

East Brady Borough Council

Meeting Minutes

Media: Evanne Garies
Leader Vindicator

Regular Meeting -2/2/2021
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, Barb Mortimer, Joe Hillwig, Denny King, Jenny Switzer, Bill John, and Justin Wagner.

ROLL CALL: As Above

ABSENT: Jason Sheakley

ATTENDANCE: Evanne Garies, Officer Taylor Smith, Bob Roach with Senate Engineering.

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

CITIZENS TO SPEAK: None.

Maintenance Report: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police- Monthly report provided by New Bethlehem PD. Officer Smith was in attendance to answer question. Joe told him there is a junk jeep along Ferry Street that needs to be removed.

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

We have 2 CDBG Grants that need to be completed this year. We are still waiting for environmental approvals from the County to proceed. One of the grants is for playground improvements. Discussion followed about options.

Senate is working with CWM to obtain information about the amount of water being discharged at the vault. It seems to be very little.

Senate will be completing the Chapter 94 Report.

Senate is working with the Borough and CWM to decide what is the best solution for storage of Caustic Soda. Discussion followed in regard to choices. Do we put a heated tank on a pad outside of the building, or build an addition to the building? Joe suggested that we arrange a meeting with Senate, CWM and the water/sewer committee so that we can decide.

Water/Sewer- Some residents call and ask us to check for water leaks in their homes. Council agreed that it is not the Borough's responsibility to go into homes and check for leaks. We are only to go into homes to replace old/defective water meters. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to check for their own leaks.

61 late bills were mailed on February 1st. Late bills are due Feb.11. Orange shut off notices go on doors Feb. 12 and shut off day is Feb. 15.

We are having a hard time with tenants in the low rise. They do not pay their bills and we have no idea when they move. Joe said we need to send a letter to EI & EI holdings and request a meeting.

Personnel– Susan would like to take a week of vacation Feb. 22-26, 2021.

Motion: Joe 2nd: Denny MC

Streets & Street Lights: It is time to renew our COSTARS contract for Salt in 2022. After discussion it was decided that we renew for the same amount as 2021 (100 tons). Denny asked Bob Roach about our salt shed. The cement blocks are coming apart. Bob will look at it and see if it can be repaired, or if it needs replaced.

We received a letter from Penndot saying our Viaduct Bridge is due to be inspected this fall.

Building: We would like to purchase 2 benches to put in the Community Center with plaques thanking the Presbyterian Church and the Library for their donations toward our roof replacement.

Motion: Jenny 2nd: Justin MC

Rental approvals: Karns City Youth basketball is in a traveling league. They would like to rent the gym on Saturday, February 6 for games. Cost of rental will be \$100.00.

Motion: Joe 2nd: Denny MC

Municipal Approvals: N/A

Parks and trails: Nothing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Our new website is set up and functional.

NEW BUSINESS: Received an email from Andrew with Mechling & Heller in regard to what we have to do to sell the old ambulance and the old green truck. We need to get a estimated value of each. Then advertise them for sale.

Jason Sheakley would like us to move our next meeting so that the Police Regionalization Committee can attend. Meeting will be moved from Tuesday February 16 to Wednesday February 17th at 6 pm.

Joe had a list from Jason Sheakley with a wish list of equipment that we could use.

1. Chainsaw
2. Long reach gas powered pole saw
3. Weed eater
4. 16 ft single axle trailer
5. Mini excavator

Discussion followed. It was decided to hold off on the trailer and excavator for now.

Motion to approve the purchase of the first 3 items. Joe 2nd: Justin MC

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Not needed.

MONTHLY BILLS: ***Motion to pay the bills: Joe 2nd: Jenny MC***

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Jenny 2nd: Justin MC

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Submitted by: _____

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