

**Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2021**

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, December 6, 2021 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street

Council Members Present: Gary Martin, Mary Lader, James Vergos, Ronald Nickey, Patrick Schmidt, Sherry Arnold and Mayor Bryan McManus.

Council Members Absent: John Trout and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh

Others present: Jeff Rehmeyer of CGA Law Firm, Jeremy Kerstetter of South Penn Code Consultants, Zac Klock, Tyler Burkins Alliance Fire and Rescue.

Gary Martin opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the November 1st and 15th minutes was made by James and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurers Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report with the following additions **State Fund:** Street Lights \$586.76 **GF: Gordon Brown** \$312.42, Ace \$28.68, Kim McPherson Christmas Decorations \$162.00, Harvey's Lawn Care \$295.00 was made by Sherry and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.

Called to be on the Agenda:

Code Enforcement Jeremy Kerstetter of South Penn Code Consultants was present. He was there to introduce himself and stated that he would provide monthly reports to Joy to have them at our meetings.

- **230 Main Street** - He stated that, with Tyler present, Tyler had been making some improvements and that the major of the problems should be resolved by this Friday. Jeremy will keep up posted. Tyler has until this Friday to clean up the mess. Jeff mentioned that he would be revisiting the Ordinance regarding the "fine or consequences" and he stated that it is stated criminal offense, although the Courts normally also give a fine and some time to clean up the mess. He has never known anyone going to jail for this type of problem. He is going to prepare a new Ordinance for Shrewsbury and he will share this with us at the next meeting.
- **143 High Street** - He also stated that he was working on the 143 High Street problem.
- **120 Main Street** – Regarding the above ground pool. He stated that they did not have a permit, although they did in fact apply for one, it was never picked up or paid for. He will look into this matter.

Solicitor:

- **Refuse Contract** - The agreement for collection of refuse and recyclables was prepared and sent to Penn Waste for signature. Upon receipt of the signed copies from Penn Waste, 2 copies of the Agreement will be provided to the Borough for signature.
- **230 East Main Street** - Jeff received an update from the Codes Enforcement Officer after the site visit and meeting with the property owner explaining what items need to be removed and the time table. I remain ready to assist as necessary.
- **Charles Street Improvement Project/Farhat Excavating LLC** - We have had communications with Farhat Excavating and the Borough Engineer regarding removal of the blue mesh and provided photos to the contractor. The contractor is proposing an on-site meeting and is willing to remove, re-staple, or trim the mesh that is getting stuck in the mower. We have been advised by the Contractor that the mesh is biodegradable and that its removal will require approval from the York County Conservation District. We will continue to assist as may be necessary.
- **Tax Resolution for 2022** - Jeff reviewed and approved Resolution No. 2021-06 establishing the general tax rate for fiscal year 2022.

- **Tax Collection Agreement** - Review of the 2021 election results indicate that no individual was elected Tax Collector for Felton Borough. Therefore, the Borough may continue to have Sharon Wolfe collect the taxes as she was declared the winner in Chanceford Township as long as the Township agrees by signing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Tax Collection, and both the Borough and Township authorize the agreement by resolution. The Tax Collection Agreement and Resolution authorizing the agreement are attached. A motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 that allows Sharon Wolfe, Chanceford Twp Tax Collector to collect the borough's taxes was made by Mary and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Nuisance Ordinance** - We are in the process of drafting an updated Nuisance Ordinance and will provide it to you in the near future for your review and adoption.

Engineer –

- Pay request from Pennell Services for \$7,758.50. A motion to approve the pay request was made by Ron and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Tyler Burkins

- Santa Drive will be this Saturday at 5 pm and they will still be doing the can food drive
- Venues are doing well, they have some scheduled out into 2024
- Fire Dept is doing some remodeling on the Fireside venue with some state fund money they received

Discussions regarding some of the new and old business items could not be reported on since Joy was not present to bring us up to date on her findings. Will report next month.

Old Business:

- Pothole repairs
- Red Lion Ave
 - Penn Dot Paving Project 2023
 - Stormwater Televising Update – *Possible next week start date*
- DCNR Playground updates – *Willow Playworks has received some of our playground equipment*
- Notary Information

New Business:

- Ambulance Report
- Resolution # 2021-06 General Tax Millage Rate - Motion to accept was made by Ron and 2nd by Sherry. Motion passed without opposition.
- Adopt 2022 Budget - Motion to accept was made by Ron and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.
- DCED Multimodal Grant Denial Letter
- CDBG – Agreement with York County Commissioners – A motion to accept the agreement for the CDBG grant was made by Ron and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.
- Fire police request – Glen Rock Borough, Christmas Eve Carolers
- Beaver Street Bridge Replacement– *Penn Dot 2024 or later*
- Thank you letter from Kalreider Benfer Library

Comments from Council

- Patrick brought up the Christmas lights and obviously we are not going to be able to use them this year.

Secretary – Joy was not present.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by James and 2nd by Ron. The motion passed without opposition.

Minutes taken by Mary Lader