

Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, September 18, 2023 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street, Felton, PA.

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

Council Member Absent: Patrick Schmidt

Others present: Byron Trout of Gordon Brown & Associates and Ross Casteel of 46 Sechrist Flat Road.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the September 18th meeting minutes was made by James and 2nd Mary by. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurers Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report with the following additions GF: Kevin Shaffer Heating \$165.00 and State Fund: Met-Ed Street Lights \$586.00 was made by John. and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition.

Called to be on the agenda: Ross Casteel of 46 Sechrist Flat Road was present to update the council on what had been done since the last meeting. Gemcrafts contractor was out the next day to dig a probe hole and Byron was onsite when it was done. They found a clay layer. Byron said that for the basin to function they would have to dig down before the clay layer. Being that this would be the 7th fix on the basin and the ongoing inconvenience to him and his family, Ross decided to not allow Gemcraft to access his property to perform any more fixes. Ross had Byron come out and look at a probe hole he dug for the area where he would like to move the basin to and he provided a design. Byron is ok with the design he supplied. He reinforced that it must be built to the design in to meet the requirements of the Stormwater Ordinance. Ross reached out to Josh Bailey Excavating and he gave a price of \$7,000 - \$13,000, most likely coming in around \$10,000. Ross is asking the council to release some of the money that Gemcraft paid for him to get some money towards the work. Ross was told that for Jeff to possibly go after Gemcraft for any of the money, he would need 3 contractor estimates to do the work. There is no guarantee that any moneys will be received but the borough can pursue the issue.

Public Comment: None

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Sherry Arnold updated the council since Chad could not be in attendance.

- Gun Raffle was on Saturday and they sold 973 tickets and had over 300 people attended.
- Fireside days are coming up on October 28th

Solicitor – Jeff Rehmeyer of CGA Law Firm

- **46 Sechrist Flat Road** - We continue to provide guidance on this matter. The Borough is to update us on the status of the stormwater facilities which will indicate if the matter will require filing a complaint with the District Magistrate. We are ready and able to assist as may be necessary.
- **Gemcraft Homes, Lots 7 and 8** - We provided guidance on this matter and will assist as directed.
- **Common Ownership Merger Plan, Brandon E. Mundy, 87 Main Street.** Mr. Mundy's engineer, Josh Myers, informed us of the Plan to combine 4 parcels. We are ready to assist as directed. Joy provided Jeff with the drawings that were submitted.
- Collection Report - The report was provided and reviewed by the council.

Engineer – Byron Trout of Gordon Brown

- **CDBG Grant** - still waiting on the Penn Dot permits. Bid specs are ready to go the YCPC for review.
- **Penn Dot Multimodal Grant Award –** Water Street & Moore Lane - Byron responded to the comments on the bid specs and the agreement is awaiting Penn Dot signatures to move forward to bidding.
- **Covid 19 ARPA Grant – Red Lion Ave Stormwater** - announcement is to be in November.

- **46 Sechrist Flat Road** Retention Pond issues - discussed earlier.
- **Apply for Local Share Account Grant for Church Lane** - Grant was submitted on 9/27/23
- **Muny Plans** - the plan is to take 4 lots and merge them into 1. The borough's planning commission will need to review on October 19th if we have the comments back from the YCPC. IT is a simple plan that Byon has reviewed and has made comments on that will go back to the applicants engineer.

Code Enforcement – Wayne Smith

- 3 Main Street - The property owner

SEO memo - nothing to report

Old Business:

- **Pennell Services quote - put up Christmas Decorations:** Keith Pennell gave a quote of \$800 to put up the Christmas decorations on the poles. Joy is still trying to get the agreement signed with Met-Ed before we can proceed. The hope is to have them put up before Thanksgiving. A motion to have Pennell Services put up the Christmas Decorations if we have the agreement signed with Met-Ed was made by Mary and 2nd by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Pennell Services quote - power wash / weatherproof pavilion:** After much discussion it was decided to look at the pavilion again to see what should be done.

New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** - there was 1 call in the borough in September.

Comments from Council

- **John** said the light at the basketball court is not working. Joy will get the number and report it to Met-Ed.
- **Zac** asked if the letter had gone out about the trees on Maul Avenue. It was sent out and they have 15 days to comply.
- **Byran** mentioned that he will not be able to be here for next week's budget meeting but he felt that the draft that was done in September looks good without a tax increase.

Secretary:

- **Vacation October 23rd - 27th** - office closed

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm was made by Gary and 2nd Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

Joy Flinchbaugh – Borough Secretary