

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 2, 2021, 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

William Bankoske

Seth Noll

Ryan Harper

Others in attendance

Diana Dvorak, Secretary-Treasurer

Seth Springer, Solicitor

John Klinedinst, Engineer

John Sanford, Mayor

Michael Klimaszewski, Resident

Minutes

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

Visitors Report

Mr. Klimaszewski was in attendance to discuss issues on E. Pennsylvania AVE. Trash was missed last week for his entire street. There are also some ongoing issues with 22 E. Pennsylvania AVE and trash accumulation and a few safety concerns. Secretary Dvorak explained the trash pick-up was due to a swing driver, and a few other places were missed.

Visitor's Continued

This will be corrected this week. Diana has also been in contact with the homeowner of 22 E. Pennsylvania AVE regarding this as well. 22 E. Pennsylvania AVE is getting cited weekly for trash. The homeowner has also been reminded that we have unlimited trash pick-up. Discussion continued.

Engineer's Report

A bid tabulation for work on 44 W George Street has been provided. Clearview Excavating was the low bidder at \$19,670.00. Councilman Noll asked if the money would be coming from the Storm Water account. Councilman Snyder said yes. Councilman Noll made a motion to award the contract to Clearview Excavation inc. Seconded by Councilman Harper. All in favor, motion carried.

There is an upcoming informational MS4 meeting scheduled for Thursday November 18th at 2PM.

In May, Council had awarded the Sanitary Sewer Contract to Mr. Rehab. Mr. Rehab is now formally requesting a time extension for the project to the first quarter of 2022. Discussion continued. Mr. Klinedinst recommends we extend the timeline for phase one, but do not make a decision on phase two at this point. Discussion continued. Councilman Bankoske made a motion for Councilman Snyder or Councilman Noll to sign a change order prior to the December meeting. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb. All in favor, motion carried.

C.S. Davidson is working on the sanitary sewer repair that was delayed until 2022. They are trying to verify that this will not change the cost of the bid. There is no answer yet.

The Church ST and Mason Alley bridge have both been inspected, and the reports are in Datum. There is some maintenance required. The Gabion inspection was also done. The states that repairs are needed immediately. Details of report outlined. Discussion continued. Mr. Klinedinst thinks we may be able to add the gabion repairs to the hurricane Ida funding. A cost estimate will be required. Councilman Harper asked how long we had before the repairs needed to be done. Mr. Klinedinst said the report put this down as high priority. Councilman Snyder feels we should have C.S. Davidson to start putting together an estimate so we can submit for Hurricane Ida. If the repairs are not approved through FEMA, we at least know what we are looking at for the Borough. Discussion continued. Councilman Noll made a motion for C.S. Davidson to start working on estimates for items affected by Hurricane IDA to turn into the state/FEMA/PEMA, that include the gabions, structures in the stream, as well as the driveway to the park. Seconded by Councilman Howett.

We received the proposal from Clearview Excavation at Cherry Alley to replace the catch basin for \$10,243.00. Councilman Harper made a motion to proceed. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion carried.

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Solicitor's Report

Report provided. Solicitor Springer was reviewing the EMS agreement. This agreement expired in 2020 and needs to be renewed. Solicitor Springer continues to work on the Shentel agreement with Attorney Fraga. Shentel is saying that they will not offer free internet to the Borough, and not to expect Comcast to do the same in future contracts. We are obligated to hold both Shentel and Comcast to the same standards. Discussion continued. Councilman Snyder recapped communication he has had between Attorney Fraga and Solicitor Springer. Shentel while not providing internet, would provide a \$5,000 grant which could be used to defray the cost of internet services. The committee is recommending that Councilman Snyder pass along the communication to the rest of Council to review. Discussion continued. Comcast is currently paying 5% on services which averages to about \$10,000 a year. Councilman Noll feels that we should not proceed with Shentel until we have a contract with Comcast. Discussion continued.

Discussion of the Dallastown Cougars contract. The Cougars do have an attorney that is working with Solicitor Springer. Councilman Noll feels there is still a lot more to discuss that nails down details of long-term maintenance issues. Mr. Klinedinst said there will be a meeting at C.S. Davidson between Barry Myers, the Cougars, and Mr. Klinedinst. Councilman Snyder and Councilman Noll had some concerns with verbiage in the lease, which was discussed. Council wants more discussion before anything is signed. Councilman Noll feels that a letter of intent is a better place to start at this point. Discussion continued.

Discussion of sewer billing issues. 144 South Main Street is going for Sheriff's Sale. The porch of the structure looks like it is ready to fall down. Discussion on how to handle this. Councilman Noll made a motion for the Solicitor send a letter to the mortgage company making them aware of the structural issues. Seconded by Councilman Howett. All in favor motion carried. 130 S Main ST has also been an issue for collections. This property is scheduled to go to closing, and the closing company was going to collect the past due amount, as well as the current quarter. Discussion of other properties that are past due on the Sewer bill.

Resolution 2021-02 appointing the independent auditors Hamilton & Musser. Councilman Howett made a motion to resolve. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, resolved.

Resolution 2021-03 naming John Sanford, a Borough representative to be a Borough contact for PEMA in regard to Hurricane Ida. Councilman Noll made the motion. Seconded by Councilman Howett. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Snyder received an answer from the Borough's Association in regard to increasing the Council Stipend, and the salary of the Mayor. The increase would be \$200 a month for the Council President and Mayor, \$150 a month for the Vice President, and \$125 a month for

Council members. This would be effective January 1, 2022, but it cannot go into effect during the middle of a term. Councilman Snyder, Councilman Howett and Councilman Harper would

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not be eligible for an increase until they are re-elected. Everyone else would get the increase beginning January 1, 2022. Councilman Snyder had also inquired about payment for an EMA coordinator. Boroughs cannot under PEMA law pay for EMA coordinator, it is a volunteer position. The ordinance for the increase must be passed next month, in order to be effective in January of 2022. Councilman Howett made a motion for the Solicitor to draft and advertise the ordinance to increase the stipend for Council and Mayor. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske.

The proposed 2022 budget can be advertised for adoption in December. Based on the proposed budget there will be no tax increase. Howett made a motion to advertise the tentative budget for adoption in December. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report

There are two proposals for mowing. McCabe's and Veteran Landscaping. Discussion of proposals. Councilman Noll would like to have a three-year contract, with the option to cancel at the end of each year at Council's discretion. Councilman Harper made a motion to accept the proposal from Veteran's Landscaping with it being modified to a three-year contract, and to cancel at Borough's discretion. Seconded by Councilman Bankoske. All in favor, motion carried.

The streetlight at 187 W Walnut keeps going out intermittently. It needs to be determined why the light keeps going out. Discussion of a few other lights that are out.

Councilman Harper asked where Councilman Myers was in regard to the rumble strips on Main ST. Mayor Sanford said it is in the early stages.

Zoning Officer's Report

Nothing to discuss at this time.

EMA Report

Working on the generator with Dustin and Barry.

Mayor's Report

Report provided. Paperwork for Hurricane Ida due by the 13th. Discussion continued.

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Secretary's Report

Meeting dates discussed. The first meeting will be on a Monday due to reorganization. Council also wants to change the July meeting to the second Tuesday making it July 12. Councilman Noll made a motion for the secretary to place the ad for the 2022 meetings. Seconded by Councilman Claycomb.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

There is no new business at this time.

Payment of the Bills

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

Adjournment

Councilman Claycomb made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Snyder. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:50.