The regular monthly meeting of Yoe Borough Council was held on June 4, 2019 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 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members in attendance:
Samuel Snyder
Ryan Harper
William Bankoske
Seth Noll
Dustin Claycomb

Others in attendance
Seth Springer, Solicitor
Steve Malesker, Engineer
John Sanford, Mayor

Diana Dvorak, Secretary-Treasurer
Dana Shearer, Maintenance Supervisor
Rick Searle, Yoe Fire Co. Chief

Minutes
Let the record reflect, that even with the absence of two Council Member, we still have a quorum. Councilman Snyder asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the prior meeting. Councilman Bankoske made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Noll. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitors
Mr. Richard Searle was in attendance to discuss the Volunteer Fireman Tax Credit proposal. There are some requirements that are placed on the local Fire Chief, such as keeping and endorsing an eligibility list. Each volunteer would need to apply. The Tax Bureau recommended that we make this effective as of January 1, 2019. The eligibility list must be notarized, and turned into Council by the end of December, and be approved at January’s meeting. Then it would go to the Tax Bureau. The credit as authorized in Windsor, was a credit
Visitors Continued

up to $500, towards local taxes. The volunteer would only receive a credit for the amount of taxes that they actually paid. EMS would qualify though it was not included in the resolution at this time. This can be amended later if necessary.

This resolution would include anyone who lives in the Borough but may volunteer with a different Fire Company. That being said, that Fire Chief with the Company that individual is volunteering with would be responsible for providing the documentation.

Councilman Snyder wanted to clarify that this is now for the earned income tax, rather than property tax. Discussion continued on how Windsor Township handles the tax and rebate. Councilman Snyder wanted to make sure that this resolution made it clear that on volunteer firefighters are eligible for the rebate, not just anyone who is under the purview of the Fire Company. Mayor Sanford, did agree that this is the point of the resolution, it would only apply for volunteers, not paid members.

One of the requirements to pass this Ordinance is that we have a public hearing, and provide at least 30 days notice. Solicitor Springer feels we should pass this by October. September is our MS4 hearing. Councilman Noll feels we should do both the MS4 and the public hearing for the ordinance at the same time. We would need a motion in order to proceed with the resolution. Councilman Noll made a motion for Solicitor Springer to move forward with any final document work, and advertise appropriately, with the understanding that the Yoe Fire Company is on board. The public hearing will be held in September 2019. Councilman Harper seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineer’s report

CDBG – Two CDBG projects are going on. Contract change orders need to be approved. Mr. Malesker went over each item, and the cost.

Councilman Bankoske made a motion to approve project change order number 1 according to the figures that Mr. Malesker provided. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Harper made a motion to approve application for payment number 2, in the amount of $185,811.11. Seconded by Councilman Bankske. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Noll made a motion to submit to York County Planning Commission the payment for Main Street in the amount of $172,568.01, and for Philadelphia Street $13,243.10. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion of handicap ramp. The elevation had changed from what was originally planned, as the original plans were not followed by MacMor. Mr. Malesker is to tell MacMor they need to put in the handicap ramp as it is required by Penndot. Discussion continued.
Engineer’s Report Continued

Mr. Ayres at 197 S Main was not pleased with the location of the fence in regards to the house. Both Mr. Shearer and Mr. Shearer are in agreement that the location of the fence really is in a bad place. MacMor did put the new fence where the existing one was. Councilman Noll made a motion purchase additional fence and supplies for Mr. Ayres, so Mr. Ayres could install the fence where he likes. Seconded by Councilman Harper. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion continued.

There are issues at 159 S Main Street as well. MacMor is aware and does plan on coming back out to fix the issues. At this point no one has spoken with Mr. Floyd, only his girlfriend. Any temporary fix would need to be approved by Mr. Floyd first. Damage was done to Park Alley from the heavy equipment. The curb on a portion of the alley was cracked and flattened. Mr. Floyd is getting a significant amount of water in his basement because of this. Mike from MacMor did admit that the alley was already in need of repair, but the equipment did add to the problem. MacMor was going to fix the alley, possibly using some of the savings from other portions of the project that were not done, but Mr. Shearer cancelled the job due to other issues. Mr. Shearer’s concern was it had already taken two weeks for MacMor to pave Main Street. Discussion continued. Park Alley will be added to a list of road repair. Shearer has a few companies he will be reaching out to. Mr. Noll feels each street should be its own quote. Discussion continued.

Mr. Shearer is going to submit for a dirt and gravel road grant for Clark Alley, the next grant is coming up in July.

There is a sink hole on Broad Street. York Township did camera the line. Mr. Shearer also reached out to the Sewer Authority. There is a sag in the line. C.S. Davidson is proposing putting in a clay dike. Mr. Malesker will attend the next Sewer Authority meeting, and ask on the Borough’s behalf, if the Sewer Authority will be willing to split the cost of any repairs. Discussion continued. Dan from Clearview has been out to look at Broad Street. He also put in a One Call. Clearview bid off of the drawing. If we declare the sink hole an emergency we can bypass the public bidding process. We can do a Resolution tonight, 2019-03, and have a written one back dated. Councilman Noll made the motion that we declare an emergency resolution for Broad Street sinkhole, and to bypass the public bidding process and proceed with repairs as soon as possible for public safety. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. Councilman Harper made a motion that at this time we are going to approach the Sewer Authority for partial payment and use the Stormwater funds to pay for the repairs. Seconded by Councilman Noll. All in favor, motion carried. Clearview is to update the proposal to include the clay dike.

Solicitor’s Report

Solicitor Springer asked how many volunteer firefighters sit on council, and if they were to abstain, would we still have a quorum?
Solicitor’s Report Continued

In regards to the Attig property, Solicitor Springer was hoping to see subdivision plans from Shaw Surveyors. A proposal was taken to Terry Ruby at the Planning Commission. Solicitor Springer did attend the tax assessment hearing for the Wilson Ct. property. Discussion continued.

Maintenance Report

Report provided. Maintenance items were discussed during the Engineer’s report.

Zoning Officer Report

No report this month.

EMA Report

Busy month weather wise. TMI drill held and was poorly attended.

Mayor’s Report


Secretary’s Report

Mid-year budget is out. Newsletter has been receiving positive feedback. Final certification from Hamilton & Musser has been received. Discussion continued.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

There is no new business at this time.
Payment of the Bills

Councilman Harper made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb. All in favor, bills paid.

Adjournment

Councilman Claycomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. All in favor.