

South Waverly Borough October 23, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Roxanne Testen at 6:13 p.m. Members also present were Dr. Burdett Porter, Chris Wood, Robert Myers, Cindy Parrish. Mayor Tim Hickey, Secretary Julie Lewis and Atty. Jonathon Foster were also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Citizens – Resident Tim O’Connor was in attendance. He was at the Planning Commission meeting in regards to cooking fires and encourages the council to make the changes that are being presented by the Planning Commission. He also made a remark regarding the sound off in the Morning Times on October 4th. He stated the logic was flawed regarding controlling kids and dogs vs. chickens. He feels that if there is a violation that the code enforcer and/or police could enforce the ordinance, if there was one for residents to have chickens. He thanked the council for their time.

Minutes – President Testen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2023 as written. Robert Myers made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Chris Wood. Cindy Parrish abstained as she was not at the meeting. Vote carried.

Financial – President Testen asked for a motion to approve the bills for October 2023. A motion was made by Cindy Parrish and seconded by Dr. Burdett Porter to approve the payment of the following presented bills that total \$48,001.58. Motion was unanimous.

General Fund	
Advanced Auto Parts	\$ 42.58
Aqua PA	\$ 1,002.14
Art's Exterminating, Inc.	\$ 40.00
Borough of Sayre	\$ 14,666.66
Casella Waste Systems, Inc.	\$ 144.31
Chamber Choice of N.E. PA	\$ 3,294.07
CVS	\$ 2.80
Dependable Disposal of Southern Tier	\$ 3,149.28
Empire Access	\$ 104.20
Foster Law Office	\$ 8,550.00
Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$ 1,481.60
Horn's True Value	\$ 166.51
McGee and Family, LLC	\$ 540.00
Northern Lights Display	\$ 722.00
PA State Assoc. of Boroughs	\$ 246.00
Penelec	\$ 358.15
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$ 150.21
Selective Insurance Co. of America	\$ 641.00
Teledair Communications	\$ 39.95

Valley Energy	\$ 74.42
General Fund Total	\$ 35,415.88
Liquid Fuels	
Dandy Mini Marts, Inc.	\$ 286.09
Penelec	\$ 1,266.44
Liquid Fuels Total	\$ 1,552.53
Sewer	
Aqua Pennsylvania	\$ 70.66
Foster Law Office	\$ 2,325.75
Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$ 370.40
PA Rural Water Association	\$ 225.00
Penelec	\$ 143.87
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$ 379.89
South Waverly Borough	\$ 7,492.00
Valley Energy	\$ 25.60
Sewer Total	\$ 11,033.17
Total General Fund, Liquid Fuels & Sewer	\$ 48,001.58

Committee Reports:

Police – The September report there were 59 total incidents up from 52 the month before. There were 4 Domestic Disturbance, Mental Health was down by 2, 2 Motor Vehicle complaints down by 6, however Traffic Warning/Charges are at 11 up from 4 from lasts month.

Fire Department – There was not a meeting. Tim Hickey stated that the grant was submitted.

Planning Commission – Chris Wood stated that the Planning committee met and went over the Air Pollution Ordinance. The major changes made were setbacks. They are recommending for recreational fires to be 10 feet from any structure and not less than 35 feet from any neighboring home on adjacent lot. Cooking fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure unless the fire is fueled by natural gas, propane gas, charcoal or seasoned wood in a charcoal grill, barbecue pit or similar outdoor containment structure that will control the open burning. A motion to advertise the amended ordinance was made by Dr. Burdett Porter, seconded by Cindy Parrish. Vote was unanimous.

Sewer – Nothing to report

EMC – Nothing new

Code – Was spoke about in executive session

Building and Grounds – Cleaned brush daily, put plows on both vehicles to make sure everything works properly. Craig expressed that he would like to get a hold of the state to take care of the trees on the other side of the fence line on Elmira St. they are dying and falling on the fence. Chris told him to get a hold of the District 3 Maintenance on York Ave to see if he can come look at the trees. Chris talked to the council about buying a new Kubota T2290 tractor to plow sidewalks and the bridge on Keystone Ave. It has a 46” snow blower and a 48” mower deck. The price of it comes in at \$9,417.00. Dr. Porter made a motion that if it comes in under \$10,000 to go ahead and just buy it. Seconded by Robert Myers. The vote was unanimous. Chris would like to see if we can find one on Costars. Craig Lohmann stated he got ahold of someone to see if we can get some mural’s painted on the rock wall by Pizza Hut and on the underpass on Fulton St. Everyone was in agreement that would look great.

Streets – Frandsen had Spencer Paving repave the water line on Fulton St. and did the paving on Mystic. The borough had Spencer Paving do the other portion of Mystic. Chris told Spencer Paving to bill with prevailing wages for the borough’s portion as we are going to pay them with the grant that we secured for borough street paving. Craig asked Spencer Paving to come give a quote for the parking area behind the hall where the trucks and fire trucks come out. He was told that would be more expensive because of the weight of the trucks that would be driving over it.

Legal – Report submitted reviewed in executive

Other Business -

Budget – There was a motion to tentatively adopt the 2024 budget and advertise 2024 Budget by Dr. Burdett Porter, seconded by Cindy Parrish. Vote was unanimous

Council went into executive session to take care of Code issues at 6:40 p.m. and came out of executive session at 7:07 p.m.

Dr. Burdett Porter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cindy Parrish. The vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 7:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Lewis
Secretary/Treasurer