

Workshop Meeting
Municipal Building

August 7, 2018
97th Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhower, Molitoris, Luckenbach, Royer and Sodl. Mayor Molitoris, Chief Genovese, Chief Buskaritz, PWD Boyle, Engineer Witczak were also present. EMA Coordinator position is being filled on an interim basis by Mayor Molitoris. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

Hearing of persons present: None

PWD Boyle: See attachment. UGI is coming to Front Street to complete additional work (completion August 13, 2018). Starting Dirt & Gravel project August 13/ August 20. Stone Alley has been prepared.

BCO Helman: \$1,882.25 permits, 2 grass complaints. No other issues.

EMA Coordinator : Spoke to Mr. Grim , application received. Janet will set up interview with EM Committee.

Chief Genovese: See attached report. Cameras are installed at the pool. They can be monitored at the office. Every area should be covered by 3 cameras. Police department received a \$6,500.00 grant from Project Life Safe. Funds to be used for training and equipment. Sodl asked how are we going to get the message out to the public regarding this initiative. Officer Emerich will be in charge of this project. We will utilize paper, website etc. Received letter from Redeemed Church of God requesting an area to be used for a block party. Request will be added to meeting agenda.

Chief Buskaritz: See attached report. New vehicle on schedule. Request for a coin toss on August 25 at 2nd & Keefer Street. Members felt this would send a wrong message. Suggestions for alternate areas-Ruch & Chestnut Street (need to contact Whitehall for approval) or Second & Center Street. Will take suggestions back to Chief for decision. Possible time table 10 AM to 2 PM or 2 PM to 6 PM.

Discussion of problems/matters: Eisenhower relayed message back to T-Mobile that their options to renew lease were denied. Borough waiting for a response.

Mr. Witczak: Discussed new issues uncovered at 2nd & Chestnut Street. Issues concerning the make up of the road and there needs to be further investigation on what options we will need to take to complete the project. Core samples were not taken prior to sending out request for bids. May cost the Borough an additional \$50,000.00-\$130,000.00 to complete it. Witczak will request an extension on grant deadline so research can be completed.

Saylor Park- suggestion to reject bids and ask for grant extension and rebid project including in kind services (Steve indicated excavating may be completed by in kind services).

Paul and Steve will work on gathering information for extension requests. Note: We have not received formal acceptance letter from DCNR approving the project.

Sodl stated that we need to continue to monitor and address any resident who is not abiding our grass clipping rules.

Mayors Report: Nothing

Sodl: None

Royer: None

Burker: Community Days moving forward. Stephanie (lifeguard) saved a boy that went down sliding board and could not swim. We need 3 lifeguards to cover the pool from August 20- August 26. Catty pool had to close because of the flood and has asked us to accept their pool passes. They will reach out to their life guards asking them to work at Coplay pool. Salaries would be paid by Catasauqua. Council tentavely approved Catasauqua's request.

Bodish: 2012 Sanitation truck in Philadelphia for repair. Paul will go to Mack Trucks to obtain costs if we trade this in. Budget-\$117,000.00 for new truck. Paul indicated that while the truck is out for repairs we are using a smaller one which has negatively affected our pick up schedules.

Eisenhauer read a letter of resignation from Sandra Gyecsek effective August 17, 2018.

Motion by Sodl, second by Luckenbach to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matter.