

**Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020**

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, June 1, 2020 at the Alliance Fire and Rescue, Felton Station, located at 61 Main Street.

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

Others present: Jeff Rehmeyer of CGA Law Firm, Byron Trout of Gordon Brown Assoc., Tyler Burkins of Alliance Fire and Rescue, Kent Croman of York Water Company and Joy Flinchbaugh Borough Secretary,

Gary Martin opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May 11th council meeting minutes was made by Ron 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: Sewer: Walton Water Service \$235 for 4/3 lab testing GF: Gordon Brown \$231.75 Gemcraft homes - \$216 for general consulting - \$135 Charles St DGLVR grant, Knappers Stop & Go \$130 and State Fund: \$597.38 was made by Mary and 2nd by Ron. The motion passed without opposition.

Public Comment: No public present

Called to be on the Agenda: Kent Croman of the York Water Company was present the information provided by HRG up to this point. More details on the alternatives and cost estimate will be coming in the next few weeks. One alternative would require stream crossings and would need to be permitted by DEP. If they were to do wells, the water would still need to be processed as per DEP and EPA standards. York Water is a private company so they are not eligible to get any grants to run the public water. Kent was asked if it would be possible for York Water to only supply those on High Street that are in desperate need. Kent said it would not be a cost effective for York Water to do that. The borough would need to do a mandatory connection ordinance. Kent will be back at next month's council meeting with more results of the alternatives. Kent was asked about well fracking. He had it done on his own property and it worked for a year or two only. Kent was also asked who makes the final decision as to which alternative they do to provide water and he stated it is York Water's decision. Closer to the time there will be a public meeting to answer the resident's questions and concerns and offer responses to Donna Grove's objections. It was mentioned that with public water the borough would get fire hydrants which would provide better protection and could ultimate lower home owners insurance for borough residents. York Water currently cost \$7.00 per 1,000 usage. Most customers use between 3 – 4,000 per month. Kent thanked the council and then left the meeting.

Solicitor: Jeff discussed the following with the council.

- **Concord Commons, Lot 3 and 4.** A separate Stormwater, Operation and Maintenance Agreements were prepared for Lot 3 and 4. The Agreements have been signed by the property owner, Gemcraft Homes. The Agreements need to be signed by the Borough and returned to CGA for recording.
- **Baseball Field:** Recent guidance from the Governor would appear to allow limited usage of the baseball field. So, the Borough could choose not to prohibit use of the field and facilities, provided that people do so at their own risk and in accordance with applicable guidelines and law. For the local baseball team, I would also recommend that each participant signs and returns one of the attached waivers and all proceed at their own risk. A motion to allow the team to practice only as long as they sign off on the waiver was made by Ron and 2nd by Sue. The motion passed without opposition. A motion to follow the state's guidelines and Jeff's guidance when the phases change was made by Mary and 2nd by Ron. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Chicken Regulations:** Per your request at the April Borough Council meeting, I analyzed the Zoning Ordinance and conducted research regarding the keeping of chickens. An e-mail of the analysis was provided to the Borough Secretary which provided 2 options an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance or adoption of a separate Ordinance Regulating Chickens. A sample Ordinance from Jacobus Borough was provided for review too. After reviewing the provided information the council decided that they do not want to have a permit associated with chickens, they do not want to permit roosters and they agree with 4 per ¼ acre. Jeff will prepare an ordinance for next month's meeting for the council.
- **We continue to provide advice regarding COVID-19 issues.**
- **121 High Street, Leedale Reed:** A letter was sent on March 10, 2020 by our office to the Reeds requesting that the property be cleaned up, providing notice of nuisance ordinance violations, requesting inappropriate behavior

to cease, and acknowledging contact with a Borough representative. A copy of the letter was provided to the Borough Secretary. We have been advised by the Borough Secretary that the matter has been put on hold for a couple of months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are ready to assist upon request.

- **Municipal Night at the Ballgame/Rescheduled:** Save the date. August 21, 2020.
- **Resolution for support of local businesses affect by the Covid-19:** Jeff said that some municipalities have passed resolution that they support local businesses that are doing what they have to do to survive this time and possibly going against the governor's orders. After discussion the council decided that they will not do a resolution because we don't have businesses that have really been affected.

Engineer- Byron Trout of Gordon Brown & Associates

- **Charles Street is ready to go and should be able to start soon.**
- **Act 537 Special Study** – everything should be finalized this week. Byron just needs to contact York Water for some information

Alliance Fire & Rescue:

- **Fire Reports** – Tyler Burkins provided the fire reports to the council. There were a total of 88 calls in May of which 2 were medical calls in the borough
- **Meat and Seafood Bingo** for June has been cancelled
- **Felton Day** has been reschedule to Oct. 10th and will be held at the Fireside at the Fiddler's

Codes Enforcement:

- CCIS will be filing a citation against 64 Main Street due to nothing having been done on the porch repair.
- Joy will be in contact with The Reeds this week in regards to their property
- Letter was sent in regard to the chickens that were on the borough property. They have now been contained.
- Ron asked if we should look into hiring a Codes Enforcement officer that is going to go out to the properties that are having issues. Joy will get prices for next month's meeting
- Grass at 70 High Street is very high. Joy saw it and will be sending out a letter this week

Old Business:

- **Amendment to Zoning** – Chickens was discussed earlier.
- **Baseball team** was discussed earlier.
- **Concord Commons** – Gemcraft Homes will be building 2 new homes on Sechrist Flat Road.
- **Public Water** Information was discussed earlier.
- **Street Signs** – Joy has put in an order for street signs and also a quote to have them installed. Joy will check with Billy at Templeton's to see if he is interested in installing them but he was not able to do the storm drains so we might have to have DE Gemmil install them.

New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** – there were 2 calls in the borough in March and 2 in April also.
- **CARES Act funding available in the fall – Water Street to Moore Lane** – There is a possibility that there will be funding available for shovel ready projects in the fall under the CARES act. We will keep an eye out for road construction money as well as grant money that could possibly be used to help home owners connect to public water.
- **Volunteer Fire Credits** – so far 2 volunteers have requested the Borough Taxes rebate for a total of \$154.56 and 2 have claimed Earned Income for a total \$593

Comments from Council

- **John** mentioned that flat at the gazebo needs fixed. Tyler with the fire company is going to take care of it and also put up a new one at the ball field too. John also mentioned that his brother took care of all the weed spraying around the ball field and also did some tree trimming.
- **Sherry** asked about those getting letters in the borough in regards to complaints and how that works
- **Gary** mentioned that there is a home on High Street that may be pumping their septic into the creek. Joy will contact our SEO, South Penn Codes Consultants tomorrow.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm was made by Mary and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.

Secretary - Joy Flinchbaugh