

Felton Borough, York County ~ Council Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021

Meeting Day and Time: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:30 pm at the Felton Borough Office located at 88 Main Street

Council Members Present: Gary Martin, Mary Lader, James Vergos, John Trout, Patrick Schmidt, Sherry Arnold (6:33 PM) Mayor Bryan McManus.

Council Members Absent: Ronald Nickey

Others present: Zac Klock, Daniel Keeny, Byron Trout of Gordon Brown, Scott Gingrich of Alliance Fire and Rescue (6:35 PM), Jeff Rehmyer of CGA (6:50 PM) and Secretary Joy Flinchbaugh.

Gary Martin opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the August 9th minutes was made by James and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Treasurers Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report with one addition for Pennell Services for \$ 35,641.50 was made by Mary and 2nd by Patrick. The motion passed without opposition.

Called to be on the Agenda: No one present

Public Comment: Zac Klock asked about a water table study. The council asked Joy to contact some local well drillers to find out about having a water table study done. We would like to know the cost and what all it would tell us. Byron said there are environmental companies that specialize in these studies also.

Engineer – Byron presented the following to the council.

- **DCNR Playground Grant** – The pavilion and the handicap parking and walkways are paved. The remainder of the work cannot be done until the playground equipment is installed. George Ely & Associates is saying the installation company is to be picking up the equipment on October 14th. After the playground equipment is up, Pennell Services will come back to finish the topsoil, install the park benches, and some signage.
- **Stormdrain Cleaning** – 2 more quotes were given to replace approx 370' of storm drainage and install a new inlet at the playground at the park. Pennell Services gave a price of \$19,680 last month, Fitz and Smith gave a price of \$18,800 and W. Craig Adams gave a price of \$22,000. There will need to be repair work done to the handicap parking space that was installed at the playground also. A motion to give the project to Fitz and Smith was made by John and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition. Also, Joy received a call from Center for Water Quality Excellence which is a free service to the borough to help with finding funding to do stormwater drainage work. Joy started the process of working with them for future projects. Byron left the meeting at 6:51 PM

Alliance Fire and Rescue – Scott Gingrich presented the following to the council.

- There were a total of 65 calls for the fire company in August with the following breakdown:
 - 17 with Leo and Union Stations responding
 - 38 with Leo station responding
 - 10 with Union station responding
 - 2 calls were in Felton Borough and were medical calls

Solicitor:

- **Worker's Comp Insurance:** Jeff has been in discussion with Dick Sterner the president of Alliance Fire and Rescues in regards to the WC insurance and the finances of the fire company. Dick gave the borough a letter that shows how the WC insurance is calculated and that the borough's portion is \$997.00. Jeff advised the council that they are obligated to pay the WC insurance and then they can determine what else they would like to give as a donation. In going forward, it is going to be budgeted and designated as two different accounts and figures. A motion to pay Alliance Fire and Rescue \$997 for the borough's portion of the WC

insurance was made by Mary and 2nd by James. The motion passed without opposition. Sherry Arnold abstained from voting.

- Scott provided the council with the donation information for Chanceford Twp which is as follows: Their donation in 2020 was \$4116 and their WC insurance cost was \$2584.53. The other townships Dick will be providing soon.
- **Garbage Contract:** Jeff is going to be advertising the garbage bid and will have it ready of the council to award at the November meeting.
- **Monthly Status Report:** Jeff provided the council with an updated collections report.
- **Municipal Night at the Ballpark, York Revolution, and Friday, October 1, 2021:** Jeff will not be there this year.
- **Codes Enforcement** – Jeff has been working with Jeremy at South Penn Codes in regards to 230 Main Street. The nuisance ordinance is written is that it will be a criminal procedure. Jeff said we may need to update the ordinance in the future to change the criminal procedure part.

Code Enforcement –

- **Updates** – we have not gotten any updates since Jeremy has taken over for Cliff since he left other than he is working with Jeff on 230 Main Street
- Received a call today in regards to a property on High Street that has a goat and ducks

Old Business:

- **Multimodal Grant submitted for Water Street / Moore Lane** – we received questions on our application that Joy and Byron responded to right away. If awarded we will not need to provide the \$30,000 match. We should find out this fall if awarded.
- **American Rescue Plan Funds** - we cannot use the money for the playground overage but we can use the money for the storm water drainage project on Church Avenue.
- **Pothole repairs** – nothing from anyone yet.
- **Church Lane DGLVR notification** – we were given notice that we did not qualify for a grant for this project. Joy will discuss with Byron about having an onsite meeting with Emily to see what if anything we can do to make it a more viable project for this grant.
- **Playground Project** - the borough received notice from the York County Commissioners that we have been awarded another \$20,000 in Marcellus Shale funding towards the playground project.
- **Giant Heal the Planet Grant notification** – the borough received notification that we were not awarded the \$25,000 grant we applied for.

New Business:

- **Ambulance Report** – there was 1 call in June, no calls in July and 1 in August.
- **SPCA Contract for 2022** – a motion to approve the 2022 contract for SPCA was made by Mary and 2nd by John. The motion passed without opposition.
- **Trick or Treat date and time** – the council decided to hold the borough’s Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 30th 6 to 8 PM.

Comments from Council – none

Secretary

- **Budget** – Joy will send out the updated budget worksheets after paying all the bills tomorrow and drop off any printed copies to those that want them.
- **Newsletter** is going out next week if there is anything you want published.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm was made by John and 2nd by Mary. The motion passed without opposition.

Secretary - Joy Flinchbaugh