

South Waverly Borough

August 2, 2021

Vice President Dr. Burdett Porter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members also present was Chris Wood, Cindy Parrish and by phone was Robert Myers. Mayor Tim Hickey and Borough Solicitor also attended. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

CITIZENS

Lois Hughes, 36 Howard St reported a water problem she continuously has that she has come to the council about before. She stated Bishop's put something down before and it doesn't work. She said she needs a dry well. Wood said he would look at it when it rains. He said he looked at previously but wasn't the Borough's responsibility. She also was complaining about some tree branches that are on Nocchi's property and the branches drop onto to her property. Huckabee had told her in the past she would have to talk to the owners that the borough isn't responsible. She also said there was a tree limb on a wire. Huckabee stated she can call Penelec on that that would look at it to cut.

Joel Dietz, Pennsylvania and Pitney, complained about Douglas Brothers property located across from him. He stated there is an issue with grass and Bishop's is using it to pile asphalt. Council stated a few years ago we looked into the same thing, but the property is "grandfathered" and owned by Douglas Brothers. It's non-confirming but until the owners change, we can't make him not use it the way it has been used prior to our zoning. Dietz asked about the chemicals from the asphalt and he was told he could call DEP. He said the grass looks horrible and should be told to mow. Dietz said he is going to go to his attorney to see what advise he can give him to get something done. He stated the dust flies and he and his neighbors have to wash their houses twice a year because of the black dust. He also complained about sink hole area that collects water, which then promotes misquotes. Lohmann will be told to look at this.

Motion by Wood, seconded by Myers to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 minutes as written. Motion was carried with Parrish abstaining as she didn't attend the meeting.

FINANCIAL

The following list of bills were presented for payment that total \$37,978.45. Motion by Wood, seconded by Parrish to approve the payment of bills that total \$37,978.45. Motion was unanimous.

Aqua Pa. Inc.	\$949.38
Art's Exterminating	\$30.00
Bishop's Full Time Portables	\$95.00
Borough of Sayre	\$7,333.33
Chamber Choice of NE Pa.	\$4,326.82
Empire Access	\$104.12
Foster Law Access	10,912.50
Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$1,157.00
Horn's True Value	\$74.16
J's Clean Sweep, LLC	\$550.00
Penelec	\$424.50
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$15.00

Robinson Contracting & Landscaping	\$102.00
RPM Group	\$2,950.00
Selective Insurance of America	\$1,113.00
Standard Insurance Co	\$459.42
Taylor Garage Service	\$86.95
Teledair	\$750.00
Valley Energy	\$62.21
Best Line Equipment	\$125.96
Chris Z Sutton Garage	\$40.28
Dandy Mini Marts, Inc.	\$186.17
Northeast ATV Sales	\$60.93
Penelec	<u>\$1,069.72</u>
TOTAL	\$37,978.45

Manager Huckabee reported that the Cares Act Funds was received and it was for \$52,544.08. With the stipulations, nothing prior to March 1, 2021 can be reimbursed. The treasury dept. has a formula that we use and the amount can be reimbursed to the General Fund and the amount will not be questioned. The remainder has to be used on certain things. Broadband items, security, pay raises, bonuses to employees, water and sewer items. Huckabee stated you must use 2019-year end revenues and multiple by 0.041%. Our 2019-year end was \$659,361 (total income including liquid fuels). Multiplied by the percentage that gives us \$27,034. Add that to the \$659,361 and subtract the 2020 yearend total revenues. That will give you the total of CARES fund you can use without any questions. Our ending amount we can use is \$37,388. One item that these funds can be used for is security surveillance cameras. We had to replace 2 in June so we can reimburse them also which was \$725. A quote was received from Teledair for a wireless type camera that we could put out in the in the field. A single camera plus installation would be \$1,350. Discussion followed and it was decided that 2 cameras should be purchased for field and playground. The funds can also be used for the annual zoom membership fee of \$147 and payroll from 3/1/21. Motion by Parrish, seconded by Wood to approve the transfer of \$38,113 from CARES Fund account to our General Fund. Motion was unanimous. Motion by Myers, seconded by Parrish to approve the purchase of the cameras with the wireless for approximately \$2,700. Motion was unanimous. Motion by Myers, seconded by Wood to use the remainder of the funds for payroll. Motion was unanimous.

Huckabee wanted to set up budget meetings for the 2022 budget. September 8, 2021 at 4 p.m., October 4th at 5 p.m. was set.

Councilmen Parrish had to be excused at 6:45 p.m. and left meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hickey reported for the month of July there were 43 complaints with the majority being suspicious persons/vehicle/circumstance. Huckabee stated she called the police on 2 occasions for things that went on at the park and playground.

FIRE DEPT - Hickey stated Robinson's are installing a new ceiling in the fire department. The grant they received was for ceiling and floor but the cost was too much for both. They will do the floor next year.

ROADS – A letter was received from Tom Weaver regarding the Dry Brook Creek. Wood stated he had Lohmann cut the bamboo down by sluice pipe. Huckabee stated she feels we have a concern now as there is a big drop off into the creek wide open and she is concerned kids will slide down the bank. Huckabee showed Attorney Foster letters from when the sluice pipe was installed by PennDot and we don't have a clear answer on who is responsible. Council said DEP and PennDOT should be contacted to see who is responsible for what since PennDot turned over Elmira St to the Borough. Wood stated Bishops will start the road project on August 16, 2021.

Huckabee discussed the problems with the pavilion being used for parties without being rented on Saturdays and then when it is actually rented on Sunday, the pavilion is dirty from the Saturday use with full trash containers and left over decorations etc. Discussion followed about having someone check on Saturday nights. Lohmann stated to Huckabee previously he would not do it. Julie Lewis was asked and she stated she is usually not around on Saturday nights. Huckabee and Myers suggested an older high school person to check it when it is rented on Sunday but Saturday and if it needs cleaned etc. pay them out of petty cash. Dr. Porter asked Huckabee to check into some idea's.

28 cards for thank you and apologize from Discover the World Day Care was received for some things a class was doing under the pavilion. Walking on tables, throwing water and trash on the ground and kicking the soda machine.

Dr. Porter stated in the Salvation Army parking lot has a shed in the corner and they placed junk around it. Huckabee will have Lohmann check it out to be removed and cleaned up.

Planning did not meet in July.

Meeting recessed in Executive Session for legal purposes at 7:25 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m. Motion by Myers, seconded by Wood, to proceed with merging the South Waverly Municipal Authority with the Borough to dissolve the Authority. Motion was unanimous.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valorie L. Huckabee
Secretary/Manager