

YOE BOROUGH
150 NORTH MAPLE STREET
YOE, PA 17313

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The regular monthly meeting of Yoe Borough Council was held on October 6, 2020 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

George Howett

Dustin Claycomb

Ryan Harper

Seth Noll

Barry Myers

William Bankoske

Others in attendance

John Sanford, Mayor

Diana Dvorak, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve Malesker, Engineer

Seth Springer, Solicitor

Robert Strobeck, Resident

Dana Shearer, Resident

Matt Jansen, Resident

Maggie Lackey, Resident

Kayden Bowman, Resident

Thomas Estermyer, Property Owner

Dennis Grove, Sewer Authority

Minutes

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

Visitors Report

Maggie Lackey read a prepared statement regarding recent activity at Yoe Park. Kayden Bowman also read a prepared statement regarding recent activity at Yoe Park. Councilman Snyder thanked them both for coming to the meeting. Discussion continued.

Christian Snouffer completed a Stormwater project in town. Resolution 2020-08 was prepared for Mr. Snouffer, however he is not in attendance at tonight's meeting. COPY VERBIAGE FROM RESOLUTION

Thomas Estermyer was in attendance to discuss issues related to his property on Wilson Court. The tenant was given 30 days to vacate the property. Mayor Sanford reiterated that just because the property owner gave notice to the tenant, that the Borough will not cease enforcement action on the violations if things do not improve within 30 days, that the responsibility ultimately falls on the property owner.

Mr. Estermyer is having an issue with stormwater coming off of the alley behind Wilson Ct. and flooding a portion of his property. Mr. Estermyer brought along a picture to back this up. Councilman Noll asked Mr. Malesker to take a look at this. Mr. Malesker thinks some of this water may be coming from York Township. There is also a question on whether or not Howard Alley was ever formally adopted by the Borough. The consensus of Council is to investigate this issue. Discussion continued.

Mr. Estermyer asked if he could straighten the volleyball net at the park. Council agreed that Mr. Estermyer can make these repairs.

Mr. Strobeck made a few comments regarding the Wilson Court property.

Engineer's Report

56 North Main Street – Mr. Malesker went out and took some photos after a complaint was received about Stormwater, and attaching to an inlet. Mr. Malesker does not feel that this is a stormwater issue per se. The problem is the neighboring property does not have any spouting on the side of the building that is adjacent to the homeowners driveway. Mr. Malesker does not feel the issue is water coming off of Mason Alley, it is coming off of the building. The Secretary is to send a letter to the homeowner letting them know that the Engineer went out and what his findings were.

Mr. Malesker did walk the area on South Main Street, where the CDBG project was performed. The only finding, and this was not the contractors fault, was where the poles were replaced. It

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Engineer's Report Continued

was a utility company who performed the work, they poured concrete but it was poorly done, no, attempt to make it look professional. There is another round of CDBG grants. Mr. Malesker feels a continuation project would help further our cause. Discussion continued. It will be left to the Engineer to determine which direction to go on Main Street. Mayor Sanford suggested that we put in a grant application for both sides. Councilman Noll agrees that this is the best route to take. Mr. Shearer recommended that we concentrate from Philadelphia Street. New inlets in front of Beards to install, and new manhole on the west side of Philadelphia. Discussion continued. This would catch the water coming down the hill sooner.

There will be a MS4 meeting with CS Davidson on October 15th.

DEP is closing their York office. Carrie Wilt will still be our contact.

Councilman Snyder asked if the letter was sent to Mike Danko. It was, but there was no response. Mr. Malesker recommended that we email it to him. Mr. Malesker will send Diana Mr. Danko's email address.

The dam inspection is scheduled for next week.

Solicitor's Report

Report provided. 308 South Elm Street - the attorney for this property owner suggested doing a quick claim deed for the paper road. Solicitor Springer asked if the Borough would approve this for both 308 and 196 South Elm. Councilman Snyder said he has no problem with this. Per the Borough Code if the Borough does not open the road after 20 years, they have no authority to open the road, without getting approval from seventy five percent of the residents along the road. Discussion continued of how to handle the paper streets.

Sewer Authority - the Sewer Authority plans on dissolving. Diana has already started training with Jan Kreidler because bills are going out at the end of October. Discussion of steps involved in dissolving the Authority. Councilman Noll asked how Diana's time should be billed. To start, Diana's hours would be billed to the Authority. After that, Diana would just have an additional title, and it would be paid from the Borough. Solicitor Springer said there is no conflict because eventually the Borough is going to have all of the assets of the Sewer Authority, and we need time to get everything in order, so billing this out is reasonably necessary. Discussion continued. Diana and Jan have a meeting scheduled to look at a new software called Muni-Link. Discussion of how quickly Council wants to move on dissolving the Sewer Authority.

Solicitor's Report continued

From an engineering standpoint there are no issues. Mr. Grove said that the system was just tv'd. There were no issues. Mr. Malesker asked if the entire system was checked, and Mr. Grove said yes. Discussion continued. Councilman Snyder recapped the duties as expressed by Mrs. Kreidler on a provided list. The consensus of Council is for Councilman Snyder to reach out to Attorney Craley to start the dissolution process.

Continuation of salary discussion for Diana. Mr. Grove recommends that whatever software we use be integrated with an accounting software. Councilman Howett made a motion to pay Diana at her hourly rate of \$18 an hour, for an average amount of 24 hours a week for a salary which would equal \$22,464.00 for the time spent on Sewer related issues, to be paid out of Borough funds and can be paid bi-weekly along with her Borough salary. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Grove said the Sewer Authority will continue with billing as it occurs now. They will continue to accept payments at the P.O. Box, and the banking will remain the same until the Borough takes over. Discussion of timeline for the Authority to be dissolved.

Discussion of Zoning issues. There are now two trailers on Water Street. Patti filed a citation on the first trailer because there was no response to her letters, there is a hearing in November. Discussion continued. The trailer on Water Street is also putting out trash, which the Borough is not billing for, this is a theft of service. Discussion continued.

Discussion of issues with our BCO. South Penn is now working on the issues with 169 E George Street.

Maintenance Report

Councilman Myers is working not the pole that was hit on Walnut Street. Councilman Myers got a quote from IB Abel for \$7,448 to replace the pole. Met-Ed may be responsible for the light head. This is still being worked on. Just in case Met-ED refuses, Councilman Myers has a price for a LED light. The cost for the light would be an additional cost for Abel to install. The consensus of Council is to turn this into the insurance. Discussion continued.

Zoning Officer's Report

Patti has started citing the live in trailer on Water Street. Councilman Myers did talk to County Conservation and they are not going to address the issue, it is a DEP issue.

EMA Report

The next quarterly meeting is October 7th. NIMS survey has been completed and will be placed in file.

Mayor's Report

Regional to start using body cameras. Parking enforcement along Church street.

Secretary's Report

There has been some vandalism at the park. We need to add some light on the parking side of the pavilion. Discussion continued.

Council will do a resolution for Mr. Snouffer next month.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Mayor Sanford asked if Councilman Myers had a date for meeting with the Water Authority. Will discuss after the meeting to come up with a date. Councilman Noll said he preferred a Thursday.

Payment of the Bills

Councilman Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Howett all in favor, bills are paid.

Recess

The meeting was recessed at 10:17. The meeting will be reconvened on Thursday October 29th at 3PM.

Reconvene

The meeting was reconvened at 3:03 on Thursday October 29th. The budget was discussed. Councilman Myers made a motion to update the previous motion for the salary for the Secretary-Treasurer, Property Maintenance Inspection, and Sewer Clerk to \$19 an hour beginning on January 1st. 16 hours will come from the Borough and 24 hours will come from the Sewer. Diana will be salaried at \$39,520, to be paid hourly. Seconded by Councilman Noll.

Reconvene Continued

Councilman Noll made a motion to add Ryan Harper to the PRN list of employees. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb. Councilman Harper abstained. All others in favor, motion carried.

Snow removal was discussed. Councilman Bankoske made a motion to use Trump Lawn Care and Land Co. to accept their proposal with them using our salt and loader, the rest of the equipment would be provided by them. Councilman Noll and Councilman Myers would be the contact. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilman Claycomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting is adjourned.