

**Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 4, 2021**

**Meeting Day and Time:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street  
**Council Members Present:** Mary Lader, James Vergos, John Trout, Patrick Schmidt, Sherry Arnold and Mayor Bryan McManus.

**Council Members Absent:** Gary Martin, Ronald Nickey

**Others present:** Dick Sterner & Tyler Burkins Alliance Fire and Rescue and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh.

**Mary Lader** opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the Sept 20th minutes was made by James and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

**Approval of Treasurers Report:** A motion to approve the treasurer's report with one addition for Met-Ed for State Fund Street Lights for \$ 579.50 was made by John and 2<sup>nd</sup> by James. The motion passed without opposition.

**Called to be on the Agenda:** No one present

**Public Comment:** **Dick Sterner of Alliance Fire and Rescue** was present to discuss with the council the information that has been provided to them in regards to the donations received from other municipalities. Dick reviewed the spreadsheet with the council which showed each municipal donation and what their worker's compensation insurance cost and what they have paid. All costs are based on population. The costs in 2021 came down from the previous year. Red Lion Borough has given more towards their WC cost for the past 2 years. 4 of the municipalities have a fire tax in place. The council thanked Dick for coming to the meeting and providing the information.

**Solicitor: Memo**

- **Refuse Bid Specifications.** The notice requesting bids was advertised. The deadline for the submission of bids to the Borough is 2:00 p.m. on November 1, 2021, with the opening to occur at the November Borough Council meeting. The bids may be awarded at the November meeting or subsequent meeting.
- **230 East Main Street.** - Liliana Fisher of my office is in the process of filing a criminal complaint in this matter. South Penn Codes Consultants will most likely be a witness in the matter.
- **Fire Company/ Workers Compensation.** I have had several communications with Dick Sterner, President of Alliance Fire and Rescue Services, Inc., in which I voiced the Borough's concerns. He provided a spreadsheet with financial information including workers compensation fees and donations of the municipalities covered by Alliance Fire and Rescue Services, Inc. I provided a copy of the spreadsheet to the Borough Secretary for review and distribution.
- **Collection Report** – the council reviewed the report. CGA is asking for permission to file a lien on 20 Seitz Ave. for no payment of refuse fees. After discussion on the issue. A motion to move forward with filing a lien on the property was made by Patrick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry. The motion passed without opposition.

**Engineer –**

- **DCNR Playground Grant** – nothing new to report. No update on the installation of the playground equipment.
- **Stormdrain Cleaning** –Byron will be meeting Fitz and Smith on site on Wednesday to look at the job. It will more than likely take place in November or December.
- **Center for Water Quality Excellence** – Joy has been in email contact with them but will have a phone conversation with them soon to figure out where we can start to look for funding for move forward with projects in the borough.

**Alliance Fire and Rescue** – Tyler Burkins presented the following to the council.

- There were a total of 70 calls for the fire company in September with the following breakdown:
  - 19 with Leo and Union Stations responding
  - 43 with Leo station responding

- 8 with Union station responding
- 2 calls were in Felton Borough

### Code Enforcement –

- **Tyler Burkins** asked about the violation on his property. He said he does not know what to do to fix it. He has put up two temporary tents that have blown over, planted border trees that died and moved his stuff to the back of his property. He said that no one from South Penn Codes ever came out to his property with him to speak to him about the violations on his property. Joy asked if it is South Penn's responsibility to contact the property owner to schedule an onsite visit and the council said that it is. A motion to have Jeff's office stop the filing of a criminal complaint was made by Patrick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by James. The motion passed without opposition. Tyler was given the phone number to contact South Penn Codes.
- **Updates** – there have been no updates given. Joy will see if Jeremy can attend the next council meeting.
- **High Street goats and ducks** – there has been no written complaint received.

### Old Business:

- **Pothole repairs** – still no prices have been received.
- **Water Table Study** – Joy informed the council that she has left messages for a few well drillers and also reached out to the York County Municipal Administrators Association to see who other municipalities have used to do such a study. The council discussed if they want to find out the cost or not. A motion to not get prices on a water table study was made by Patrick and John. Sherry abstained. James and Mary opposed. Being that this was then a tie vote, Mayor Bryan McManus was able to vote. Bryan opposed the motion. Joy is to continue to find out about getting a price on a having a water table study done.
- **CDBG Notice** – We received notice today that the county now has the money and the process for picking an engineer will begin soon.

### New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** – no report for Sept has been received yet.
- **Estimated for Liquid Fuels for 2022** – the boroughs estimated allotment for 2022 is \$17,116.51 which will be received on March 1, 2022.

### Comments from Council

- **Mary** asked about a house on Charles Street that has a camper sitting along the road and seems to have a lot of dogs.

### Secretary

- **Budget** – Joy will have the updated sheets for the next budget meeting. We will not have any further figures on the garbage contract until after the bids are received 11/1. The council agreed to not hold the October 11<sup>th</sup> budget meeting but wait until November 8<sup>th</sup> for the next budget meeting which will be after the bids for refuse and recycling come in.
- **Office** - Joy may be out of the office another day this week with her sister because of ongoing health issues.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm was made by James and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.

*Secretary - Joy Flinchbaugh*