

South Waverly Borough December 5, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Roxanne Testen at 6:04 p.m. Members also present were Cindy Parrish, Chris Wood and Robert Myers and Dr. Burdett Porter came in at 6:07. Mayor Tim Hickey, Atty. Jonathon Foster and Secretary Julie Lewis also attended. The pledge of allegiance was recited and led by Cindy Parrish.

Citizens – Corey Relyea from RPM was not in attendance, Roxanne stated she would call on him when he comes into the meeting. Johnny from the Sayre Morning Times was in attendance as well.

Minutes – Roxanne Testen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2022 as written. Cindy would like for the time that she left to be added to the minutes. Also, Robert stated that there wasn't a time in the minutes that they went into executive session. It was stated that they went into executive at 6:30p.m. and that Cindy Parrish left at 6:50p.m. With those changes a motion was made to approve the minutes by Cindy Parrish and Seconded by Robert Myers. Dr. Burdett Porter abstained from the vote as he was just walking in the meeting at that time. The rest of the council approved the minutes.

Financial - Roxanne Testen asked for a motion to approve the bills for November 2022. A motion was made by Robert Myers and seconded by Cindy Parrish to approve the payment of the following presented bills that total \$62,888.61. Motion was unanimous.

| General Fund | |
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| Ad Graphics Printing | \$ 161.00 |
| Aqua PA, Inc. | \$ 982.94 |
| Art's Exterminating | \$ 35.00 |
| Bishop's Full Time Portables | \$ 105.00 |
| Borough of Sayre | \$ 7,333.33 |
| Casella Waste Systems, Inc. | \$ 139.17 |
| Chamber Choice of N.E. PA | \$ 3,286.13 |
| Dandy Mini Marts, Inc. | \$ 172.69 |
| District Justice 42-3-02 | \$ 126.25 |
| Douglas Brothers | \$ 8,500.00 |
| Empire Access | \$ 103.68 |
| Foster Law Office | \$ 8,250.00 |
| Gannon Associates | \$ 1,840.00 |
| Horn's True Value | \$ 151.78 |
| J's Clean Sweep, LLC | \$ 540.00 |
| Moore's Auto Parts | \$ 134.40 |
| PA State Assoc. of Boroughs | \$ 40.00 |
| Patton's Plumbing | \$ 162.50 |

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| Penelec | \$ 353.08 |
| Pitney Bowes Purchase Power | \$ 56.05 |
| QuickBooks - Intuit | \$ 689.00 |
| RPM Group | \$ 2,950.00 |
| Sayre Morning Times | \$ 23.51 |
| Selective Insurance Co. of America | \$ 547.00 |
| South Waverly Volunteer Fire Department | \$ 100.00 |
| Teledair Communications | \$ 25.00 |
| Valley Energy | \$ 284.36 |
| W.B. Mason | \$ 64.62 |
| Total General Fund | \$ 37,156.49 |
| Sewer | |
| Aqua Pennsylvania | \$ 70.40 |
| Bradco Supply | \$ 65.12 |
| Link Computer Corporation | \$ 4,299.75 |
| Penelec | \$ 128.22 |
| Pennsylvania One Call System | \$ 1.00 |
| Pitney Bowes Purchase Power | \$ 310.47 |
| Valley Energy | \$ 23.40 |
| Valley Joint Sewer Authority | \$ 18,395.03 |
| Total Sewer | \$ 23,293.39 |
| Liquid Fuels | |
| Dandy Mini Marts, Inc. | \$ 257.81 |
| Penelec | \$ 2,180.92 |
| Total Liquid Fuels | \$ 2,438.73 |
| Grand Total | \$ 62,888.61 |

The new truck is going to be picked up tomorrow December 6, 2022. Craig is going to take it to C-T Graphics to have measurements taken of the door so that the new seal can be made and applied to the truck. There was a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget by Dr. Burdett Porter seconded by Chris Wood. The vote was unanimous. There was a motion to adopt Resolution 12-5-22 setting the millage rate to 11.5 for 2023 which states that there is not a raise in taxes for 2023, by Chris Wood, seconded by Cindy Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

Citizens - Corey from RPM came in and was given time to speak to the council. He stated that the cost of recycling has gone from \$80.00 a ton to \$160.00 a ton. Per his contract, he may request up to an additional 10% to the yearly agreed price of \$35,400 after the 1st year due to a rise in fuel and recycling prices. We are going to take \$4,500 from account 437.10 and apply it to the amount for RPM bringing account 426.44 to \$40,000.00. There was a motion to modify the budget in order to give him what he is looking for by Dr. Burdett Porter seconded by Robert Myers. The vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Police – Mayor Hickey reported that there 60 instances reported for the month of November. 7 – Building/Property checks, 5 – MVA, 7- Traffic Warnings, 10- Traffic Warn/Charges and 8 – Suspicious: Persons/Vehicle/Circumstance just to name a few. Donations for Sirens for Santa is a good program that the officers do, they see a lot of what others don't see in the community and know of families that might need some help during the holidays. Chris stated the good thing about this, is that it stays in the area. We have always donated \$200.00 for this cause. There was a motion by Chris Wood to continue to donate \$200.00 this year for the cause seconded by Cindy Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Department – Mayor Hickey stated that the last meeting was only him and Pete Yanuzzi and as you all are aware Richard McConnell passed away. With that being said, he is worried that Dick was the glue to the Fire department and it seems like the same people are the ones doing all the work at the fire department. Chris Wood stated that he had heard that the Bradford County association is trying to make a 6am to 6pm paid fire and still keep the volunteer fire departments for any time before/after those times. Mayor Hickey stated he was at the fire during the time it was happening and he appreciated how all the departments worked together. They are not sure how to keep growing the roster for the department, it seems that the ones that are there now are aging out and not a lot of young people are interested in volunteering their time. There is the training that they have to go through and have to take time off of work to do it, so they aren't getting paid and they are not wanting to do that. Christmas in the park Missy, Craig, Jude and a few others have worked to get lights up in order to keep what Dick McConnell has started but there again, it is the same people doing it. Missy would like to set up a committee for this. It was agreed that Missy and the fire department could set up a Christmas in the park committee, this is something that should be run through the fire department and not the borough as it was Dick McConnell that started it through the fire department and would like for it to continue there. It was brought up that if they are going to do this every year that more power will need to be run out to the park in different areas in order to put lights and blow ups and other stuff. There is not enough now to do the lights and blow ups. It was also brought up that the lights were only allowed to be on Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday nights. Could they be on every evening with a 6 hour timer? It was agreed that with a timer, the lights could be on every night and if they could be on from 4p.m.to 10 p.m. would be best. Julie told the council the timer that Missy picked up can't be reprogrammed, by what Missy told her and that the timer is from 5p.m.to 11 p.m. The council stated if it can be the 4p.m.to 10 p.m. would be best, but if not, it would be ok for the month of December.

Planning Commission – No Meeting

EMC – Nothing

Code – Craig Lohmann stated that \$500.00 was received today by one of the residents that had been filed against. 2 letters were sent out to residents for violations.

Building and Grounds – New truck gets picked up tomorrow. The drywell is done by the building, however, \$500.00 was withheld to fix paving issue. Douglas Brothers is supposed to come back in the spring to fix it, that is when he will get the remaining \$500.00.

Streets – There was a complaint regarding Lafayette St. Chris stated we couldn't do anything this year with buying the new truck, but it would be beneficial to work on LaFayette St. and Court St. this next year.

Legal – Report is going to be spoke about in executive session. Property Tax Waiver Ordinance needs to be adopted. Dr. Porter asked what it is. Attorney Foster stated that it is for any new residents that bought a house after the tax bills went out, they could come in and fill out a form to have the extra fee's waived stating that they did not receive the bill. Cindy Parrish made a motion to adopt the Property Tax Waiver Ordinance, seconded by Dr. Burdett Porter. The vote was unanimous.

Sewer – Nothing to report

Other Business - Letter from resident. The council read the letter, Cindy Parrish and Dr. Burdett Porter did not have a problem with what was being asked in the letter. We are going to make sure that the website is updated to reflect that the community hall states it is the Leo F. Bentley Community Hall and the borough hall application to rent. Mayor Hickey brought up that he thought the large signs that are up now were supposed to be temporary until the brass plaques were placed in the hall and out at the park. There is the plaque in the hall and there are signs around the playground and out front stating Richard L. Bentley Community Park. Maybe the council should have a conversation with the families. Cindy asked if we could change the meeting date so that she doesn't have to leave. She also has a meeting for another township on the first Monday of the month that makes it difficult for her. Roxanne asked everyone to look at their calendars to see if there is another day during the week that would work for everyone and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

Reorganization meeting is January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 7:07 p.m. for legal matters. Council came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. Robert Myers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cindy Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Lewis
Secretary/Treasurer