

Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2025

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, April 7, 2025 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street, Felton Pa.

Council Members present: Gary Martin, Mary Lader, Sherry Arnold, Zac Klock, James Vergos, John Trout, Mike McPherson, and Mayor Bryan McManus

Other present: BT Quinan of North Hopewell Police, Scott Gingrich of Alliance Fire and Rescue, Lori Allen, Zac Klock, Danielle Klock, Kim McPherson, Ed Cuthie, Angelica Schmidt, Louie Didio, Kim Fogle, Marjorie & Steven Royer, Jordan Keeney, Dan Green, Randall Stewart, Michelle Baker and Joy Flinchbaugh, Borough Secretary.

Gary Martin opened the meeting with the pledge allegiance to the flag at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Gary asked to change the minutes to say that “Due to arguing by residents, Gary Martin shut down the conversation on Public Water.” All were in favor of the change. A motion to approve the March 3, 2025 meeting minutes with the correction was made by Mary and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: A motion to approve the treasurer’s report with the addition of General Fund expenses for Met-Ed for \$26.39 for the pavilion and Harvey’s Mowing for \$200 was made by Sherry and 2nd by Zac. The motion passed without opposition.

Called to be on agenda: Zac Klock called to be on the agenda as a resident of the borough to present to the council a petition for Public Water. He has been going door to door talking to people about public water and he has 47 signatures of residents who support public water. A motion to accept Zac Klock’s petition as a record of the borough was made by Sherry and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition. **Dan Green** asked to be on the agenda to address the recently released newsletter and asked that the public water discussion be tabled until 51% of the borough is in support of it. Dan continued to read his letter in regards to a Mandatory Hook Up, the rainfall deficit for York County as per Drought.gov, suggestion to make it a 300’ mandatory connection if public water is pursued so that it impacts all the residents of the borough including the council president, vice president and borough secretary. Dan also mentioned the appeal of well water vs public water plus their fight for personal freedom. Dan presented his letter and information to the borough secretary for the record.

Public Comment: Ed Cuthie wants to know what is driving the public water conversation again. **Sherry Arnold** said that there have been more residents having water issues and the council decided to find out more information on public water for the borough. **Kim Fogle** said she lives at 48 High Street and has had water issues since she bought her home. She must decide if she is going to shower or do laundry in a day because she can not do both and have enough water. **Steven & Marjorie Royer** are both opposed to public water and the cost to connect. **Angelica Schmitt** was present to voice her support for public water. She would like to not have to worry about having enough water for her home and her family. **Jordan Keeney** is opposed to public water and it being a mandatory connection. Why can’t the borough only provide it to those that want it. **Mary Lader and John Trout**, both said they were both elected to council to do what is best for the borough. **Louie Didio** commented about the amount of pressure that comes with public water and if the residents plumbing could handle that amount of water pressure. He was informed that a pressure valve would need to be installed to regulate the amount of pressure coming into the house. **Randall Stewart** questioned whether there needs to be a certain percentage in agreement before the council can continue. The council by vote can make the decision to

pursue public water or not. **Jordan** asked why water cannot be brought in for those that need it but not make it a mandatory hook up.

Police: Tim Quiann Chief of North Hopewell Police

- There were 32 contacts in Felton Borough in March and are as follows: 5 Calls for Service, 20 traffic citations, 4 written warnings and 3 verbal warnings for a total of 31 hours for the month.
- Tim asked the council and residents if anyone had any questions or concerns and there were none.

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Scott Gingrich

- There was a total of 99 calls for service in March of which 1 was in Felton Borough.
- Gun Bash tickets are available for sale. They are \$100 each and are only selling 1,000 tickets.

Solicitor – Memo

- **Ordinance No. 2025-01, Regulating Soliciting.** CGA reviewed and provided guidance regarding the solicitation application and prepared Resolution No. 2025-07 establishing the license fee. The Ordinance was advertised and may be adopted. The Resolution may be adopted after Council decides on the amount of the fee. A motion to adopt Ordinance # 2025-01 was made by James and 2nd by Zac. The motion passed without opposition. Resolution #2025-07 was presented to the council. A motion to set the solicitation permit fee at \$150 and approve the resolution was made by Mary and 2nd by Mike. John Trout, Sherry Arnold and Zac Klock were opposed. Gary Martin, Mary Lader, Mike McPherson, and James Vergos were in favor so the motion passed 4 to 3. James mentioned that his electric supplier was changed after a solar representative came to his home and he did not agree to have the work done. Everyone should be aware of this.
- **York County Construction Code Board of Appeals** - CGA fine-tuned Resolution No. 2025-05 and the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Creating a County Board of Appeals which were provided to the Borough Secretary for adoption and signature. The council decided to hold off until next month to get more information on what this resolution is for.
- **Floodplain Ordinance** – CGA is preparing an amendment to Ordinance No. 2015-03 regulating floodplains to enhance flexibility for enforcement purposes. This is in response to the fence violation on Beaver Street.
- **Collection Report** – The council reviewed the list. There is no action need on any of the accounts currently.
- **Municipal Night at the Ballpark**, Friday May 16, 2025, Wellspan Park. Invitations were e-mailed.

Engineer – Byron Trout of Gordon Brown

- **Penn Dot Multimodal Grant Award Water Street & Moore Lane** – W. Craig Adams is planning to come finish the project in June. They will be here sooner if their schedule allows.
- **Covid 19 ARPA Grant – Red Lion Ave Stormwater** – This project was put out for bid and the results are as follows: JVI \$186,650, Pennell Service \$214,678 and Restuccia Construction for \$221,429. Joy mentioned that our grant amount is for \$176,907. Mary Lader asked if JVI would do the job for our grant amount. Joy will ask Byron to find out. A motion to award the Red Lion Avenue Stormwater Project to JVI was made by Sherry and 2nd by Zac. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Local Share Cat 4 & Statewide Grant from 2023 for Church Lane** - Burns Tree service is to be taking down the tree this week and Restuccia plans to begin the first week of May.

- **297 Main Street impervious area added** – They turned in their permit and Byron has reviewed it. He has sent them a letter of what storm water controls need to be done in regards to the impervious coverage they added. There was a question as to no timeframe to complete being included in the letter. Joy will follow up with Byron.
- **Local Share Category 4 2024 Parking Lot at Borough Playground**– we have been awarded a grant for the Parking Lot at Playground
- **Local Share Statewide Grant 2024 Main Street Stormwater Replacement** – we expect to find out in the fall if we have been awarded or not. We have been asked to update the resolution Joy submitted with the application. Resolution 2025-06 requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant for \$330,875.00 to complete Main Street Stormwater Replacement. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 was made by James and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.
- **York County Open Space Marcellus Shale Grant** \$37,500 for parking area – Byron needs to schedule a meeting with DEP in regards to completing this work in a flood zone.
- **CDBG Grant** – Byron and Joy met with York Excavating about the ramps and they have settled back down to the correct level. The cause was the water getting under and freezing over the winter. Byron met with someone on Friday to discuss a solution but we have not been given that information yet. The Crosswalk on Main Street was starting to come up. York Excavating had that taken care of and it has been repaired. York Ex gave a price to complete the handicap ramps at 49 Main Street now that Met-Ed had installed a new pole. The price is \$4783 and a price of \$908 to install another mid rail pole on the railing at 70 Main Street. Byron was looking to get a price from Pennell Services as well. James asked if 49 Main Street was included in the original scope of work why is there a cost to do it now. Joy believes it had been deducted but will check with Byron.

Code Enforcement –

- **Possible new rental** – this issue has been resolved and the person moved out of the unit that was being rented.
- **Danielle Klock** asked if the borough has someone who drives around the borough looking for code violations or if neighbors need to turn in neighbors. Our codes enforcement officer does not make rounds of the borough.

SEO – Site Design Concepts – Nothing to report

Zoning – Nothing to report

Old Business:

- **Solicitation Ordinance 2025-01 & Resolution 2025-07 Fee for permit** – was adopted earlier.
- **Street Sweeping estimate from Red Lion Borough** – They have estimated it would take 40 hours to do the whole borough. It would be \$100 per hour for the sweeper and operator. Joy went around the borough and found some areas that could be taken off the list. The council asked Joy to get a revised price.
- **Public Water** – information from meeting with York Water Company & responses to questions. There was no discussion by the council. Mary mentioned providing this information to the public. Joy said the notes from the meeting with York Water Company in February were put in the borough’s newsletter. Jeff, the borough’s solicitor’s email, may not be information to be given to the public. The borough’s questions and answers from JT Hand’s can be shared and Joy will post on the borough’s webpage.

- **Audit** has been completed and submitted to DCED on 3/18/25
- **Community Day, Saturday, June 28th** – The food trucks for the day are as follows: Dandelion Tyme, Taco Bus, Fire Company, Sarah’s Creamery, Jean’s Funnel Cakes. Shane Fregm will be playing at 7 pm and will cost \$150. Knapers Stop & Go gave a price of \$285 for 2 extra porta potties and a wash station for the day. Joy got a price from Associated Products but they were much higher. Joy would like to have Creatures Great and Small come to the event from 5-7. They will have a variety of small animals and the cost is \$225 for an hour and \$100 for an additional hour. With the \$5,000 budget we have for the event we will be fine to have them here for 2 hours.

New Business:

- **Ambulance report** – there were 2 calls in the borough in March and they were both handled.
- **Cameras at the park & baseball field** – Joy asked the council if we should look at getting cameras installed at the ballfield and playground. The council was interested in getting some prices.
- **Resolution 2025-05** - Modifying the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with County for Appeals Board – on hold for next month.
- **Stray cats** – a resident called about all the stray cats around her house. She would take them to the SPCA to be spayed / neuter but does not feel it is her responsibly to have to pay for that. The council decided the borough is not able to handle these costs.
- **YCBA meeting** – Joy attended the meeting in March which was very informative. The guest speaker was from the York Adams Tax Bureau.
- **Liberty Tree** – in celebration for America turning 250 in 2026 each municipality will be getting a free tree. Joy chose 70 Main Street to have the tree planted at and it will be done in the fall.
- **Voting Delegate for the PSAB Conference** – A motion to allow Joy to be the borough’s voting delegate at the PSAB conference was made by Mary and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Shrewsbury Borough Fire Police Request** – a request was received for June 28th but that is the borough’s community day.

Comments from Council –

- **James** said he will be unable to attend the next meeting.

Public Comment –

- **Lori Allen** said that borough needs another Horse and Buggy warning sign. Joy will contact Penn Dot to see if they will be installing another one.

Secretary:

- Statement of Financial interest forms are by May 1st

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary and 2nd by Sherry. at 8:34 pm. The motion passed without opposition.

Borough Secretary ~ Joy Flinchbaugh