

YOE BOROUGH

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150 NORTH MAPLE STREET

YOE, PA 17313

The regular monthly meeting of Yoe Borough Council was held on October 3, 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

Others in attendance

Seth Springer, Solicitor

Diana Dvorak, Secretary-Treasurer

John Klinedinst, Engineer

B J Treglia, Engineer

Minutes

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

Visitor's Report

There are no visitors at tonight's meeting.

Engineer's Report

Report provided. We have a CFA grant application in for storm water work. The CFA board meeting got postponed until November 21st. Sanitary sewer system program is completed for this year. CS Davidson reviewed the tapes and will get the documentation down to Diana. The budget was 73,000 the actual invoice came in at \$57,530 so we're under the budget again. Next year we will want to authorize the final year for this program and put it out for bid again.

We have a grant application into DC multimodal that was for Main Street also anticipated to be acted on, on November 21st. Jessica Fieldhouse has been working on additional grants which could include our street maintenance program as well as our sanitary sewer maintenance program. Councilman Noll made a motion to amend the agenda for applications for ongoing grants PA small water and sewer, Marcellus Shale, and DCED. Seconded by Councilman Sprenkle. All in favor motion carried. The DCED grant for the reconstruction of third street requires a resolution. Resolution 2023-06 which is a local share funding grant requesting a Category 4 grant in the amount of \$192,992, from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for West Third Street improvements. Councilman Sam Snyder and Seth Noll are the designated officials to execute documents relating to the grant. Councilman Howett made a motion to resolve. Seconded by Councilman Sprenkle. All in favor, so be it resolved. Discussion about grants continued. The Borough has been looking into additional cameras for the park. One of the grants was for improvements for the park which included cameras.

Street Maintenance Program – Stewart and Tate change order #1 Councilman Sprenkle made a motion to accept change order #1 to increase by \$3,125 for additional base repair., seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion carried. Stewart & Tate application for payment #1 in the amount of \$15,625.00. Councilman Noll made a motion to pay. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, bill to be paid.

There was some work by Russell Standard that the Borough was not happy with. Mr. Treglia met with them to go over the punch list with them. There were a number of issues on E. Pennsylvania, one on Wilson, and on Walnut Street. Russell Standard reached out to say the items were completed, but they were not. Russell Standard was instructed to come back out and take care of those items. This should be done next week.

Sewer Billing

Several water shutoff notices were sent they were effective, and the bills have been paid in full.

Solicitor's Report

Report provided. Nothing going on in the borough this past month that the solicitor needed to be involved with. Solicitor Springer said that his career is going more in the direction of litigation nothing is changing for the borough at this point, but he will keep us abreast of any changes.

Maintenance Report

The dump bed was taken to the auction today. Mr. Myers is going to be ordering signposts and breakaways from DE GEMMILL. The potholes on Elm Street have been repaired.

The EPA is out in the field doing surprise inspections. Jessica fieldhouse had sent a list of items that they are looking for. Councilman Noll said several municipalities are of the mindset to take care of the blatantly obvious items, otherwise they were just going to wait for EPA to identify exactly what EPA wanted taken care of.

Zoning Officer's Report

Wayne was investigating someone living in a travel trailer at 288 N Main St.

Patti submitted a bill for her hours and postage. Patti is asking if we can eliminate the need for certified letters? The addressee has 15 days to pick up the letter which extends past the 10 day period Patti is giving them to address the problem. Letters are currently sent both certified and regular mail. Councilman Noll said if this requires an ordinance change it's something we should keep in mind for the next time we need to make other ordinance changes. Maybe we should handle this the same way we're handling sewer by posting the property and taking a picture. Councilman Snyder said he could reach out to Solicitor Springer about possibly doing a blanket ordinance. Consensus of council is to go ahead and have solicitor Springer look into a blanket ordinance. Discussion continued.

EMA Report

No report tonight.

Mayor's Report

Report provided. There is a proposed increase in the fees of 4% next year for police coverage. Truck traffic on Broad Street is being addressed. In regard to the motorcycle accident, it is not uncommon for 3 cars to respond to a motorcycle accident.

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Secretary's Report

The budget meeting is set for October 26th at 3PM.

The SPCA contract has increased this year to \$751. Councilman Noll made a motion to accept the contract. Seconded by Councilman Sprenkle. All in favor, motion carried.

The PMRS MMO should have been completed in September but was missed, it will need to be approved this month. Councilman Noll made a motion to accept MMO, seconded by Councilman Howett. All in favor, motion carried.

Halloween is on a Tuesday this year, what day do we want to do Trick or Treat. Councilman Bankoske made a motion to hold Trick or Treat on the 31st between 6-8. Seconded by Councilman Sprenkle, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion of camera quote. The Borough would be responsible for trenching and supplying 1" conduit between the telephone poles at the parking lot, and the playground area. As well as a few other things. The quote came in at \$4525.

Unfinished Business

Councilman Noll is going to talk to Mr. Klinedinst about following up with Columbia Gas regarding Third St.

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.

Recess

Councilman Sprenkle made a motion to recess the meeting at 7:59. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, meeting recessed.

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Reconvene

The regular meeting was reconvened on October 26th at 3PM. In attendance were Councilman Snyder, Councilman Claycomb, Councilman Noll, Councilman Howett, and Councilman Harper. Even with the missing members there is still a quorum. The 2024 proposed budget was discussed. Councilman Howett made a motion to advertise the 2024 budget. Seconded by Councilman Harper. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilman Harper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10PM. Seconded by Councilman Snyder, all in favor, meeting adjourned.