

Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, November 1st, 2021

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, November, 2021 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street

Council Members Present: James Vergos, Patrick Schmidt, Sherry Arnold and Mayor Bryan McManus.

Council Members Absent: Gary Martin, Mary Lader, John Trout, Ronald Nickey

Others present: Lt. Spingler of PA State Police, Zac Klock, Tracy Halbleib, Tyler Burkins Alliance Fire and Rescue and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh.

James Vergos opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: No quorum was present to approve the minutes.

Approval of Treasurers Report: No quorum was present to approve the treasurer's report

Called to be on the Agenda: Lt. Spingler of the Pa State Police was present to report the activities in the borough and to see if there are any concerns they need to be aware of. There have been a total of 49 calls in the borough so far this year which include 2 thefts, 2 identify thefts, 6 to see an officer, 1 for harassment and the others were in traffic stops. Lt. Spingler spoke about a new resource called Community Access that is now on psp.pa.gov under the data link table. This dashboard will show the amount of crashes, citations and warnings in each municipality. The council spoke to Lt. Spingler about the speeding that takes place in the borough especially in the morning when people are traveling to work. Lt. Spingler left the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Public Comment: **Zac** asked if there was any more information received on getting a water table study done. The council looked at the information that has been received so far. Joy is looking to get another price. Bryan said that at the last meeting there was a tie vote as to whether the council would even pursue getting a quote on having a study done. Bryan was able to vote because of the tie and voted to get the price because they said they would but doesn't feel that it is in the best interest of the borough to spend the money to do the study which is still not going to guarantee anyone that they will find water when they drill. The following is the quote that has been received so far.

- Tom Waddington of Gannett Fleming, Inc.: \$4500 for a couple days of work to summarize the existing publications on well data for the area and give limited recommendations. \$7000 would be the same as above plus provide a map and presentation at a meeting. Could show someone where to drill with the hopes of hitting water.
- Joy spoke to John Seitz at YCPC recently and last year when he had spoken to USGS and Susquehanna River Basin Commission and neither agency was aware of any water table studies having been done in this area.

Solicitor: Memo - The following are items we have been working on:

- **Refuse Bid Specifications** - The deadline for receipt of bids was 2:00 p.m. November 1, 2021. The bids are scheduled to be opened at this meeting. The bid may be awarded at this meeting or at a subsequent meeting. We are ready to assist with preparation of the contract, upon award of the bid. Joy opened the bids. There were 2 bids received. The two bidders were Republic Services and Penn Waste. Joel Washok of Penn Waste was present so Joy read Republic Service bids which were much higher than Penn Wastes bids and they did not bid on any 2 days a week pick-ups. Being that there was not a quorum there was no vote on the contract. Joel left the meeting after the bid was read.
- **230 East Main Street** - We continue to provide guidance to the Borough and South Penn Code Consultants regarding processes to move this matter along and have the property cleaned up. We understand that the property owner has been in touch with some council members. We also understand that the property owner and a South Penn Codes Consultants representative are to meet on the property to discuss what needs to be done to accomplish property clean up.

- **General Tax Ordinance/Real Estate Tax Ordinance/Resolution** - The Ordinance/Resolution needs to be adopted by December 31, 2021. Please let us know if you need us to assist with preparation of the resolution or ordinance. Joy said that she is able to do this resolution.
- **Tax Collection Agreement** - The Tax Collection Agreement with Chanceford Township for its tax collector to collect the Borough's taxes expires on December 31, 2021. If a resident is not elected as tax collector for Felton Borough at the general election on November 2, 2021, the Borough may enter into a joint tax collection agreement with Chanceford Township or the York County Treasurer's Office. We are ready to assist as necessary.
- **Nuisance Ordinance** - We are in the process preparing an updated Nuisance Ordinance which I expect to offer to you in the coming months for your consideration and adoption.
- **Charles Street Improvement Project** - We are currently assisting the Borough with an issue involving Farhat Excavating LLC and the removal of mesh on the grass area near the gazebo.
- **Collection Report** - The report will be provided by Paralegal Ross. The council reviewed the report and Joy mentioned that the last sewer account has now been paid in full so we will be able to close the sewer account by the end of the year.

Engineer –

- **DCNR Playground Grant** – our playground equipment still has not shipped. Once it is shipped, it will go to the installer to make sure all the pieces are there and then they will let us know when they will be out to do the installation.
- **Center for Water Quality Excellence** – Joy spoke to them about funding to replace the stormwater sewers in the borough and they feel that before we go after any funding we need to have our lines televised to prove that indeed they do need to be replaced. Also being that Red Lion Ave will be paved next year we should focus there first.

Code Enforcement –

- **230 Main Street** – James met with Tyler and Jeremy from South Penn Codes on Tyler's property this afternoon to discuss what needs to be done in order to bring the property into compliance. Tyler was informed of what is actually junk. South Penn Code Consultants is willing to give him additional time to resolve this violation so long as he continues to show marked improvement in the cleanup of the property and, as agreed-upon, can have the property cleaned up within 30 days. They discussed the possibility of moving the junk, or all of the scrap and other items, into an enclosed structure so as to become compliant, or complete removal of the junk from the property. He decided to remove it all. He knows that any scrap brought back onto the property has to be put into a building.
- There was a discussion on how this property and others has been handled. The council would like to see that when a complaint is received and it is sent onto South Penn Codes, they request an onsite inspection with the property owner to discuss the violation
- **Updates** – there have been no updates given. Jeremy is going to make sure that we have a report going forward. He was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Tyler Burkins did not have a full report this month but gave the following information.

- There were a total of 87 calls for both stations in October. 3 of which were in the borough.
- There is currently a hole in between the fire hall and the station house due to a water line that had broken and needed to be repaired.
- The damage from the mowing contractor still has not been corrected. Joy will check with the contractor.
- They held their first fundraiser during the Halloween parade at the Leo Station.
- They have been installing new doors and some other improvements at the Fiddlers so there will be a slight increase in pricing starting in 2022. Rentals are going well. They are booked through 2022 and starting to book for 2023.
- There are currently 2 junk cars at the back of the fire hall because they are doing vehicle rescue training.
- The 2 relief associations are close to being merged together into one.

Old Business:

- Pothole repairs – no estimates received. Will not happen this year.
- Water Table Study was discussed earlier.
- CDBG – we should have the contract by Thanksgiving

New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** – there were 2 calls in the borough in September and 4 in October.
- **Klugh Animal Control Contract for 2022** – can't be voted on.
- **Fire police request** – Red Lion Borough – can't be voted on.
- **Apply for Penn Dot Multi Modal** – 30% match \$90,000 – due Nov 5th. Joy is going to apply for this grant as well. It is all the same as the one we submitted earlier.
- **Notary Information** – Joy has 2 prices so far but would like to get another one for comparison. This is something she would do as part of her job for the borough.

Comments from Council

- **Patrick's** neighbor has had a septic issue over the summer and he had made several calls to Jeremy at South Penn Codes. Jeremy had been out once but the last time there was a problem which was back in June, Jeremy never came out to look at it. Patrick feels that the problem has been taken care of to the point that it is not discoverable now but wants the borough to be aware of it. Joy will contact Keith at South Penn Codes tomorrow to make him aware of the problem.
- **Sherry** said that she as well as another neighbor has seen a coyote crossing their properties on their camera. Tracy Halbleib also saw one on 10 Church Ave property. Joy will contact Fish and Game.
- **Bryan** said he is not happy with the South Penn Codes and wondered if there are any other options. He would like to have Jeremy present at a meeting.

Secretary

- **Budget** – Joy will have the updated sheets for the next budget meeting.

Adjournment: the meeting ended at 7:53 PM.

Secretary - Joy Flinchbaugh