

February 12, 2020

The regular monthly meeting for the month of February was opened at 6:00 p.m. this date with the Pledge of Allegiance, and was presided over by President Cebulskie, with the following answering to roll call: Cebulskie, Scolese, August, Burkett, and Popson.

Those also in attendance were: Mayor Caltagarone, Atty. Ryan, Sam Bundy, Troy Bell, Tammy Murray, Jeff Winfield, Christy McGranor, Jeremy Snyder, Frank and Corine Snyder, Jeff Snyder, Melissa Burkett, Julie Popson, Jo Caltagarone, Cindy Battaglia, Tom and Sue Duffey, Bob and Diane Gray, Barb Bell, Vaughn Tapper, Fran Anderson, Jim Venture, Ken and Jill Heffner, Sue Ellen Wells, Molly Verona, Angie McElhaney, Kathy Stiles, Fran Caltagarone, Joe Griffin, Bill Murray (and wife), Donna Price, Zach Garman, Daniel Gunter, Anna VanSchijndel, Rick Keller, and reporters from the Courier Express and Spirit.

At this time the Citizen of the Month was given to Jeremy Snyder for his assistance with a disable vehicle during a winter storm.

Motion by August seconded by Popson to approve the minutes of January 15, 2020 and January 29, 2020, as presented.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

DONNA PRICE – reviewed some of the things that the Blueprint Community has accomplished over the past few years. To date, they have raised \$60,000.

She stated that if the downtown area was classified zoned, that they would be able to apply for more grant funding for the Borough.

At 6:15 p.m. an Executive Session was called for the purpose of discussing legal matters. The meeting was reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

Cebulskie announced that in Executive Session McMillen and Cebulskie II were brought in to a conference call with the other members of Borough Council. Cebulskie further went on to say that the Borough will be looking at 1 full time/1 part time police officer department, to be looked at on a month to month basis.

In light of the Borough hoping to apply and receive grant funding, matching share of monies are required and some of the savings from the above listed cut will go into the Sinking Fund to help accommodate that purpose.

ZACH GARMAN – Scout master from Troop 72, and is assisting with coordinating an Eagle Scout Project with JOE GRIFFIN. Griffin explained that he is proposing to place 1 box at the Soccer Field and 1 box at the Park, with doggie bags, for use by the public in cleaning up after their dogs when walking.

BILL MURRAY – requested to know if the 2020 budget had budgeted for 2 full time police officers. Cebulskie replied that the budget was changed.

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ANNA VAN SCHINJINDEL – requested to know how the security of the Borough is going to be maintained with the cut back in the police department.

Cebulskie stated that contact has been made with PSP and they will be assisting, if needed.

RICK KELLER – requested to know who was going to be laid off. Cebulskie replied that Sgt. Murray would be placed on part time status. Ryan stated that the Borough will be working under the terms of said contract.

Motion by Scolese seconded by Burkett to approve the 2020 Budget, as presented with the changes listed above.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by August seconded by Scolese to approve the Real Estate Tax Millage for 2020, that being 9.485 mills.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Popson seconded by Burkett to approve the Occupational Assessment Tax for 2020.

Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hometown Takeover – Burkett submitted Reynoldsville as an entry into this program in hopes that the Borough could receive some assistance with various downtown projects. He explained that HGTV has received the necessary paperwork and thanked Dixon, Sue Duffey and Sam Bundy for assisting with this project.

At this time the invitation to the Ambulance banquet was read. It will be held on February 29th.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dixon provided a financial report of the Borough accounts.

OLD BUSINESS

Comcast audit – nothing to report.

Police Station – on February 4th Burkett met with Dave Rishel from Jeff Tech. All of the student permission slips have been secured, and the transportation has been arranged. This project had to be delayed until March.

List of grant projects – Burkett requested that Council submit the projects that they feel need to be accomplished. He stated that he will be looking at the Greenway Trails and Recreation Grant,

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as well as any grants dealing with Flood Mitigation.

Burkett advised those present that he has recently met with Barry Fillman, and he has offered whatever assistance that the Borough may need.

Regionalization of the Police – Cebulskie stated that he has reached out to Sykesville Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets and Sewers –

Scolese stated that the Ford truck is at Murray Ford, which will be a substantial bill when it is finished.

Police and Fire –

Nothing to report.

Budget and Finance –

Nothing to report.

Building and Equipment –

Nothing to report.

Insurance –

The quote has been received for the 1k/5k run and will be sent to Leanne Waring.

Street Lighting –

Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement –

A brief report of activities was given by August.

MELISSA BURKETT – requested to know the status of the shipping container that is still sitting at the corner of Third and Jackson Streets. Scolese informed her that he will contact Kirkwood for answers.

CHRISTY MCGRANOR – informed the Council that there is a dead tree across the street, in the yard of an abandoned home. Cebulskie stated that he felt that this would be a civil liability should it fall and damages occur, but Kirkwood will be directed to check it.

Negotiations/Personnel –

The committee was directed to start negotiations with the non-uniformed employees, as their contract expires at the end of this year.

Police Pension –

Nothing to report.

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Non-Uniformed Pension –
Nothing to report.

Grant Development –

Burkett stated that he has spoken with State Rep. Cris Dush regarding Flood Mitigation and that he has also opened up a dialogue with U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson's office regarding assisting the Borough with grants.

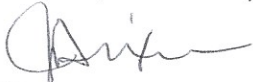
Motion by Popson seconded by August to approve the financial statements, as presented.
Question on motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MELISSA BURKETT – requested to know when the status of the police department will change.
Cebulskie replied that these changes will take place immediately.

Motion by Scolese seconded by August to adjourn.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



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