

East Brady Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Media: Evanne Garies

Regular Meeting -02/15/2022
East Brady Borough Council
Room 14 6:00 PM

Meeting brought to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

PRESENT: Barb Mortimer, Joe Hillwig, Denny King, Jenny Switzer, Bill John, and Justin Wagner, Joy McCluskey and Mayor Tracy Sheakley.

ABSENT: No one.

ROLL CALL: As Above

ATTENDANCE: Dean Murray.

MINUTES: *It was moved by Joe Hillwig and seconded by Jenny Switzer to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

CITIZENS TO SPEAK: No one.

Maintenance Report: Daily work journals provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police- We received our first quarterly bill from the Southern Clarion County Regional Police Department.

Proposal to use banked hours toward the purchase of police equipment from New Bethlehem.

Motion: Denny King 2nd: Joe Hillwig MC

Engineer's Report –None.

Water/Sewer- A Water Committee meeting that was to be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, was cancelled. Rescheduled for **Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 5 pm.**

HCS finally installed new computer at sewer plant on Feb. 1, 2022.

Denny asked Dean if HCS had updated the software at the water plant. Dean said he didn't think so.

Susan registered the Water/Sewer system with the Pennsylvania LIHWAP program, which helps low income households with unpaid water bills.

Calvin and Sue Beabout have a very high water/sewer bill. Must have had a leak. After discussion it was decided to give them a discount on the sewer portion of their bill.

Motion: Jenny Switzer 2nd: Denny King MC

Set up meeting with solicitor to discuss various issues.

Personnel – Resolution 2022-01 appoints Joy McCluskey as a councilmember.

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Justin Wagner MC

Joy McCluskey was sworn in by Mayor Tracy Sheakley.

Streets & Street Lights: Ordered another load of road salt. Delivery date is Feb. 22.

Discussion followed about the need to build a new salt shed. Joe said we should increase our COSTARS allocation for salt next year to 150 from 100.

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Joy McCluskey MC

Joy suggested we use the robo call system and send out a message asking residents not to park on the street so that we can snow plow them. Discussion followed.

Motion: Joy McCluskey 2nd: Denny King MC

Building: A meeting of the Building Committee (Denny, Jenny and Barb) is set for Friday, February 18 at 10 am in the Borough office.

Rental Approval: N/A
Municipal Approval: N/A

Parks and trails: Joy was appointed to the Parks Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Auditors came on Friday, February 11, 2022. Audit went well. All questions answered. They will be completing the audit and will send us a letter with results. Proposed projects for LSA funding. Resolutions will be presented at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Joy Suggested we buy Berkebile Instant Salt Cutter. You spray it on the vehicles and equipment and it removes salt residue. She said Penndot uses it. Flyer provided for review.

Motion to purchase a 4 gallon case: Denny King 2nd: Justin Wagner MC

Received an email from USDA for 2022 Funding opportunities. Discussion followed about applying for this grant to replace part of the roof on the Community Center.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Jenny MC

EXECUTIVE SESSION: entered into Executive session at 6:52 pm.

Back in session at 7:37 pm.

It was decided to lay off Steven Crawford as of February 16, 2022. He has 21 days to appeal. After that time he will be paid for the vacation and sick time he has accrued.

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Denny King MC

Motion to adjourn meeting: Jenny Switzer 2nd: Justin Wagner MC

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by: _____

***Susan D. Buechele
Secretary/Treasurer***