

East Brady Borough Council

Meeting Minutes

Media: Evanne Garies
Leader Vindicator

Regular Meeting -1/5/2021
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: Mayor Tracy Sheakley, Joe Hillwig, Denny King, Jenny Switzer, Bill John, Jason Sheakley and Justin Wagner.

ROLL CALL: As Above

ABSENT: Barb Mortimer.

ATTENDANCE: Evanne Garies, Mercedes Dahl, Chief Bob Malnofsky, Dean Murray, Bob Roach with Senate Engineering and Chris Zona.

MINUTES: Before approval, Denny asked about the bill from Clarion Ford for \$166.95. They did not reimburse us for part since Phillip installed it and he is not a certified Ford dealer. Susan is to contact Clarion Ford before paying.

It was moved by Denny King and seconded by Justin Wagner to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS TO SPEAK: Mercedes Dahl. Mrs. Dahl said she and her husband have purchased the property at 300 East Third St. There is an old trailer there now. They want to remove it and put a new modular home there. Bridge St. (unopened part) runs next to the property. She asked if the Borough would abandon it so that they would have more room. Joe told her that if we abandon that part of Bridge Street half would go to them and half to Jeff Lewis (he owns the property on the other side). We have to send request to our solicitor.

Chris Zona. Mr. Zona has a home at 454 Shady Shores Drive. He wanted to know if the Borough had plans to pave Verner St down to where it meets Shady Shores. Joe told him we are not going to do anything with it until all of the new construction is complete. Joe told him that the Armstrong Trail has a right of way to part of the road. He asked us to put gravel on it (in the Spring) to fill in the ruts and cut down on the dust.

Maintenance Report: List of outstanding work orders/issues to be dealt with, as well as a spreadsheet with water meters that need attention. Maintenance staff did not provide their daily work reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police- Chief Malnofsky gave the December report. He also stated there is a regional Police Committee meeting Wednesday January 6, 2021.

Engineer's Report –Provided by Bob Roach with Senate Engineering.

The CDBG Grant for Lehner Drive Sewer and the Playground is almost ready for bid. We are waiting for environmental Clearances from Clarion County. Discussion followed about things to upgrade at the playground. We need to refinish the basketball court, put more rubber mulch and buy a few new ride on toys.

The Chapter 94 Report has been completed by Senate the past few years. Motion to have them do it once again.

Motion: Joe 2nd: Denny MC

We are still waiting for the DEP to renew out NPDES permit.

Water/Sewer- 4th Qtr water/sewer bills mailed December 31, 2020.
Pump from Weil is finally done and is being shipped. It was ordered in August 2020.
CWM operators report for November provided.

Sewer inspection at 910 Robinson St. (Hicks house). Dean said the sewer line runs down in the back of the house under the garage. Discussion followed. A sewer certification cannot be issued. Tony Truelove, and Melissa Malloy are buying the house. Council suggested we run it by our Solicitor.

Sewer rate for the High Rise will now be: base rate of \$6873.00 and \$711.00 for Improvement Fund. They will have 237,000 gallons at no additional charge. Rate per thousand over that will be \$5.00.

Motion: Jenny 2nd: Denny MC

Dean suggested that the water meter at the High Rise may need to be changed.

Sewer rate for Laundromat will now be: base rate of \$957.00 and \$99.00 for Improvement fund. They will have 132,000 gallons at no additional charge. Rate per thousand over that will be \$5.00.

Motion: Denny 2nd: Jenny MC Justin abstained since his parents own the business.

Summary of 2020 Water usage provided for council review.

Personnel – Susan would like to attend an on line Quick Books Level 2 training January 19,21,26 and 28, 2021. It is from 1-3 pm each day. No Charge.

Motion: Joe 2nd: Denny MC

Steve Crawford had a stroke Jan. 1, 2021. Joe said he would assist with snow plowing if necessary.

Streets & Street Lights: Tamping machine purchased. Cost was \$2065.00. We were able to use Liquid Fuels Funds to pay for it.

Joe said there is a street light behind the Presbyterian Church that is out. Discussion about who owns it. Dean said the street light on Ferry Street by the intersection of Purdum is still out. Lines were brought down by fallen tree.

There is a storm sewer line that runs down Ferry Street. 2 catch basins are clogged and overflowing. Joe said to make a work order to clean it out.

Building: We had to shut down the gym at the end of December as per the Governor's orders. It reopened January 4, 2021.

Received a \$25 donation from Mike & Kathy Dailey in honor of Barb. Thank you note sent.

Karns City Youth Basketball began playing in the Gym again on Jan. 4.

Pickleball began again also.

Rental approvals: Bill Schultz called and said he would like to start a men's basketball league on Sundays from 3-5. Last year Jason Troutman did the same thing. Susan will check with Jason and see if he wants to do the same or if he knows Bill. Cost would be \$25 per hour.

Motion: Jenny 2nd: Justin MC

Municipal Approvals: None.

Parks and trails: East Brady Borough has paid the cost of trash removal and trash bags for the Narrows Overlook which is in Brady Twp. After discussion, it was agreed that we would continue to do so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Susan has looked into different websites and would like to go with one created by UB MAX (our billing software). Cost per year is \$360.00 plus \$120 for set up. Total for now would be approximately \$480.00. Can be done in less than a week.

Motion: Jason 2nd: Jenny MC

NEW BUSINESS: Darwin Burtner brought up specs for Water/sewer parts to be used in the Phase 2 development of Riverview Place. Sent to Senate for review.

The printer has notified us that the cost of Military banners has gone up \$10 EACH as of January 1, 2021.

The auditors are coming for our annual audit on January 19, 2021. Motion to use the same auditors, McGill, Power and Bell.

Motion: Justin 2nd: Denny MC

Received new estimate for replacement of security cameras at water/sewer plant as well as playground. Estimate is from Beamer Enterprises. Copy provided.

Motion to approve: Jason 2nd: Justin MC

All Elected and appointed officials need to fill out NEW Financial Statements for 2021. Copies in your folders.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received an email from Kevin Snow saying what a nice job our guys did cleaning up the big snow of Dec. 16-17. Copy provided.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Transfer \$5,000.00 from Special Sewer to Sewer to cover bills.

Motion: Denny 2nd: Jenny MC

MONTHLY BILLS: Bills were paid Dec. 15 and 23rd. New spreadsheet for today also.

Motion to approve paying the bills: Jenny 2nd: Bill MC

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Jenny 2nd: Denny MC

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Submitted by: _____

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