

South Waverly Borough
February 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President, Roxanne Testen at 6:00 p.m. Members also present were Chris Wood, Bob Nocchi, Cindy Parrish and Dr. Burdett Porter. Attorney Jonathan Foster and Borough Manager Valorie Huckabee also attended. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Meeting went into executive session at 6:04 p.m. for potential legal litigation with the Borough Solicitor. Meeting reconvened at 6:21 p.m. and no action was taken.

CITIZENS

No citizens were present to be heard.

Motion by Dr. Porter, seconded by Parrish, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 minutes as written. Motion was unanimous.

President Testen reviewed the appointments to committees as we had vacancies. The list was reviewed. We still need a volunteer for the Sewer Authority and also an alternate for the zoning hearing board. We will place on the newsletter and on our webpage to see if get letter of interest.

FINANCIAL

Motion by Dr. Porter, seconded by Wood, to approve the payment of the following presented bills that total \$29,165.95. Motion was unanimous.

Aqua Pa. Water	\$894.78
Art's Exterminating, Inc.	\$30.00
Borough of Sayre	\$7,333.33
Chamber Choice of PA	\$1,971.52
Craig Lohmann	\$10.53
Dandy Mini Marts, Inc.	\$30.94
EFPR Groups CPA's., PLLC	\$3,000.00
Empire Access	\$104.06
Erles' Janitorial Service	\$60.00
Foster Law Office	\$7,500.00
General code Publishers	\$1,292.32
Horn's True Value	\$216.95
J's Clean Sweep, LLC	\$555.00
Penelec	\$830.84
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$50.00
Quill Corporation	\$37.68
Sayre Morning Times	\$377.65
South Waverly Borough	\$85.00
Standard Insurance Co.	\$459.42
Taylor Garbage Service, Incl.	\$1,626.42
Teledair Communications	\$150.00
Valley Energy	\$475.44
W B Mason	\$46.73

Bradco Supply Co	\$581.01
Dandy Mini Marts, Inc.	\$379.15
Penelec	<u>\$1,067.19</u>
TOTAL	\$29,165.95

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Tim Hickey discussed and reviewed the monthly police for December and January. There were 38 incidents for the month December. The majority were traffic Warning/Charges and then suspicious person's/vehicle circumstances. For January we had 37 incidents with majority being traffic warning/charges and then traffic enforcement.





Mayor Hickey reported he submitted the paper work for the annual PEMA grant. They have requested \$15,000 but will get less depending on how many applications the state get. The also received \$22,000 for the emergency grant for Covid funding and also \$22,000 from county. They are obtaining quotes for ceiling and floor construction. Testen questioned why the siren sounds at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday's. She stated departments don't alarm them anymore and wondered what we could do. She also questioned if the volunteers take their equipment home with them or do they keep them at the station. She stated she has seen one of the volunteer's outside continuously.

Wood reported the roads have been taken care aggressively to keep them cleared with all the snow we have had. There was a small fender bender with the dump truck hitting another vehicle. It was turned into the insurance company. Testen mentioned we will have some yard clean up come spring.

County forwarded to us the names of the streets for the Frandsen Development after he checked on our requests. They will be numbered and named as follows: Nocchi Dr, located east off of Loder St will have a range of 1-140. Beverly Lane will travel south off of Nocchi Dr. and will have a range of 1-75. Bill Dr will travel east off of Beverly Lane, and have a range of 1-26 (as per the plans Bill Dr will not have any addresses assigned to it. Shaffer St will travel from south to norther with a range of 1-145. Motion by Dr. Porter, seconded by Parrish, to accept the names and numbers as assigned by Rich Lasko of the Bradford County Planning and Mapping Services. Motion was unanimous. The new names will be adopted by Ordinance when appropriate.

Lohmann submitted a written report for the building and grounds. He stated he mopped and cleaned hall, ripped out carpet in meeting room, helped clean the building, rehung veteran's banners, skim coated meeting room with self-leveling concrete, fixed holes in the wall in the hall, cleaned all gutters on pavilion, collected brush and leaves, cleaned both trucks and Kabota. For Code Enforcement he stated he mailed out contractor's licenses, issued 2 – 5 day notices for junk cars and they both have been taken care of and handed out violation notices for parking issues. He filed at District Magistrates previously for a property management issue and have not heard anything regarding this.

Wood reviewed the following yearly planning commission report for 2020. The Planning Commission met 6 times in 2020. Significant Activities were:

-  Reelected Ralph Meyer Chairman, Tim Hickey Vice Chairman, and elected Ron Chamberlain as Secretary
-  Welcomed Joel Hunt as a member of the Planning Commission
-  Approved subdivision of Stevens property
-  Spent considerable time on the Loder Street Fresden Property Development, including holding a public hearing and making numerous recommendations to the developer. At subsequent meeting recommended approval to Council

- ✚ Approved subdivision of Schichtel property
- ✚ Recommended to zoning board approval of non-conforming use zoning variance of Horn property (former St. John's church rectory)
- ✚ Reviewed and recommended ordinance amending Chapter 103 regarding Planning Commission appointments
- ✚ Recommended to Zoning Board approval of Kreger zoning permit request
- ✚ Discussed request from citizen to amend animal ordinance to permit chickens to be kept on property. Issue referred to council to determine if they wanted this pursued. Council indicated that Planning Commission should continue to review and make recommendation
- ✚ Held public hearing on creation of R3 zone to encompass the entire Loder Street Fresden Property Development and recommended approval to Council

Attorney Foster reviewed his monthly report. There has not been any correspondence regarding the letters regarding the Paper Streets. He did receive a call and returned a call to Austin's attorney have not talked to her yet and not sure what it is about, it could be about the sewer line being turned over to the authority. On the Frandsen development, Wood stated that there is damage to Loder St and they aren't abiding by Conservation Dept. Wood also stated on the Paper Street from Walker/Pitney, the homeowner has planted mature trees. There was a zoning hearing for a daycare there and could have been directed to be screening placed. Huckabee will forward the decision.

Parrish left the meeting at 6:55 p.m. At the time she left, she wanted the council to know that regarding the amendment of the animal's ordinance, she does not want to change anything and doesn't want to allow chickens in the borough. Foster discussed the recent changes the planning commission would like in the animal ordinance. Allow 6 chickens and coop be set back 20' instead of a 30' setback. Discussion continued regarding the changing of the animal ordinance. Wood stated he would like to keep the current animal ordinance with no changes and not allow chickens. 2 letters were presented as public comments from residents that contacted the borough council regarding their opposition to changing the ordinance. The letters were reviewed. Council Bob Nocchi stated he agrees we should keep the current ordinance. Dr. Porter stated he is opposed of chickens in the borough and if someone wants chickens, they should go where they are allowed. President Testen stated it would in her opinion create constant battle and complaints. She thinks the current ordinance is a good ordinance and doesn't want chickens allowed. The properties are small in the borough and there are lot of new homes. Discussion continued. Motion by Nocchi, seconded by Dr. Porter to keep the current ordinance and not to allow chickens or change the ordinance and order Attorney Foster to stop any further work regarding this ordinance. Vote was carried 4-0, with Parrish stating her opinion of vote prior to meeting. Testen will write a letter to the Planning Commission and Mr. Tim O'Connor with the decision that council made regarding the chickens.

The Valley Joint Sewer Authority has worked on an amended agreement combining all the amendments and also included the 2 valley authorities for signatures. Attorney Foster has worked with Attorney Landy regarding the agreement and approves signing it. Motion by Dr. Porter, seconded by Nocchi to approve the new agreement as written. Motion was unanimous.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valorie L. Huckabee
Manager