

Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, May 1, 2023 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street, Felton, PA.

Council Members Present: Mary Lader, Sherry Arnold, James Vergos, Patrick Schmidt, Mayor Bryan McManus and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh.

Council Member Absent: Gary Martin, Zac Klock, John Trout

Others present: Chad Arnold of Alliance Fire and Rescue

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the April 3rd meeting minutes was made by Sherry and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurers Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report with the following additions GF: American Pride Mowing \$585.71, Wayne Smith \$150.00 and State Fund: Met-Ed \$585.41 was made by James and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.

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

Public Comment: None

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Chad Arnold present

- There were a total of 102 calls in April of which 1 was in the borough
- 2 people recently passed the Essentials class, both 18 year olds
- Gun raffle – sold 430 tickets so far and now have the tickets at different businesses around the area.
- Fireside Day October 28th – similar to Felton Day. There will be a craft show and more
- Spoke about the burn ban and not being able to enforce our ordinance. It was suggested to put information in the next newsletter about the Burn Ban and how people are notified and asking for their cooperation when one is in place. Chad left at 6:40 pm.

Solicitor – Jeff Rehmeyer of CGA Law Firm - Memo

- **46 Sechrist Flats Road Storm water Retention Pond** – CGA is continuing to provide guidance on the resolution of this matter. Joy updated the council on this matter. The storm water system has failed for the 3rd time and currently the homeowner is not allowing Gemcraft to come back onto their property to try and correct the issue. Jeff suggested that a letter be sent to the homeowner asking for their cooperation. Joy will be sending out the letter this week.
- **Collection Report** – the council reviewed the report and CGA is not asking for action on any of the current accounts.
- **Reminder** – The Municipal Ballgame is 5/12. Please let them know if you can attend, if you have not done so already.

Engineer – **Byron Trout of Gordon Brown** updates

- **CDBG Grant** – Byron is expecting to have the Penn Dot permits today
- **Penn Dot Multimodal Grant Award / Water Street & Moore Lane** – still have not been able to sign the agreement due to additional information that they have been requiring. They also need another updated Resolution.
- **Covid 19 ARPA Grant / Red Lion Ave Storm water** - It looks like we should find out sometime in July if we have been awarded the grant.
- **46 Sechrist Flat Road Retention pond issues** – was discussed earlier.

Code Enforcement – **Wayne Smith**

- **Updates** – Wayne completed one rental inspection and the property owner questioned the need to have a smoke detector in all the bedrooms. After referencing the borough's Rental Ordinance it states that the borough has adopted and follows the Property Maintenance Code that states there needs to be a smoke

detector in every room that someone sleeps in. Knowing that the borough had adopted this code will allow Wayne to use it for other issues that may arrive. A property on Main Street was discussed and Wayne will be asked to check into it due to the current deterioration of the house. Wayne also provided an update on 134 Main Street and said that he will be doing an inspection in May or June. The council would like that to happen in May.

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- No new work has been completed in April.
- **348 Main Street** is still in violation until they remove the driveway. Joy will follow up with Adam to make sure they are following up with them.

Old Business:

- **Desk** – the new desk is arriving tomorrow
- **Painting dug out at ball field** – John said that the outside and the roof of the dugouts could be painted. Joy asked if we can go ahead and purchase the supplies for the Keeny family to use. They have agreed to sign a waiver.
- **Red Lion Avenue Bridge replacement & paving project** – Wendy Fink provided the borough will information and contacts for these two projects. The bridge replacement is going out to bid soon and will be awarded in July. The Red Lion Avenue paving project is scheduled to be awarded in February of 2024. Joy has made contact with Penn Dot contact about having applied for a grant to do the storm water repairs in advance of them paving.

New Business:

- **Nuisance Ordinance 2023-01 Adoption** – A motion to approve the Nuisance Ordinance 2023-01 was made by James and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Ambulance Report** – There were 2 calls in the borough in April. 1 was handled and 1 was sent to the next due ambulance.
- **Chanceford Township Recycling Event in October** – Chanceford is holding another event in October and asked if the borough would like to participate. The council was all in agreement to participate again.
- **Resolution 2023-03 Multimodal Grant** – This resolution was passed before but needs updated so it is current with the signed agreement with Penn Dot. A motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 to authorize the borough secretary to execute the agreement with Penn Dot was made by Sherry and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Hard drive for computer** – The borough computer has been lagging and Tony of Simply Computers said he can add in another hard drive to fix the issue. A motion to approve the purchase of a new hard drive for the borough computer was made by James and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Shrewsbury Borough Fire Police request** – A motion to allow fire police to help with the Annual Fireman's Carnival was made by Patrick and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.
- **York County Quick Response Team request** – The borough received a letter requesting a donation toward the team. The council decided not to give a donation at this time.
- **Opioid Settlement** – There is a settlement with CVS, Walgreens and Walmart and some of the money from this settlement can come into York County if they have support from the municipalities. Joining this settlement does not directly benefit the borough but it will be a benefit for the county to address the opioid problems. A motion to join the settlement was made by Sherry and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.

Comments from Council

- **Bryan** – mentioned that he had spoken to Wendy Fink and she was impressed with the way the council handled a tough situation last month.

Secretary:

- **Budget vs. Actual** – Joy provided a budget vs. actual for Jan through May 1st to the council.
- **Statement of Financial Interests** – due today.
- **2nd monitor for computer** – would like to have a 2nd monitor sometime. James said he has an extra one that he can drop off.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm was made by James and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

Joy Flinchbaugh – Borough Secretary