

YOE BOROUGH

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150 NORTH MAPLE STREET

YOE, PA 17313

The regular monthly meeting of Yoe Borough Council was held on November 7, 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

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

There are no visitors at tonight's meeting.

Engineer's Report

Report provided. BJ Treglia will not be replacing John Klinedinst as the Borough Engineer. At this time Mr. Klinedinst will continue to represent the Borough.

The CFA small water and sewer grant as well as the multimodal grant for Main Street will hopefully be voted on this month on November 21st. The Local Share Account PA is open to the entire state. This is a grant we could apply for projects in the public interest. Councilman Snyder suggested we apply for the work on Gay Alley. Mr. Klinedinst said we could also use it to apply for the gabions. Discussion continued. Councilman Noll made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2023-09 Local Share Account PA Grant. Seconded by Councilman Harper. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Sprenkle made a motion to resolve Resolution 2023-09 for the Local Share Account as administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority, with the amount to be determined by the Engineer to satisfy the November deadline. Also designating Council President Sam Snyder or Council Vice President Seth Noll to execute the documents. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion resolved.

The Mill Creek Gabions should be completed. The street maintenance program will be reinspected in the spring. The Dam inspection will be scheduled for December. DEP did do an inspection as well. C. S. Davidson has followed up with Columbia Gas about Third Street again but has not heard anything back yet.

Resolution 2023-08 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$622,484 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for curb and sidewalk improvements. Also designating Council President Sam Snyder or Council Vice President Seth Noll to execute documents. Councilman Noll made a motion to resolve, seconded by Councilman Sprenkle. All in favor, resolution resolved.

There may be some issues related to the gabions at the fire department. Mayor Sanford will keep Mr. Klinedinst updated as they obtain additional information.

Sewer Billing

There are two properties that have had water service shut off for non-payment of their water bill: 201 N Maple ST and 8 E Pennsylvania AVE. The water service has been shut off for at least a week, and no attempt for payment has been made. Do we want to move forward with condemning the properties? The consensus of Council is yes that is our policy, so move forward.

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Solicitor's Report

Report provided. Last month Councilman Snyder asked Solicitor Springer to look into notice provisions specifically the requirement to send via certified mail. We cannot do a blanket ordinance removing this requirement. Discussion continued.

Resolution 2023-07 appointing Hamilton & Musser as our independent auditor. Councilman Howett made a motion to resolve, seconded by Councilman Sprenkle. All in favor, resolution resolved.

The 2024 meeting dates need to be determined. All of the meeting dates fall on the first Tuesday of the month. Council opted to move the July meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. Councilman Howett made a motion to accept and advertise the 2024 meeting dates, as well as the 2024 proposed budget, seconded by Councilman Sprenkle. Councilman

Building Bridges for Brianna requested to use the park on December 3rd or to close the bridge by the Fire Department. Council feels using the park is the better option. Councilman Noll made a motion for them to use the park there will be no charge, but a contract must be signed. Seconded by Councilman Harper. All in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report

Report provided. The manhole repair at Main and Water St. has been completed. The loop detector still needs to be fixed. ATS said they would be out this year but has not provided a date. The F350 just had the starter replaced but need to go back for a brake line. Maintenance equipment discussion continued. The manhole cover at 4th and Main has a split ring and may be a problem.

Zoning Officer's Report

Wayne went out regarding the travel trailer on N Main Street. The owner was told no one can be living in the trailer and the trailer needs to be closed up with no water or electric running to the trailer.

EMA Report

Mayor Sanford is working on the Emergency Action Plan. Mayor Sanford would like to move forward with getting a generator. The cost would be between \$1000 - \$1200. Councilman Claycomb made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion on a generator. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion accepted. Councilman Bankoske made a motion to purchase the generator. Seconded by Councilman Sprenkle, all in favor, motion carried.

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Mayor's Report

Report provided. The Police activity has increased again due to domestic issues at specific addresses. Truck traffic on Broad Street is still being addressed, the plea being GPS, but that will not be accepted any longer. We had some complaints about vehicles passing buses, this is also being addressed. Discussion continued.

Secretary's Report

We have the option to pay a solvency fee to Department of L&I, do we want to pay this for 2024? The consensus of Council is no.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

The F550 is due for inspection.

Payment of the Bills

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

Adjournment

Councilman Sprenkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33. Seconded by Councilman Snyder, all in favor, meeting adjourned.