

YOE BOROUGH
150 NORTH MAPLE STREET
YOE, PA 17313

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The regular monthly meeting of Yoe Borough Council was held on December 4, 2018 at the Yoe Borough Municipal Building, 150 N. Maple Street, Yoe, PA 17313. The meeting was called to order by Council President Samuel Snyder at 7:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members in attendance:

Samuel Snyder

Ryan Harper

William Bankoske

George Howett

Seth Noll

Dustin Claycomb

Others in attendance

Seth Springer, Solicitor

Diana Dvorak, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve Malesker, Engineer

Dana Shearer, Maintenance Supervisor

John Sanford, Mayor

Keith Houghtelin

Chuck Strouse, Vice President Yoe Fire Company

Minutes

Councilman Snyder asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the prior meeting. Councilman Howett made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors

Keith Houghtelin was in attendance to discuss the possibility of trapping Mink at the dam. Councilman Snyder asked if Mr. Houghtelin does this for a business, or if it is personal. Mr. Houghtelin said this is just personal. Mr. Houghtelin has all the proper licenses and gave details on the traps that he uses. These are not humane traps. They either drown the animal, or

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spring traps. Councilman Snyder is concerned about liability issues, while the dam does have no trespassing signs, they are often ignored. Mr. Houghtelin said he doubts the traps would break bones, but he would not guarantee it. Councilman Noll asked how often they were checked, Mr. Houghtelin replied, every 24 hours. Councilman Snyder is also concerned about allowing Mr. Houghtelin to fur-take, and then denying others; as Mr. Houghtelin is doing this for personal use, rather than as a business on the Borough's behalf. Solicitor Springer is concerned that anyone trespassing would have no idea that trapping is going on. So, while they are knowingly trespassing, it could still be a liability issue. Mr. Houghtelin said the traps are pretty well hidden, and if stepped on would not be an issue. The dams are on a Federal Permit. Mr. Malesker feels this may be an issue for that reason alone.

Chuck Strouse was in attendance to discuss the merger plans for the Yoe, Spry, Dallastown, Jacobus and York Township. For the past three years they have been fact finding, no decisions have yet been made, as they are still all independent Fire Companies. It is now at the point that the Fire Companies make a decision of whether to go through with the merger. The next meeting is on January 14th, and there will be a vote, on whether or not to go ahead with the merger. At the next committee meeting all of the votes will be tallied. No decisions can be made until they know what Fire Companies want to be involved. From January, it will take up to 18 months before they operate as one Fire Company. There is no local government involved at this point. Along with the Board of Directors, they will have a Municipal Government Advisory committee, which will be one representative from each municipality.

The lack of volunteers is one of the big things that is driving the merger. Discussion continued. The merger will not save the volunteer Fire Company, it is just buying time. Councilman Noll asked if the vote is binding, or would they have the opportunity to back out later. Mr. Strouse said this is the final vote. The Fire Company could pull out later, but that would be a potential problem. They would lose their name, and possibly their equipment. Mayor Sanford thinks it is the Borough's best interest to pass a resolution supporting the merger. There is a lot of questions regarding the budget, but they do not have an answer for that at this point. At the beginning each Fire Company will be at their individual locations, but what will happen three years from now is to be decided as time goes on. If most municipalities vote no, then it will be tabled for now, and will be brought up in a few years. Discussion continued. Councilman Snyder said he had concerns that people would be voting to merge, without having a lot of questions answered. Mr. Strouse said quite a few people had those concerns, but it is not unlike what they have now. If they do not like the structure, they can change it.

Councilman Snyder had a few questions. Has a detailed risk analysis been performed, and if not, is one being planned? The reason Mr. Snyder asks is because our Workman's Comp. is based on one Fire Department that has roughly 100 and they go on 2000 calls, which is based on the population, which of course we get back from Dallastown and Windsor Township. If Jacobus goes out to a traffic accident and one of their men get hurt, that is now a risk to the

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overall department. Mr. Snyder's concerned that due to the overall population, and amount of calls, that the price of Workman's Comp. will increase exponentially. This has not yet been done because at this point, they do not know who will actually vote to be a part of the merger. Any information that is obtained now, may not be relevant once the vote takes place. Once they know who is in, this will be done.

With the increase in support staff, will the rating category be changed from volunteer to paid? Day one, the only proposed change would be hiring a business manager, which would be an employee of the organization, and are not considered a volunteer. The business manager's worker's compensation would be paid by the organization. The accounts payable clerks, and other support staff will not make a difference to the category because there are more volunteers versus paid positions.

Solicitor's report

The first thing is the approval of the budget. Councilman Snyder asked if everyone had a chance to review changes. Councilman Noll made the motion to approve the 2019 Yoe Borough budget. Councilman Harper seconded the motion. All in favor, budget approved.

Ordinance 2018-5, setting the millage rates, this ordinance will take place January 1, 2019. Councilman Bankoske made a motion to adopt ordinance 2018-05. Seconded by Councilman Howett. All in favor.

Councilman Harper made a motion for the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance with the law library. Seconded by Councilman Noll. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2018-10, for adopting NIMS. This resolution has most likely been passed before, so this is an update. Councilman Claycomb made a motion to resolve resolution 2018-10. Seconded by Councilman Noll. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Noll made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2019, and for the secretary to advertise them. Councilman Howett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam and Diana just executed the garbage contract. Republic Services asked to change the pick-up date to Friday. Republic Services will send out a notice to the Borough residents. Councilman Bankoske made a motion to accept the pick-up date change to Friday, with the first pick up date being January 5th, due to the holiday.

Solicitor Springer and Councilman Snyder were hoping that representative from the Water Authority would attend the meeting, but no one came. Both Councilman Snyder and Solicitor Springer have been reaching out to the Water Authority but have not heard anything back. The Authority Solicitor was supposed to be in communication with Councilman Snyder and Solicitor Springer, but neither person has heard from anyone.

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Councilman Snyder filled council in on the discussion from the previous Authority meeting. Attorney Ruth feels that the lease was cancelled in 1981. No resolution was provided at the meeting. Councilman Snyder emailed Attorney Ruth and attached copies of the resolutions the Borough has on file regarding the Authority. Councilman Snyder asked for a response, and to this day, has not heard anything. Discussion continued. Going forward Council would like to have a representative from the Water Authority come to a Council meeting each year to keep everyone up to date. Councilman Noll thinks we should try to get the incorporation documents from the Water Authority.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Malekser wanted to know when Council wanted the CDBG projects re-bid. Councilman Noll thinks we should wait until January to re-bid, to have bids opened at the February meeting. Councilman Howett made a motion to re-bid the CDBG project in January. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion carried. We will need a temporary construction easement for 197 S Main ST. Mr. Malesker would like to move the fire hydrant back at the same time, but we need to keep in mind that there is a dry well that sits right behind the hydrant. Discussion continued.

Councilman Claycomb asked if there were any updates on getting the easement signed for the Floyd property. Councilman Noll said that he has not yet been able to reach Mr. Floyd due to conflicting schedules.

The basin inspection is complete. Mayor Sanford needs to complete his portion by the end of the month. There were a few maintenance items to be worked on. Discussion continued. Dana discussed his concerns with C.S. Davidson and Dan from Clearview.

The Borough received notification of development going in off of Chapel Church RD. They are proposing 300 or more parking places. Residential development of 50 or more lots.

Maintenance Report

Report provided. The stop sign on Philadelphia ST from Elm ST is completed. The accessory sign and light were removed, and the cross-traffic sign remains. Councilman Howett wanted to know if we are going to paint the curb there, regarding parking. For the past several nights there has been a van parked right against the stop sign.

Mr. Shearer did reach out to Phillips-Hill's office regarding the last storm, in hopes to reach an agreement regarding maintaining PennDOT roads.

159 W Water ST, the sink hole has been repaired. Removed approximately 100 feet of pipe, replaced 96' feet of pipe. Mr. Arnold is concerned that we did not replace the entire pipe. He is

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experiencing a lot of groundwater at his house. Mr. Shearer does not feel that this has anything to do with the Borough's pipe. Any outflow from the Borough's pipe would flow to the creek. The rest of that pipe is corrugated metal pipe, the bottom is rusted, but not through. When they videoed it, the pipe was still intact until the point they replaced it. Mr. Shearer did let Mr. Arnold know that the pipe is on the list to be replaced, but there are other projects that need to be completed first. Discussion continued.

York Township came down and located the sanitary sewer manhole near the Station AVE inlet. Another manhole was located behind the inlet. Mr. Shearer would like to get a quote on elevating the lids.

Mr. Shearer obtained an updated quote from Klepper's to replace the cameras at the park, which is \$2950. Mayor Sanford wanted to know if we ever got a quote for cameras on the Borough building. He also asked if we could use any of the cameras from the park on the Borough building. The cameras at the park are outdated and would not do well for night shots. The other issue is what are do we want to cover. Discussion continued. Councilman Noll suggested that we get more lighting instead. Mayor Sanford would like to get a camera on the shed that looks towards the park. Councilman Harper made the motion to accept the quote for \$2950, to replace the cameras at the park. Councilman Bankoske seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Zoning Officer Report

Diana received pictures of the trash accumulation at 30 E Pennsylvania AVE. This will be forwarded to Patti Myers. Mr. Shearer also reached out to her about the car in the back of 70 W Broad. Councilman Bankoske made the motion for the Secretary to send the pictures to Patti. Seconded by Noll. All in favor.

EMA Report

No funding reimbursement came through from the recent flooding. Working with Mr. Shearer to obtain generator funding.

Mayor's Report

Report provided. Police report is on the back of the report. We are acquiring a pretty good buffer of surplus hours. There has been a speed sign on Elm ST that was placed today. Detail will be placed if warranted.

Secretary's Report

The newsletters are completed and are being sent out.

Rodney Smith and Dennis Grove both need to be reappointed to the Sewer Authority. Dennis Grove is the Secretary, and Rodney Smith is the Chairman. Councilman Howett made the motion to appoint Dennis Grove and Rodney Smith to their respective seats for a five-year term. Seconded by Councilman Harper. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Councilman Claycomb asked if the utilities had been shut off at 22 E Pennsylvania AVE. No, the water had not been shut off.

New Business

No new business at this time.

Payment of the Bills

Addition of Clearview Excavating, \$9200. Councilman Howett made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Noll. All in favor, bills paid.

Adjournment

Councilman Claycomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. All in favor.