

**Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting ~ via Zoom
Monday, April 5, 2021**

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, April 5, 2021 6:30 pm at the Felton Fire Hall located at 61 Main Street

Council Members Present: Mary Lader, Sherry Arnold, James Vergos, John Trout and Mayor Bryan McManus

Council Members Absent: Gary Martin Sue Golden, and Ronald Nickey

Others present: Jeff Rehmeyer of CGA Law Firm, Tyler Burkins of Alliance Fire and Rescue, Cliff Tinsley of South Penn Codes Consultants, Kent Croman of York Water and Joy Flinchbaugh Borough Secretary.

Steve & Marjorie Royer	William Milburn	Robin Turner	Edward Tress
Zac Klock	Jerry Sentz	Cindy Sentz	The Keeny's
Clint & Kara Walker	Denette Boyd	Alyssa Schmidt	Sharon McGuire
Doug & Robyn Garner	Tracy & John Price	Mary Ellen & Ed Cuthie	
Ryan Urey	Carl Urey	Joseph & Ashyn Dewey	
Donna & Alan Herman	Nancy Grove	Lauren Mason	
Paul Barlow	Bill Williams	Ed & Denise Mason	Kevin Harris
Michelle Golliday	Lisa Little	Cami & Jack Smith	Carol Hilt
Chris Taylor	Walter Naugle	Chuck Smith	Kelly Lloyd
Brian Baronner	Brandon Mundy	Edward Tress	Linda Harris
Steve Goss	Craig Eppley	Lori Allen	

Mary Lader opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the March 1st minutes was made by Sherry and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurers Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report with the following additions State Fund: Windsor Twp salt/cinders \$644.31, Met-Ed Street Lights \$586.13 - GF: Gordon Brown \$825.75 DCNR Grant & \$27 general, Lori Allen Audit \$94.89, Kim McPherson audit \$26.48, Jolene Wood Audit \$264.84 was made by James and by 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition. Joy pointed out that we received half of the DCNR grant and that \$35,000 had to be put in a separate interest bearing account. Bryan McManus is also a co signer on that account.

Code Enforcement – Cliff Tinsley of South Penn Code Consultants

- Cliff was present at the meeting to go over the list of current properties he is working on and to explain their process for providing letters in regards to complaints and filing citations. Their goal is for compliance, not to have to file a citation. They will work with the property if there is communication in response to letter that was sent out. The council asked that he provide the letters to Joy so she can send them onto the council so they are aware of what letters are being set out in case they are approached about them. Mary thanked Cliff for attending the meeting and clarifying the process with the council.
- Cliff then brought up about South Penn Codes being designated at the Building Code Officer so he is able to do enforcement on those properties that make improvements to their home without a permit. Right now, we have to notify CCIS. They handle the building permits and applications but don't respond to issues of work completed without a permit. The BCO designation to South Penn Codes will be better for the borough and will not add any additional cost to what they are already doing for the borough. A resident questioned why this does not have to be bid out and Jeff informed them that this designation just allows a more efficient process for what South Penn Codes

is already doing and there are very few companies out there that do this work. A resident questioned why you need a permit to do work on your home. Cliff responded to the residents that it is a State Law that any improvements to a home have to be compliant with the Uniform Construction Code regulations which provide for safety measures in construction. If a resident does work without a permit and then tries to sell the home they can be held liable for the work that was completed. A motion to approve South Penn Code Consultants to be the borough's Building Code Officer was made by Sherry and 2nd by James. John Trout was opposed but the motion carried due to having 3 yeases to the motion. Cliff left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Called to be on the Agenda:

- **Jerry Sentz** called to be on the agenda. He took flyers around town to let everyone know about tonight's meeting. Jerry wants to know what is the percentage for those that don't have water and is there a law that says the borough is responsible for providing water to its residents. Jeff informed Jerry that the Borough Code allows for the borough to vote to install public water and it does not have to be a majority of the residents in favor of it.
- **Edward Tress** asked why the survey was only sent out the High Street residents and then when it was questioned it was sent out to everyone. Joy said the council wanted to check back in with the High Street residents because that is where the issue started and to find out what their current situation is. It was then decided to survey the whole borough again. The results are all being tabulated together.
- **Robin Turner** stated that she bought her home in 2006 and ran out of water the first day she moved in. She now has 3 wells and nowhere else to drill. One well is 400' deep and the other is 500' deep and so full of iron that she can't use it because she doesn't have enough water to back wash the system. She cannot sell her home; she can only rent to her son. She has no other options other than public water.
- There were numerous comments against public water and the borough's continued discussions on it.
- **Mary Lader**, council Vice President, made note that there has been no vote on public water because they are still are undecided as what to do.
- **Chris Taylor** said the borough's sewer bill is too high already and then to add another one on top of it is not necessary.
- **Daniel Keeny** said the wording on the survey should have been written differently.
- **Cami Smith** asked who on council would be affected by public water and where the lines would be run.
- **Joy, borough secretary**, mentioned that York Water has said it would go throughout the whole borough. The mandatory connection would be for those within 150' of the public water main.
- **Denette Boyd** said that it is the homeowner's responsibility, not the borough.
- **Steven Goss** said the council's duty is to serve everyone in the borough and the majority is saying no to public water.
- **Mary Lader**, council Vice President, thanked everyone for their comments and for coming to the meeting. The council is looking to make the best decision for everyone in the borough.

Solicitor:

- **Public Water** – Jeff discussed with the council that if public water were to go in, it would be for all homes that are within 150’ of the water main that is a state law. Jeff has also asked Kent for a draft agreement so the council has an idea of what that would look like. The council votes whether the vote affects you or not, you can abstain from voting if you want to.
- **DCNR Grant** – Jeff is reviewing the bid specifications that were submitted to him for review as per the grant agreement.
- **Collection Report** – Jeff provided the council with an updated collection report. There are no accounts that need any action at this time.

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Tyler Burkins

- Tyler Burkins presented the monthly reports for the Alliance Fire and Rescue. In March there were a total of 71 calls of which 1 was in Felton Borough.
- The new ladder truck is going back to the manufacturer for some issues
- The 2 new duties trucks have arrived. The expedition, explorer and Crown Vic have all been sold.
- Trainings and meetings are ongoing but fundraising is still on hold.
- They are renting all 3 halls
- Nothing on Felton Day at this time

Engineer – Report

- **DCNR Playground Grant** – Bryon submitted the bid specification to Jeff for review before it is given to DCNR for their review.

Old Business:

- **Public Water** - was discussed earlier in the meeting.
 - Responses to 2nd survey – an updated listing of the 1st survey vs. the 2nd survey was given to all the council members.
- **DCNR Playground Grant** – Joy provided the council with all the quotes on the playground equipment which are as follows:
 - Playworld Challenger Play structure, installation, border timbers, installation of border timbers and wood fiber wood carpet: \$49,142.
 - Swingset structure, installation, border timber, installation of border timber, wood fiber wood carpet \$8,824
 - Cedar Forest Shelter package 20 x 28 structure \$13,900. Bidding the installation of the structure.

We are not ready to purchase yet but when the timeline is set and we need to purchase, it will take about 4-6 weeks for delivery. A motion to approve these quotes by George Ely and Associates under the state Costars contract was made by John and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.

- **Audit has been submitted** – Audit was finished and submitted. It is off by \$164.01 but after numerous hours by Joy and the auditors the error could not be found and it had to be submitted. It seems to be on the sewer from the sale.
- **Website** – Joy did not have enough time to start on the website due to all the time working on the audit this month.

New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** – There were 5 calls in January and 1 call in February.
- **Stewartstown Borough Fire Police Request** – Stewartstown Borough has requested the assistance of the Alliance Fire and Rescues fire police for the following events: Fire works

on 7/3/21, Eureka Carnival 7/19-7/25 and parade on 7/25/21. A motion to approve was made by James and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.

- **Felton Baseball Team needs a Snack Bar Chef** – Darren asked that I pass on to the council that they are in need to someone to run their snack bar for games.
- **CDBG Grant Announcement on April 13th** – We will know on April 13th if we were awarded the CDBG grant to do handicap ramps on Main Street and at High Street.
- **Red Lion Ave bridge replacement at Seitz Ave** – Penn Dot will also be replacing the small bridge at Seitz Ave as well as the Red Lion Ave bridge.

Comments from Council –

- **No comments from council.**

Secretary – The homes on Beaver and Water street were missed on recycling collection today because their truck was too full to pick them up but will be back around tomorrow. Sechrist Flat road was missed too.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm was made by James and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

Secretary - Joy Flinchbaugh