

YOE BOROUGH

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150 NORTH MAPLE STREET

YOE, PA 17313

The regular monthly meeting of Yoe Borough Council was held on December 5, 2023, at the Yoe Borough Municipal Building, 150 N. Maple Street, Yoe, PA 17313. The meeting was called to order by Council President Sam Snyder at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members in attendance:

George Howett

Seth Noll

Tyler Sprenkle

Samuel Snyder

William Bankoske

Ryan Harper

Dustin Claycomb

Others in attendance

Seth Springer, Solicitor

Diana Dvorak, Secretary-Treasurer

John Klinedinst, Engineer

John Sanford, Mayor

Michael Diem, Resident

### **Minutes**

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

### **Visitor's Report**

Mr. Diem is just in attendance to listen.

### **Engineer's Report**

Report provided. Chris Kraft will be replacing Mr. Klinedinst as the Borough engineer. There is no start date at this time.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance - year 4 will need to be awarded in early 2024, council opted to do it now. Councilman Noll made a motion that year four of the sewer maintenance program be awarded for 2024. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb. All in favor, motion carried. In the third quarter of 2024 we should be bidding the next round.

There are a lot of grants in. The CFA board meeting has been postponed until January. The DCED multimodal grant should be decided in January as well. There was a pending grant which required resolution 2023-09 for a grant for the gabions. For multiple reasons the deadline was missed for this grant. This grant had a million dollar cap, and this project is a two million dollar project, it is recommended that we reapply for the grant next year, but have it broken into sections. Councilman Sprenkle made a motion to reject resolution 2023-09, seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, resolution rejected.

Third Street reconstruction project - Mr. Klinedinst finally got a response from Columbia Gas. Their offer came in less than \$10,000. Mr. Klinedinst and Councilman Noll thinks this is too low. Councilman Noll would like to see their scope of work and have it bid to see if it is appropriate.

### **Sewer Billing**

Several water shut off notices are being sent. One of our long term inactive accounts has been paid in full and is back on the active rolls. The two properties that had been condemned due to water shut off are still off, both houses are most likely vacant at this point.

Diana asked if we could request that a building code inspection be performed if water has been shut off for a certain period of time. Councilman Noll said he would look into it. Discussion continued.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Report provided. All current resolutions have been updated with the law library.

Councilman Howett made a motion to approve the 2024 budget. Seconded by Councilman Harper, all in favor 2024 budget approved. Resolution 2023-10 is a resolution fixing the millage rate for 2024. General Revenue purposes - 3.955mills. Annual Fire Tax - .452 mills. Annual Emergency Services - .500 mills. Councilman Bankoske made a motion to resolve, seconded by Councilman Noll. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Solicitor's Report Continued**

Councilman Sprenkle made a motion to resolve resolution 2023-11 appointing members of the zoning hearing board. Dana Shearer to a three year term to expire on 12/31/2026. Reaffirming Michelle Miller-Noll to a three year term expiring on 12/31/2024. Reaffirming Melissa Harper to a three year term expiring 12/31/2025. Seconded by Councilman Howett. Councilman Noll and Councilman Harper abstained. All others in favor, so be it resolved.

Solicitor Springer provided a recap of the Ethics Act webinar he recently attended.

### **Maintenance Report**

Report provided. Council discussed putting some weight in the back of the F350 as the spreader has now been removed.

Columbia Gas is supposed to be out to complete the patch at Main and Broad St.

Council Claycomb would like Council to consider a professional rust treatment for the F550. It is \$209. This will need to be done annually for a few years. The consensus of Council is to move forward with this.

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Nothing to report this month.

### **EMA Report**

Still working on getting a generator. Will be attending a Hazmit meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mayor's Report**

Report provided. Police calls were up in October. Truck traffic on Broad St. is being addressed. There was a detail on Main St for speed enforcement. A detail on Broad St for truck traffic. There was also a detail on vehicles passing busses.

Councilman Howett asked if there was a way that we can charge back Police calls to the repeat offenders? Mayor Sanford said he did not have an answer, but it would be worth looking into. Discussion continued.

**Secretary's Report**

At this point the loop detector has not yet been fixed. Diana will follow up again. The refuse contract will be up for renewal in 2025. Republic has already indicated they want to make some changes should the contract be renewed with them.

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Payment of the Bills**

Councilman Noll made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Howett. All in favor, bills to be paid.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Sprenkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52PM. Seconded by Councilman Snyder, all in favor, meeting adjourned.