

**Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting ~ via Zoom**  
**Monday, January 4, 2021**

**Meeting Day and Time:** Monday, January 4, 2021 via Zoom.

**Council Members Present:** Gary Martin, Mary Lader, Sue Golden, Sherry Arnold, James Vergos, John Trout, Ronald Nickey and Mayor Bryan McManus

**Others present:** Jeff Rehmeier of CGA Law Firm, Kent Croman of The York Water Company, Tyler Burkins of Alliance Fire and Rescue and Joy Flinchbaugh Borough Secretary.

**Gary Martin** opened the Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the December 7th minutes was made by Ron and 2<sup>nd</sup> by James. The motion passed without opposition.

**Approval of Treasurers Report:** A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Sue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. The motion passed without opposition.

**Public Comment:** None

**Called to be on the Agenda:** **Corporal Torkar of the PA State Police** was present to check in to see if the council had any questions on their coverage of the borough. All incidents have been minor. He will make note of the January 11<sup>th</sup> and possibly have an officer stop in for a little.

**Alliance Fire and Rescue** – Tyler Burkins was present at the meeting to give the monthly reports for the Alliance Fire and Rescue. In December there were a total of 170 calls of which 6 were in the borough. The yearend reports were provided by email to the council. The total calls for Fire Company in 2020 were 1133.

**Engineer** – Byron Trout

- **Act 537 Plan** – has been submitted.
- **Charles Street DGLVR** – Farhart has been paid from borough funds. Gordon Brown's insurance company has sent a check and Gordon Brown will be giving the borough a check for their \$10,000 deductible this week.
  - **John** asked when the erosion socks are going to be removed at the gazebo. Joy had asked Farhart about it before but will contact him again about it.

**Solicitor:**

- **Public Water Meeting:** Discussion with the council on how many people will be allowed at the meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The Fiddler's can hold 300 people without tables. The council agreed to limit the number of people to 100 for safety reasons. Jeff is coordinating with Scott Gingrich on the Zoom set up for the visual and speakers for the meeting.
  - **Decision to proceed or not with Public Water** – the council all agreed that they will not be making a decision whether to proceed or not at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. This meeting is to give the information to residents and get their feedback. Jeff said that if a decision to proceed is made it should be done by a formal document with the York Water Company and a Mandatory Connection Ordinance would need to be done too.
- **Collection Report** - the council reviewed the report. One account was paid in full and another one the borough received a payment on it today.
- **Tree on Church Lane** – The borough received a call from a resident on High Street in regards to a tree at the alley behind her house that has grown over and is hitting her garage. The issue is whether the tree is on the borough's property or on the landowner on that side of the alley. Once that determination has been made the tree will be trimmed. Ron asked that a professional tree trimmer to the work if it is the boroughs because of the age of the tree.
- **Bidding Thresholds for 2021** – The bidding thresholds for 2021 have changed to anything over \$21,300 needs to be done by formal bidding and telephonic bids can be accepted for anything between \$11,500 - \$21,300.

## Code Enforcement

- **9 Maul Ave porch / uninspected van** – South Penn Code will be filing citations on 1/7/20. They sent out their final notification and if nothing has been done they will file the citations on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Ron** mentioned that there are other untagged vehicles in the borough that need to be addressed as well.
- **Other properties turned over to South Penn Codes** – There a few other properties that South Penn Codes is working on for violations.

## Old Business:

- **Public Water Meeting January 11th** – Joy has a few requests for the Zoom login in information as well as a question as to whether a lateral would be put in at a property that is more than 150 from the main for future connection. Kent said they do not put them in but if there is a need in the future, a lateral could be put in for their connection and they would not be charged a tap in fee. Sherry asked if public water is installed would the sewer rate change over to a per usage fee rather than the flat rate fee that is currently is. There is a good possibility that it would change over to usage based in the future.
- **DCNR Playground Grant** – Contract has been received and the next step is to schedule a conference call with our advisor and Byron. Joy will get that schedule in the next week or two.
- **CDBG Grant application** – when Byron looked at installed a handicap ramp on High street and Main Street for the future crosswalk and thought the borough might want to upgrade all the handicap ramps on Main Street to be ADA complaint as well. The cost to do one is \$8,450 or it would cost \$40,765 to do all 14 handicap ramps on Main Street. The council agreed to apply for a CDBG grant to do all the ramps.
  - **Resolution 2020-01** - A motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 that would apply for a CDBG to install ADA Handicap Accessible ramps on Main Street and one on High Street was made by Ron and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.
- **High Street traffic count done** – Ron mentioned that he feels if the borough would ever change High Street to a one way that it would not solve any parking problems but only credit new ones.
- **Electronic recycling with Chanceford Twp** – Joy check with Chanceford and they do not pay a fee to do the recycling. There collection is on the fall so we can work on partnering with them closer to the time.

## New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** – no December report yet.
- **Snow removal driveway damage** – Don's Lawn and Landscaping dug up a driveway and grass at a property on High Street. After discussion with Jeff on the issue, Don was notified and asked to contact them about getting it repaired.

## Comments from Council –

Sue needs the login information for the Zoom Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary – none.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm was made by Ron and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. The motion passed without opposition.

*Secretary - Joy Flinchbaugh*