

June 22, 2020

The meeting for the month of June was held this date at the fire hall, at 6:30 p.m., was presided over by Cebulskie and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those answering to roll call were: Cebulskie, McMillen, August and Scolese.

Those also in attendance were: Mayor Caltagarone, Atty. Ryan, Alyssa Dixon, Christy McGranor, Jill Heffner, Melissa Burkett, Sam Bundy, Jack Matusky, Richard and Kathy Streigel, Bon and Diane Gray, Liz Klebacha, Cindy Caltagarone, Marie Getch, Andy Riss, and a reporter from the Spirit.

At this time the Citizen of the Month was presented to Jack Matusky. He was recognized for his more than 25 years of service on the RRC, the years spent help managing the Reynoldsville Cemetery, and more than 14 years of service on the Borough Council, among other things.

ANDY RISS – 125 Lewis Street – requested a variance to Ordinance #433, as he would like to put an addition on to an existing structure and will only be 6 feet from Drayer alley, and the Ordinance calls for a 10 foot requirement.

He presented plans to the Council for review.

Motion by August seconded by McMillen to approve the above request.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Riss requested to know the status of selling the property near the Maintenance Building to which a survey had been completed last year. This matter was tabled until review can be made.

MARIE GETCH – 707 Worth Street – requested that something be done to fix the water problem in front of her house on Worth Street. She explained that since a sewer line was replaced and paving was completed at this location, that she has had a puddle of water approximately 12' x 3'.

Scolese informed her that when the paving project is done this year, that the contractor will mill this area down and this should alleviate said problem.

RICHARD/KATHY STREIGEL – 238 Brown Street – requested to have 3 chickens. She stated that her neighbors on both sides have no problems with the chickens, and further went on to explain that they will be housed in a coop within a fenced in yard. It was understood that there are to be no roosters.

Motion by Scolese seconded by McMillen to approve the above request to have chickens.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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MELISSA BURKETT – requested to know what the investigation on the Water/Sewage Authority entails, and why was the Water/Sewage Authority board members made aware of said investigation. Cebulskie stated that the investigation is proceeding and that it was initiated by citizens of the Borough. Cebulskie requested to know the status of the Right to Know request that the Borough submitted, which requested the Authority's audits and budgets for the last 5 years, which is past due. Burkett stated that it was her belief that the Request to Know information was not sent on behalf of the Borough, but rather Cebulskie himself, and that she did not have the information ready. When requested to know why she could not supply the Borough with the budgets and audits as per the Right to Know request, she explained she has not had time to compile the information, and that the Authority does not have budgets. After a very heated discussion regarding the investigation and other things, Burkett stated that it was a personal vendetta, to which Cebulskie stated that he has nothing to do with this investigation. Burkett explained that she will come after Cebulskie regarding this matter, and when asked if that comment was a threat, Burkett stated that it was a fact. Cebulskie ended this conversation thanking her for her opinions.

JILL HEFFNER – Pool Manager – wanted to thank Cebulskie and August for their time, as well as Herm Suplizio and other employees from DuBois City who assisted with finding the leak at the pool, that was causing a loss of approximately 20,000 gallons a day. She went on to say that members of the Water Authority assisted in finding said leak as well, and it has partially been repaired. The leak was between the gutter and the wall, and it is the hope of all involved that the monies that could be received from the grant that the Borough is currently applying for, will be able to completely repair this problem.

Motion by McMillen seconded by Scolese to approve the minutes of May 20, 2020 and June 3, 2020, as presented.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At this time Dixon presented a financial review of the Borough's accounts, stating that the Borough is still ahead in tax revenues this year compared to last year, despite the COVID.

Motion by Scolese seconded by McMillen to approve Resolution 6/22/2020/1, pertaining to the swimming pool request for grant funding.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Trees that are located along the property line of Craig Carpin, on Water Authority property, were discussed. Carpin would like to have these trees cut down, due to safety. This would be the responsibility of the Carpin speaking to the Authority regarding the same.

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OLD BUSINESS –

Comcast Audit – Nothing to report.

Negotiations/Personnel – Nothing to report.

Multi Modal CFA Grant program – Nothing to report.

CDBG Funding – this funding has been denied by the County, as the scope of the project is too large to consider for funding.

Zoning – Ryan stated that he has been in contact with an engineering firm and is awaiting additional information.

Vacant Building Ordinance – Ryan informed the Council that a meeting was scheduled with Kirkwood regarding this matter, but it had to be rescheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets and Sewers –

Caltagarene requested that the speed bumps be placed on Deitz Alley near the swimming pool.

Police and Fire –

Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement –

Nothing to report.

Budget and Equipment –

Nothing to report.

Budget and Finance –

Nothing to report.

Insurance –

Nothing to report.

Street Lighting –

Nothing to report.

Negotiations/Personnel –

Nothing to report.

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Police Pension –
Nothing to report.

Non-Uniformed Pension –
Nothing to report.

Grant Development –
Nothing to report.

Bundy announced that the Borough will have fireworks again on July 11, 2020.

At this time an Executive Session was requested for the purpose of discussing personnel matters – 7:25 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by McMillen seconded by August to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Admin. Asst.