

**Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025**

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, February 3, 2025 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street, Felton Pa.

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

Council Members Absent: Mike McPherson

Other present: Robin Turner, Daniel & Jordan Keeney, Kim McPherson, Danielle Klock, Lori Allen, Sharon Leiben, Pam Purvis, Sandra Gingrich, Dan & Krista Green, Byron Trout of Gordon Brown & Associates, Marshall Ebersole, Jeff Rehmeier of CGA Law Firm, Tim Quinan & Nate Smith of North Hopewell Police, Scott Gingrich of Alliance Fire and Rescue, and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh.

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

Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh asked to add Mowing Bids to the agenda because it was missed. The council was all in agreement to add it.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the February 3, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Mary and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by James and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.

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

Public Comment: **Dan & Krista Green** were present to voice their opposition to public water. There was a loud opposition to it back in 2021. Zac Klock came to their house asking them to sign a petition for public water. **Mayor Bryan McManus** stated that Zac has the right as a resident to do a petition for public water. **Jordan & Daniel Keeny** are in opposition of public water as well and do not understand why this is being brought up again since there was so much opposition before. She also questioned why Zac was doing the petition. **Council member Sherry Arnold** said that there are growing concerns with water in the borough and new properties have had to drill wells and are running out. Bryan asked Joy if anyone new as come to the borough requesting public water. **Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh** stated that they have not come to the borough directly but the office gets notice when a well is drilled and in conversations with residents, have found out of more issues. Pam Purvis also opposes the public water discussion. **Marshall Ebersol** said he is a new owner in the borough and had to drill a well a few months after purchasing the property. His well is 525' deep with only a 1 gallon per minute yield. **Dan Green** asked the council if any of them have been lobbied by York Water Company. **The council** stated that they have not been lobbied by the York Water Company. **Robin Turner** is a property owner in the borough and is also a real estate agent. The issue is more than just having water or not. As a seller of a property, you must make known what water issues you have on your property. That information was not disclosed to her when she bought her property and she had to drill two new wells. Those are unusable so she must continue to use the original well which does not supply enough water. **Council Member Sherry Arnold** stated that this was brought up last month to get information about public water again. No decisions are being made, just information gathering at this time. Joy was asked to reach out to the York Water Company to find out some information. The notes from the meeting were provided to the council and were handed out to some in attendance that asked for the information. **President Gary**

Martin then stopped anymore conversation on public water and stated that he would want to see 51% in support to move forward.

Police: Tim Quiann Chief of North Hopewell Police

- There were 48 contacts in Felton Borough in February and are as follows: 24 traffic citations, 15 written warnings and 2 verbal warnings for a total of 32 hours for the month.
- Tim said he spoke to Gary Martin about the additional 2 hours for the month.
- The calls in the borough were as follows: 1 for animal complaint, 2 to assist EMS, 1 to assist the fire department, 2 dog complaints, 41 traffic stops and 1 warrant service.
- The Greens asked Tim if the incident on High Street was resolved and he said it was.

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Scott Gingrich

- There was a total of 77 calls for service in February of which 7 were in the borough.
- Scott pointed out to those in attendance that they are a 99% volunteer organization and are always looking for more volunteers. They do have 2 paid officers during the day.
- Scott invited the council to attend their upcoming banquet at Fireside.

Solicitor – Jeff Rehmeier of CGA Law Firm

- Jeff spoke about a **letter from the YCPC** about an intergovernmental agreement that he can assist the borough with. As of the date, the borough has not received this letter.
- **Felton Borough Beaver Street Resident** - They removed the fence. The District Magistrate is allowing him to pay his fine monthly. We had filed a secondary Complaint prior to hearing that the fence had been removed. Jeff said that the borough can bill the resident for the enforcement of the ordinance. He will also look at updating our ordinance to reflect the process of enforcement.
- **Solicitation Ordinance** – CGA is ready to assist when ready to move forward.
- **Collection Report** – Jeff reviewed the report with the council. There is no action needed at this time.
- **Municipal Night at the Ballpark**, Friday, May 16, 2025, WellSpan Park – Jeff mentioned this event and that the invitations will follow.

Engineer – Byron Trout of Gordon Brown

- **Penn Dot Multimodal Grant Award Water Street & Moore Lane** is on hold until the spring.
- **Covid 19 ARPA Grant Red Lion Ave Stormwater** – Byron has been waiting on a PNDI hit for an endangered plant species to be cleared before Penn Dot will issue the permit. This happened before and was cleared. Joy and Byron had a phone meeting with Penn Dot last Friday in regards to their paving Felton Road / Red Lion Avenue. They are willing to work with the borough to get our project done before the paving happens.
- **Local Share Cat 4 & Statewide Grant from 2023 for Church Lane** – Bid opening took place on Thursday, February 27th. The council was given a list of the bids and Byron reviewed the 3 lowest bidders for completeness in the bids. The low bidder is Restuccia Construction at \$59,455.00. Byron recommends awarding the bid to them. He has worked with them in the past in Windsor Borough. A motion to approve Restuccia Construction bid of \$59,455.00 for the Church Avenue Paving project was made by Zac and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.
- **297 Main Street impervious** area added – The owner contacted Byron in response to the letter and said it is up to the tenant to put in the application. They were in and picked up the application

but did not return it yet. They added impervious areas without any type of permit. A motion to have Jeff start enforcement in accordance to the ordinance was made by Mary and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.

- **Local Share Category 4 2024** – Main Street Stormwater Replacement / Parking Lot at Playground – we should find out this month if we have been awarded the grants.
- **Local Share Statewide Grant 2024** – we should receive notification in the fall.
- **York County Open Space Marcellus Shale Grant** \$37,500 for parking area – Byron needs to work with FEMA to see if any permits are required because we are working in a floodplain. Johnny asked about the distance of the parking spaces to the foul line. Byron will let him know.
- **CDBG Grant handicap ramps** – There will be a meeting with York Ex and the borough to see what can be done. York County Planning Commission would not be involved because this would fall under their performance bond. Byron is extending the Penn Dot permit in case more work needs to be done on this project.
- **PEMA Flood Audits** – Byron has been involved in more of these audits with other communities and will share additional information with the borough. We have until 2026 to comply. Byron and Jeff left the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Code Enforcement –

- Possible new rental, Joy sent 1st letter. Joy reported she heard from the resident and will have the rental situation resolved by April 14th.

SEO – Site Design Concepts – Nothing to report

Zoning – Nothing to report

Old Business:

- **Solicitation Draft ordinance 2025-01** – a motion to have Jeff advertise the ordinance for adoption was made by James and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Street Sweeping estimate** – Joy reached out to Red Lion Borough. They have not come back with a price yet but they figure it will take a full week to do all the borough streets. They had asked if the borough wanted to collect just the salt / cinders or do gutter clearing as well. Joy thought that just the salt / cinder clean up. To give an idea of cost, they did give information on renting the piece of equipment and it would cost \$4,100.00 for a one-week rental. Johnny does not feel that all the borough needs to be done. Once a price is given the council can decide what all sections should be done.
- **Dog incident at 56 Charles Street** – Confinement charges were put against the owner of the dogs who attacked and killed the resident's dog at 56 Charles Street. It seems that they plead guilty because no court appearance notification has been received.
- **Auditor Vacancy** – there is a vacancy for auditor and Danielle Klock is interested in serving in this capacity. A motion to appoint Danielle Klock as a borough auditor was made by Sherry and 2nd by James. Zac Klock abstained from voting. The motion passed without opposition. Danielle was then sworn in by Mayor Bryan McManus.

New Business:

- **Ambulance report** – there were 9 calls in the borough in February, 6 were handled and 3 were missed and passed on to the next due.

- **Public Water – information from meeting with York Water Company** – was not discussed by the council.
- **Resolution 2025-04 Refuse Fee Increase** – due to the increase in the tipping fee and a miscalculation on the increase, the quarterly fee for 2025 needs to be \$114 instead of \$108. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 that states the quarterly garbage fee for 2025 is \$114 was made by Mary and 2nd by Zac. The motion passed without opposition,
- **CDBG Grant handicap ramps 19 & 11 Main Street** - was discussed earlier.
- **Support letter request from Lancaster Conservancy** – a letter from the Lancaster Conservancy was received asking for a letter of support for a project they are looking to do to preserve natural land for public recreation in Chanceford Twp. A motion to provide a letter of support was made by Mary and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Invitation to the Alliance Fire & Rescue Banquet, March 22nd** – Scott invited the council earlier.
- **York County Borough’s Association Meeting March 27th** – please let Joy know if anyone wants to attend.
- **Savvy Citizen** – Savvy Citizen is an app that you can use to get information out to the community. The base price is \$795 per year. The council is not interested currently.
- **Audit** - is currently being worked on
- **Mowing Bids** – Joy asked to have this added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. 2 bids were received and are as follows: Lionscape for \$61,900 and Harvey Mowing LLC for \$4,540.00. American Pride Lawncare is no longer doing lawn care anymore. A motion to approve Harvey Mowing LLC’s bid for \$4,540.00 was made by John and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.

Comments from Council –

- **Zach** said he has a petition he has gotten signatures on for public water. Gary said the information from the meeting with York Water should be in the borough’s newsletter.

Secretary:

- Joy would like to attend this year’s Borough Association Conference in Hershey June 1 – 4th. The council agreed for her to attend and that the council meeting for June will be held on the 2nd advertised date of June 9th since she will be at the conference.
- Statement of Financial interest forms are by May 1st.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary and 2nd by Sherry. at 7:57 pm. The motion passed without opposition.

Borough Secretary ~ Joy Flinchbaugh