

**Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2024**

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, May 6, 2024 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street, Felton Pa.

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

Council Members Absent: Mary Lader

Other present: Donna & Alan Herman, Mike & Sharon McGuire, Billy & Dena Chivers, Edward & Mary Cuthie, Chad Arnold of Alliance Fire and Rescue, Jeff Rehmyer of CGA Law Firm and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May 6th meeting minutes was made by James and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report with the following additions: GF: American Pride Lawncare \$887.50 and State Fund: Met-Ed Street Lights \$607.93 was made by James and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

Called to be on agenda: No one called to be on the agenda.

Public Comment: Billy & Dena Chivers and Mike & Sharon McGuire were all her to discuss the ongoing issues with the dog at 42 Beaver Street. This dog continues to leave their property and go after people. It has bitten people and other dogs in the past and they want to know what is being done. The council informed them that as of the last meeting they were being told that Dangerous Dog charges were going to be put against the owners. Joy had just found out that day, after the dog went after someone, that the charges had not been put against the owners. There was a call made to the Animal Control Officer, the Dog Warden, and the State Police today to find out what is going on with this dog and the charges. The Dog Warden is to be coming out in the morning. The other issue, is the fence that they put up in a flood zone. Our Codes Enforcement officer has sent letters and posted the property but not response has taken place. Jeff said he could investigate the issue as well. At 7:01 pm Billy, Dena, Mike, and Sharon left the meeting.

Donna and Alan Herman asked how many dogs are allowed in the borough and said their neighbor has 5 and is trying to have a kennel. The borough will look into the issue. Donna and Alan left at the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Chad Arnold

- There was a total of 64 calls in May of which 2 was in the borough
- Gun raffle tickets are now available.
- They are now starting Country Line Dances at Fireside
- Craft Show coming in September
- They are looking at paving the back lot at the fire company, more details to come.

Solicitor – Jeff Rehmyer of CGA Law Firm

- **Fence Issue** – Jeff can check with Wayne to see what all has been done as far.

- **Dangerous Dog** – Jeff can off assistance as needed and possibly use the nuisance ordinance as well.
- **Open Burn Ordinance** – Jeff provided the revisions he made and spoke to the council about some clarification items.
- **Air B &B's** – Jeff has provided information from Shrewsbury Borough on how they address short term rentals. Jeff will check the borough's rental ordinance and nuisance ordinance to see if they may already be addressed in that ordinance. Zac mentioned that he read one that said if there are 2 homes on a property then the owner must be onsite when the other is rented.

Engineer – Byron Trout of Gordon Brown

- **CDBG Grant** – Preconstruction meeting is going to take place on Thursday. York Excavating has been asked to hold off their start date till after the celebration.
- **Penn Dot Multimodal Grant Award – Water Street & Moore Lane** – this project was rebid and opening is schedule for Thursday, June 27th
- **Covid 19 ARPA Grant – Red Lion Ave Stormwater** – Going out for bid this month to be ready for June.
- **Local Share Account Statewide Grant for Church Lane** – Planning to have bid opening sometime in July. Survey is complete but
- 297 Main Street impervious area added – Nothing more has been done yet

Code Enforcement – Wayne Smith

- **3 Main Street** – porch has been completed.
- **47 Main Street** – nothing more has been done yet.
- **42 Beaver Street** – the dog had been removed but then came back. As per Michelle Klugh the dog stays at the home until the dangerous dog charges goes to a hearing.
- **42 Beaver Street fence** - Joy will contact Wayne Smith to proceed with enforcement and keep Jeff posted.
- **39 Main Street**- Wayne had been out and spoke with Tracy and got some more pictures. After discussion on the issue, it was decided that Wayne so start enforcement on all the ordinances that this property is in violation of.

SEO – Adam Anderson of Design Concepts

- There was no activity in March or April

Old Business:

- Open Burn Ordinance revisions – was discussed earlier.
- Electric service at pavilion is done and Met-Ed is scheduled to do the connection on June 12th.
- Felton's 125th anniversary - June 21-23rd – Joy asked the council if we could give a donation to the South-Central Search and Rescue organization for coming to do the "Hug a Tree" program. A motion to approve a \$100 donation was made by Zac and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition. We still need some volunteers to man the bounce houses.

New Business:

- Ambulance report – there were 2 calls in the borough in May. 1 was handled and 1 was missed.

- Fire Police Request for Stewartstown for their fireworks, carnival and parade was received. A motion to approve the request was made by James and 2nd by Zac. Sherry abstained. The motion passed without opposition.
- YCBA meeting on Thursday, June 27th if anyone wants to attend.
- 10 Church Avenue mowing – Brett Shoffner asked if the borough would consider covering the mowing expense on this property due to the baseball team using it and the upcoming event. American Lawn and Landscaping said it would cost \$500 and would need to be done every 2 weeks. After much discussion, the council decided to hold off on this request for now. Bryan will talk to Brett on the issue.
- Sherry and Chad left the meeting at 8:16 pm for a fire call.
- Street Sweeping – Joy got a quote from All Seasons Lawn and Landscaping to do street sweeping on Main Street from Red Lion Avenue to the Main Street bridge and on Church Avenue to the bridge. The cost would be \$850.00. The council decided to put this in the budget for 2025.
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Comments from Council – None

Secretary:

- Dirt & Gravel Road re-certification – Joy has signed up for the August 14 & 15th class in Enola, PA.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Zac and 2nd by James at 8:26 pm. The motion passed without opposition.

Borough Secretary ~ Joy Flinchbaugh