

Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2023

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, June 5, 2023 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street, Felton, PA.

Council Members Present: Gary Martin, Mary Lader, Sherry Arnold, James Vergos, Patrick Schmidt, Zac Klock John Trout, Mayor Bryan McManus and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh.

Council Member Absent:

Others present: Ronald Nickey, Keith Conelly, Michael Males of Hopewell Fish and Game, Chad Arnold of Alliance Fire and Rescue

Gary opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May 1st meeting minutes was made by Patrick and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurers Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report with the following additions GF: Wayne Smith \$175.00, Gordon Brown \$86.25 State Fund: Met-Ed \$585.41 was made by Mary and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.

Public Comment: **Keith Conelly** was present to show the council that he removed the part of the driveway at 348 Main Street that was in the absorption area of the new septic system. He was hoping that Adam would be present to discuss. He feels that this should be looked at again due to this having been done for handicap access. In Adam's report to the council, he said that he had received the pictures and an onsite visit was to be done on June 1st. Joy did not get notice from him on the results of the visit. Joy was asked to follow up with Adam and find out the results. Keith left the meeting after this.

Called to be on the Agenda: **Michael Males, Hopewell Fish and Game** was present to discuss a situation that occurred when one of his members tried to go fishing in the borough during the Exelon Fishing event. He received phone calls and started to do some research into the event. Michael did not find anything posted anywhere about the event and they had just stocked 250 of their largest trout into Muddy Creek in the borough. They are required to publish where they stock so there was a lot of concern why the general public could not fish at that time. He found out that Exelon had taken out a permit for the fishing event for their employees. They have done this before and the borough was aware of the event. John Trout did contact him and gave him the details of the event. Mike asked if any money was given for Exelon blocking off the creek for their special event. John mentioned that Exelon gave gift cards to the property owners that were directly affected by the closure. Overall, Michael asks that there be better communication on any stream closures. Michael left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Chad Arnold present

- There was a total of 85 calls in May of which 1 was in the borough
- Gun raffle – have requested fire police help from New Bridgeville Fire Company from Chanceford Twp. This request was sent from the borough.
- Fireside Day October 28th – similar to Felton Day. There will be a craft show and more. Chad gave a flyer to put up.
- A county wide burn ban put in place by the County Commissioners went into effect today and will be in for 30 days.
- New engine will arrive in 2 years. Chad and Ron left at 7:23 pm.

Solicitor – Jeff Rehmeyer of CGA Law Firm - Memo

- **46 Sechrist Flats Road Stormwater Retention Pond** - We are continuing to provide guidance on the resolution of this matter. Joy informed the council that the letter to the resident was sent and they agreed to allow access for Gemcraft to correct the problem again. At this point, no work as been done because of miscommunication. The project manager for the project has changed again and the new manager was not made aware that access was granted.

- **Collection Report** – CGA is requesting to file liens on two properties: 157 High and 42 Beaver Street for unpaid garbage bills. There was discussion on what communication there has been with these two homeowners. A motion to proceed with liens on these two properties was made by Patrick and 2nd by Zac. The motion passed without opposition.

Engineer – Byron Trout of Gordon Brown updates

- **CDBG Grant** – we still do not have the Penn Dot permits to move forward with this project. This being the case we need to do a contract extension until December 31, 2023 so we can still take advantage of the grant. A motion to approve the contract amendment to extend it until December 31st was made by Patrick and 2nd by Zac. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Penn Dot Multimodal Grant Award / Water Street & Moore Lane** – we still do not have a signed agreement. Our consultant says it is in signature jail but Penn Dot also will not accept the way we have chosen Byron of Gordon Brown to be the borough's engineer. We are not paying any of the engineering or inspection fees out of the grant money so our consultant is trying to get this changed so we do not continue to have a delay in getting this project to construction. Bryan asked for the Penn Dot contact.
- **Covid 19 ARPA Grant / Red Lion Ave Storm water** – We should find out in July or August if we have been awarded the grant. Joy found out from Penn Dot that the paving project for Red Lion Avenue / Felton Road is not scheduled to happen until the spring of 2025. This gives the borough time to get our project completed if we are awarded the grant.

Red Lion Avenue Bridge replacement, small one - The road will be closed until the end of August to complete this bridge replacement. After this is completed, the large bridge replacement will begin shortly thereafter.

- **46 Sechrist Flat Road Retention Pond issues** – was discussed earlier.

Code Enforcement – Wayne Smith

- **Rental Inspections:**
 - 69, 71, 71A Main Street was cancelled an hour before completion due to a tenant having Covid. It has been made known that the apartment on the back has non functioning smoke detectors and they have asked the landlord to replace. The council wants this property inspected asap.
 - 23 Maul Ave- Sent violation notice on not filing rental registration for 2023.
- 134 Man Street - Wayne said he met with the owner and he agreed to finish the cleanup. He also stated the tenants (son) will not be living there anymore. He also stated his plans to gut the house and repair. Final notice on this clean up was given in February. Due to the length of time since the final notice was given the council decided it was time to proceed to a citation.

SEO - memo

- **348 Main Street:**
 - Notice of Violation Letter issued 5/3,
 - Contractor removed driveway to address violation. Photos sent 5/24
 - SDC confirming compliance this afternoon 6/1
- **Septic Permits issued for New Systems:** Concord Commons Lot #7 & #8 on 4/18/23

Old Business:

- **Painting dug out at ball field** - the supplies have been purchased and Mrs. Keeny was in today and signed the waivers and picked up the supplies. They are going to clean the outside before they paint it. Patrick would like to know when they do the project so he can go take some pictures for the borough's Facebook page.

New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** - there were 3 calls in the borough in May, 2 were handled and 1 was sent to the next due ambulance.
- **Paint supplies for the Gazebo** - the ladies that take care of the decorating at the Gazebo would like the borough to purchase paint supplies so they can repaint the gazebo. James mentioned that we should have Keith take a look at the wood to see if anything needs replaced before they would paint. Joy will contact Keith. A

motion to purchase the supplies for the gazebo was made by Mary and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.

- **York County Boroughs Association 6/22/2023 Quarterly Meeting** - meeting is the 22nd if anyone would like to attend. Patrick will attend.
- **Exelon Fishing Day complaints** - was discussed earlier.
- **York County Stormwater Consortium Extension of contract** - DEP gave notice that it was extending the existing MS4 Permits for twenty-four (24) months, to March 15, 2025. Per Section 9.a. of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement that created the YCSWC, the term of the Agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2023. Thus, the YCSWC Management Committee would like to extend the Agreement term until December 31, 2025. Amending the Term of the Agreement will not result in any additional financial obligations. **Resolution 2023-04** to extend the term of the amended and restated intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the implementation of the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction plan was presented to the council. A motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 and sign the amended contract was made by Patrick and Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Request for stones on Church Lane off of High Street** - A resident has requested that additional stones be put on Church Lane. The council decided to hold off for now.
- **Chanceford Twp 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update** - Notice was given to the borough that Chanceford Twp has updated their Comprehensive plan but it does not impact the Multi Municipal Comp Plan we have with them and Lower Chanceford Twp.
- **Light for flag pole at Ballfield** - John Trout asked if we could get a light for the flag at the ball field. The cost is going to be right around \$100. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Patrick and Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.
- **YATB delegate** - a letter was received from the York Adams Tax Bureau in regards to a delegate that would attend the meetings. We can authorize Anne Loeffler, the YATB Vice President to exercise a proxy vote. Patrick volunteered to attend the meetings for the remainder of this year and report back to the council whether someone from the borough should attend or if using a proxy vote would be appropriate.

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Comments from Council

- **John** - our new mowing contractor is doing an awesome job.
- **James** - would like to see our building permit application listed on our website.
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Secretary:

- **Budget vs. Actual** - included in the council packet.
- **Office** will be closed on Monday, July 3rd

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm was made by Gary and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.

Joy Flinchbaugh – Borough Secretary