

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhower, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Royer, and Sodl, as well as Mayor Molitoris, Police Chief Genovese, Public Works Director Boyle and Fire Chief Buskaritz. BCO Ronald Helman was absent. EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of persons present: None.

PWD Boyle reported projects completed in February, 2018 include installation of benches at Town Square, Completed work on homemade hot box. Repaired two plows and a snow blower, light pole built for installation at Town Square, winter clean up started at Parkway, preparations started for Barkley parade, tires changed on C5 in house, transmission serviced on C6, routine sanitation pick ups, routine street maintenance, and routine winter maintenance, plowing and salting roads. Sodl questioned use of pretreatment liquid on roadways prior to snowfall. PWD Boyle responded liquid brine works better than the pretreat liquid we use, but don't have facilities for brine, continuing research to make determination in future on use of these alternatives to salt.

BCO/CEO Helman was absent.

EMA Coordinator position is being filled on interim basis by Mayor Molitoris, no emergencies to report.

Chief Genovese read police report, 143200 incidents in February with 2 arrests, 16 traffic arrests, 1 written warnings and 10 parking tickets issued. Chief Genovese read a letter of appreciation and gift cards for meals to Police department from a local resident.

Fire Chief Buskaritz read February, 2018 fire report, 2 calls for the month, and 17 calls year to date. Meeting with KME to discuss new fire truck went well. 4 new fire department personnel.

Administrator Gynecsek questioned if there were any questions/changes to the quick ticket procedures, there were no comments by members. 2018 CDBG project has been advertised, pre-bid meeting scheduled for 3/13 at 10 am in council chambers, bids are due on March 27 and will review for recommendation and approval by council at the 4/10 regular meeting; as you can see Engineer has allowed for additional time between bid due date and council approval to allow for more detailed review of contractor references.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Request received from Juvenile Probation to use gym and class room for training from 4/9-4/13/2018, Royer commented no concerns and questioned if they are charged a fee for use with negative response from Administrator. No additional comments or questions by members, motion at regular meeting.

DVS Enterprises Multi-Tenant Residential Building determination from Copley Planning Commission. Borough Engineer review letter sent on 2/22/2018; Sodl reviewed as Chair of Planning, DVS still has additional corrections and updates to complete, council approval/review will not take place until April regular meeting.

Per Administrator, no response received from Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center per request from members at February workshop meeting. Request from IRT to allow Joe Bundra use of borough's utility truck to complete necessary trail maintenance. Royer explained Mr. Bundra is available due to his retirement; did request Mr. Bundra obtain approval from PWD Boyle before taking truck and to give a few days' notice as well, so as not to interfere with public works. Sodl questioned if Mr. Bundra completes a log when using the vehicle with positive response from PWD Boyle. Sodl also questioned if IRT budget should be reduced based on this usage. Further discussion by members regarding budget, etc. questioned if Whitehall Township and North Whitehall Township supply trucks for IRT with positive response from Royer, both municipalities have dedicated "community use" trucks. Royer further explained Mr. Bundra will only be working on Copley section of trail. No additional comments or questions by members, motion at regular meeting to allow use of truck.

Pres. Bodish asked for any other items for discussion, there were none.

Mayor Molitoris had nothing additional to report at this time.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl reported received call from Catherine Drive resident re: kittens in area, questioned status of Feral Cat and Sanctuary at Haafsville; both active per Administrator and Police Chief responses. Committee and department heads met with KCBA Architects on 2/27 for initial discussion regarding new building preliminary design; after speaking with fire department they feel a training room would be important. Next meeting with architect is 3/27 at 11 am in council chambers, rough schematic will be reviewed. Thanked police and fire for their service.

Royer reported a building on the Bridge Street property collapsed during the storm on Friday 3/2.

Administrator added, insurance has been notified of same. PWD Boyle stated same will be cleaned up by public works as time permits.

Burker reported Saylor Park Board, along with Engineer reviewed Saylor Park Rehabilitation bid package, expect to break ground in either April or May. . at next Board meeting, will meet with video camera contractors regarding upgrades to surveillance system at pool/parkway area. Rep. McNeill informed of federal funds set aside to complete projects along River from Zinc Company; Bodish stated looking at possible dock in area of our 1 Bridge Street property for kayak, canoe ,tubers, etc., not boats as area is not large enough; along with a parking area. Sodl also suggested including access road to river for fire department in case of river rescues, same originally mentioned by Fire Chief Buskaritz to be very beneficial to their department. Wildlands Conservancy reviews all submitted projects and facilitates approval and disbursement of all funds.

Eisenhauer reported State Liquid Fuels payment received in the amount of \$98,000.00 which is \$2,000.00 more than budget. What we receive is based on population and miles of roadways. A tax anticipation transfer of \$2,000.00 was made from Departmental Projects into Emergency Services to cover bills until tax money is received. Today I put in a call to Kevin at the bank, Solicitor needs an updated commitment letter that includes payoff of the previous loan to finalize submission to DCED, as such ordinance will not be passed until April meeting.

Bodish stated everyone should stay safe in the snowstorm this evening. Sodl questioned when yard waste collections will begin. Bodish responded, after Easter.

Hearing of persons present: None.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote on use of gym by Juvenile Probation.

Vote on use of pavilion by Cub Scouts.

Vote on use of borough truck by IRT rep Bundra.

Adjourn meeting into executive session for discussion of personnel and possible litigation at 7:50 pm until regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Borough Secretary