTES – 3/06/2023

Location: Monroeton Library Meeting Room, 149 Dalpiaz Drive, Monroeton PA.

The regular meeting of Monroe Borough Council was called to order by Council President Dan Troup at 6:15pm, opening with the pledge of allegiance.

Present were Council President Dan Troup, Vice President Joan Grenell, members Brenda Munkittrick, Amy Calaman, and Leo Wills. Councilmen Bill Shaw, Eric West and Mayor Seth Wills were absent. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Laura Hewitt, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Kurt Lafy, Borough Maintenance and Roadmaster Al Pronti, plus members of the public (listed on sign-in sheet.)

Minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting were passed unanimously by a Wills/Munkittrick.

The treasurer's report for February was approved, with additional checks for Blokzyl Heating, Arey Bldg Supply, and Al Pronti added after the end of month, by a Munkittrick/Calaman motion. Amy Calaman returned February bank statements, reconciliations, and timesheets, as reviewed and correct. Budget vs Actual reports for February were delivered to Joan and Dan.

Correspondence received in February was reviewed, none needed action.

Public Participation: Prompted by Rosemarie Menarsky, there was discussion about illegal ATV driving on Borough Streets. Residents are reminded that incidents need to be reported repeatedly to the police even if they cannot respond on each occasion, as those reports give the police a time frame or pattern to initiate patrols. Kurt will also phone Sgt. Josh Thompson at the Towanda State Police Barracks.

Borough Reports:

Library: report submitted, on file.

Fire: report submitted, on file.

Ordinance Enforcement: report submitted, on file. Kurt noted the Decker and Larcom houses did not sell, so are scheduled to go to a "judicial sale" in April. The Delamater house was sold to the bank.

Dollar General has been informed that a fence is needed around the retention pond and the parking lot needs to be fixed.

After some discussion regarding the radar speed signs, a Wills/Calaman motion passed unanimously to purchase the T400 model with two poles and brackets, using available ARPA funds.

Frontier Communications has been installing 5G lines without a permit. Because of the Flood Plain ordinance, utilities are not exempt from permitting. Kurt filed a complaint with PUC when all attempts to reach someone at Frontier were stonewalled.

Levee Project: no new progress.

Streets: Al noted some streets are in fair shape, but some need repair. Laura was directed to reach out to PennDot to request a meeting and walkthrough to get advice. The Chesapeake bond renewal is overdue, and some damage was noted on Berwick Drive.

Buildings/Grounds: Inside of **stairwell** has been painted; **furnace** has been repaired but the blower motor still “sounds bad.” After some discussion about whether to order the part in advance to have on hand, Leo agreed he would call company for further information on warranty and availability. With thanks to Karl Cook, the **spring cleanup** is set for April 14 and 15, Laura will advertise on April 8. By email, Eric Cassanave agreed to continue to look for grant options for **brick pointing** for the Library, and Henry Farley suggested checking with Preservation Pennsylvania. Al provided more specific dimensions for the community bulletin board, work should be started soon by the NTCC students.

Vandalism: In spite of repeated requests (since November 2022) to Penelec, there is still no progress to begin a “joint use attachment” application to install our security cameras. There was much discussion on if/how we can locate and install our own poles if using their poles is not an option.

Fire Escape: remains on Al's 'to-do' list.

Public Utility: A light is blinking at 183 Canton Ave, Laura will report. Laura and Kurt attended a public meeting regarding Frontier complaints; Laura shared with the Office of Consumer Affairs the string of prior emails to/from Mr. Stoddard regarding permitting for a proposed fiber optics project to document their non-responses to our request for information.

Water/Sewer (TMA): no report

Finance & Insurance: Laura submitted corrections to Caleb, he is shopping to get better rates and will attend the April meeting with options. The **2022 Audit** is completed and the summary will be advertised.

PLGIT investment acct info was shared with Joan for her review.

EMC: no report.

Mayor: nothing to report.

New/Other Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm by a unanimous Wills/Munkittrick motion.

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Respectfully submitted by Laura H Hewitt, Borough Secretary