

## South Waverly Borough March 27, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Roxanne Testen at 6:00 p.m. Members also present were Robert Myers, Cindy Parrish, Chris Wood. Dr. Burdett Porter. Mayor Tim Hickey, Secretary Julie Lewis and Code Enforcer Craig Lohmann were also in attendance and Atty. Jonathon Foster was available by phone. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Citizens – Basil Bacorn from the Morning Times and resident Lois Hughes was in attendance. Lois asked the council about the paving project. She stated the last time that paving was done in her area, the road was above her driveway that creates a large puddle 1/3 up her driveway when it rains. She would like to see this fixed so that she doesn't have to contend with that large puddle when it rains. She also stated that someone let another resident on Howard St. put in a gravel driveway in front of their house and traffic gets backed up in that area because of the driveway being in the front of the house and on the side of the road like that. Maybe someone could look at that. She also would like the trees on the corner by her property taken care of. She thinks one of them is hers, but they drop berries and the berries stain her car. She picks them up by the bucket full every year and they are such a nuisance. The other trees are on her neighbor's property. She also stated that she is a walker and there is a house on Pitney St. that has tape on it and that the sidewalk did not get shoveled this winter and the ice and snow accumulated in front of that house. There are also other areas that have sidewalks and they are crumbly and not taken care of and was wondering if there was something that could be done about them. There is a huge tire on LaFayette St that is old and had trash in it and would like to see that it gets removed. Dr. Porter stated that we don't have a sidewalk ordinance therefore we cannot make people maintain what sidewalks they have. He asked Craig if he would look at the trees. Chris stated that she would need to speak to the owner of the trees to take care of them. Mayor Hickey asked Craig to look at the tree and let them know.

Minutes – President Testen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024 as written. Cindy Parrish made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Chris Wood. The vote was unanimous.

Financial – President Testen asked for a motion to approve the bills for March 2024. A motion was made by Cindy Parrish and seconded by Burdett Porter to approve the payment of the following presented bills that total \$98,082.60. Motion was unanimous.

March 2024 Bills to be approved	
General Fund	
Apex Cleaning Pros	\$ 1,020.00
Aqua PA	\$ 48.19
Art's Exterminating, Inc.	\$ 40.00
Borough of Sayre	\$ 7,553.34

Brad. Co. Assessment Office	\$ 81.15
Casella Water System, Inc.	\$ 141.65
Chamber Choice of N.E. PA	\$ 3,517.89
Cooper Electric	\$ 64.34
Croft Lumber	\$ 24.99
Dependable Disposal of Southern Tier	\$ 3,149.28
Empire Access	\$ 112.13
Erle's Janitorial	\$ 52.00
Foster Law Office	\$ 2,700.00
Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$ 250.00
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce	\$ 100.00
Harbor Freight Tools	\$ 81.60
Horn's True Value	\$ 78.28
Jeff Paul Plumbing Heating & Elec	\$ 4,845.00
Penelec	\$ 401.62
RBA Professional Data	\$ 193.92
Sayre Police Dept. Benevolent Assoc.	\$ 250.00
Selective Insurance Co. of America	\$ 641.00
Teledair Communications	\$ 39.95
Valley Energy	\$ 488.63
General Fund Total	\$ 25,874.96
Liquid Fuels	
American Rock Salt Company	\$ 1,680.44
Dandy Mini Marts, Inc.	\$ 82.10
Penelec	\$ 1,279.65
Liquid Fuels Total	\$ 3,042.19
Sewer	
Aqua Pennsylvania	\$ 71.98
Athens Township Authority	\$ 200.00
BradCo Supply	\$ 31.72
Penelec	\$ 173.08
South Waverly Borough	\$ 15,849.00
Valley Energy	\$ 24.42
Valley Joint Sewer Authority	\$ 52,815.25
Sewer Total	\$ 69,165.45
Total General Fund, Liquid Fuels & Sewer	\$ 98,082.60

Committee Reports:

Police – The February report there were 44 total incidents. There were 5 suspicious persons/vehicle/circumstance, 3 MVA, 5 Traffic, 3 mental health. Other than that, there are others with just 1 & 2 incidents in each.

Fire Department – The money is in; they have to get updated estimates for the floor. They will do the training room first, then the truck bay. The vendor show has been advertised for August.

Planning Commission – No Meeting was held

Sewer – Craig stated that he is going to be cleaning the wells when the weather gets nice out. The control panel has been ordered and it will take 6-8 weeks to get here.

EMC – Nothing new

Code – Craig has a court date on Wednesday. The rest was talked about in executive.

Building and Grounds – Chris stated that Craig got a couple of quotes for paving the parking lot in the back of the building. He stated that a couple of the quotes came above the threshold, so Chris would like to put it out to bid. There was a motion by Dr. Porter seconded by Robert Myers to put it out to bid. The vote was unanimous. Craig also asked the council about replacing the stove in the pavilion. He has prices that range from \$1,800 to \$4,300. He doesn't think we need anything commercial grade but it should be replaced. Lighting the stove is not an easy task and he gets called in on the weekends in the summer to light it, if the renters plan on using it. There was a discussion as to what to do with the old stove. President Testen made a resolution to try to sell the old stove. We will try to sell it on market place for \$1,999.00 or best offer, for 2 weeks. If it does not sell on market place, then we will see if we can donate it to a nonprofit organization as allowed by statute. If there is not a nonprofit organization that will take it, then we will send it to the scrap yard. There was a motion by Cindy seconded by Robert for the resolution to sell the stove. The vote was unanimous. Craig also stated that Paul McConnell had a bench made for the McConnell family and would like to have it placed in the park at no cost to the borough. He will have concrete footers poured so that the bench has a place to be secured down to. The council thought that would be a nice addition.

Streets – Dr. Porter thanked Craig for coming in Friday evening and Saturday morning to take care of the roads. He felt they were more maintained than other areas. Mayor Hickey thanked Craig for contacting NYDOT regarding the bridge sidewalk on Keystone Ave. Craig stated that they came out to look at it and NYDOT has a big project coming up and stated that they don't see why they can't get this worked into the project to take care

of the crumbling sidewalk. Roxanne asked when the road project will start. Chris thought by May. It has to be completed by August 2024.

Legal – Report submitted - Attorney Foster stated that we will adopting a floodplain ordinance and floodplain map revision at the next meeting.

Other Business - Chris and Robert talked about Craig’s call in pay. They proposed to the council that when Craig is called in for an event that he will get 3 hours call in pay and paid for the hours that he works. There was a motion by Cindy to accept that proposal seconded by Dr. Porter. The vote was unanimous.

Council went into executive session for legal issues at 6:55 p.m. and came out of executive session at 7:18 p.m.

Robert Myers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cindy Parrish. The vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 7:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Lewis  
Secretary/Treasurer