

South Waverly Borough August 1, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Roxanne Testen at 6:00 p.m. Members also present were Cindy Parrish, Chris Wood and Dr. Burdett Porter. Mayor Tim Hickey, Atty. Jonathon Foster and Secretary Julie Lewis also attended. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Citizens –Reporter from Morning Times was in attendance. Tim O’Connor and Dr. Thomas Horn were in attendance. Mr. O’Connor stated that he went to the planning committee meeting regarding cooking over seasoned wood 25 ft. from his residence. He stated the current code for a recreational fire is 10 ft. and 25 ft. for cooking. He showed the firewood that he uses and wanted to show a presentational video showing how easy it is to extinguish the fire, however, time did not allow it. Mr. O’Connor brought in colored pictures showing his recreational fire pit and his 2 grills that he cooks on. He would like to make a recommendation to the council to change the wording in the ordinance to be able to cook over seasoned wood. Dr. Horn would like for the council to consider vacating the paper road that starts on Division St. and ends at Harold Porter’s property. It does not go all the way through. He would like to black top it in order to get to his rental. He stated he would maintain it and give access to anyone who needs it. Tim Hickey asked if he spoke to Harold Porter regarding this and Dr. Horn stated that he has and Harold has no problem with it. Atty. Foster stated that we would have to vacate & turn over the properties to the adjoining property owners. We should send a letter to the adjoining property owners to let them know what the intention is and get their input. Dr. Horn stated that Harold is the only person that could build because the rest of the lots are too small.

Minutes – Roxanne Testen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022 as written. Motion was made by Cindy Parrish and seconded by Dr. Porter. Motion was unanimous

Financial - A motion was made by Dr. Porter and seconded by Cindy Parrish to approve the payment of the following presented bills that total \$22,254.12. Motion was unanimous.

AMTrust North America	\$ 1,937.00
Art's Exterminating, Inc.	\$ 35.00
Big Hug Remembrance Gifts	\$ 16.00
Bishop's Full Time Portables	\$ 105.00
Borough of Sayre	\$ 7,333.33
Casella Waste System, Inc.	\$ 138.56
CVS	\$ 4.55
Erle's Janitorial Supply	\$ 49.00
Foster Law Office	\$ 2,837.50

Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$ 1,590.00
Horn's True Value	\$ 279.16
J's Clean Sweep	\$ 480.00
Lowe's Home Center	\$ 210.94
Penelec	\$ 387.22
RPM Group	\$ 2,950.00
Valley Energy	\$ 46.94
WJ Graphics & Sporting Goods	\$ 87.50
BradCo Supply Co.	\$ 249.18
Fagan Engineers	\$ 1,716.08
Foster Law Office	\$ 800.00
Horton Electric	\$ 1,620.00
Penelec	\$ 93.39
South Waverly Borough	\$ (734.42)
Valley Energy	\$ 22.19
Total	\$ 22,254.12

Committee Reports:

Police – Did not receive report before meeting.

Fire – Tim Hickey said that a new account was opened for games of chance. Other fire departments are doing it and making some money on them. Tim Hickey asked that when we get the email regarding grants that Julie send the email to him.

Planning Commission – Roxanne Testen stated that she thought Ralph Myers was coming to the meeting to talk about the Fireworks committee. She went on to say that PA State has come up with a new law that is more strict than was previously written. Ralph is going to be having talks with the other towns/boroughs to have a valley wide consensus regarding fireworks. Once this is done, he will come with an update. Roxanne Testen also spoke about the cooking over seasoned firewood. She stated that the planning commission was ok with cooking over seasoned firewood, she believed it is the distance that was the issue. The council decided to table this until the next meeting when everyone has a chance to read the ordinance, ask questions then it will have to be advertised.

Code – Chris Wood stated that the Fire Department and Craig did a good job with clean up around the borough after the storm on the 23rd of July. Craig stated the tree on Reel St. was very large and needed many people to clean that one up. Roxanne Testen asked whose responsibility it is to clean up the trees when the utility company comes and cuts them around the power lines. Tim Hickey thought it was the utility company's responsibility, but asked that we contact Jason Krise about this.

Building and Grounds – Chris Wood stated we should get bids for gutters a catch basin and redo the concrete to fix the issue on the south side of the building that the ice builds up and creates an issue.

Streets – Driveway on horizon way. Cindy Parrish stated this is her driveway and that she doesn't want anything done with her driveway, it is the road way from when the sewer was put in and the water is running down the road and going under the road and deteriorating it. Chris Wood thought we could get some millings and fix the brim of the roadway. Chris Wood asked if we know how much we have to be able to fix a road this season. Roxanne Testen would like to get a lists of roads and make a priority list.

Legal – Executive Session

Sewer – Craig stated that Elmira Street pump station has a control panel issue. We have ordered relays & capacitors for it and are still having an issue with it. There is 1 pump at Horton's being fixed at this time. Chris Wood asked if we will need to replace the control panel, and Craig stated we might have to. Chris Wood made a motion and Dr. Porter seconded the motion to get a price to replace the control panel. The vote was unanimous. Craig asked if he could buy 8 inch piping for easy clean out when the stations have to get pumped out. It is going to cost between \$200.00 - \$300.00. Motion was made by Chris Wood and seconded by Dr. Porter to purchase the piping needed. Vote was unanimous.

Other Business -

Roxanne Testen would like to appoint Chris Wood as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion was made by Dr. Porter to appoint Chris seconded by Roxanne Testen. Vote was unanimous with Chris Wood abstaining from the vote. Photos of the council, secretary, code enforcer, and attorney at the next meeting. Please dress nice.

Budget meeting will be held Sept. 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Cindy Parrish left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 7:16pm for legal matters. Council came out of executive session at 7:59 pm. A motion was made by Chris Wood to adjourn seconded by Dr. Burdett Porter. Motion was unanimous.

Next meeting is September 12, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Lewis
Secretary/Treasurer