

East Brady Borough Council Meeting Minutes

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Leader Vindicator

Regular Meeting -08/06/2024
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 and Joy McCluskey .

ABSENT: Devon Weidenhof, Justin Wagner and mayor Bill Rode.

ROLL CALL: As Above

ATTENDANCE: Solicitor Amy Schrempf, Larry Lennon, Curtis Double, Melissa and Haylee Hogan, Scott Meally and Russ Dudek.

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

CITIZENS TO SPEAK: Haylee Hogan and her Mom, Melissa. Haylee gave a presentation expressing her desire to open a dance studio in Room 3 of the Community Center. It would be called, "Spotlight Dance Academy". Rent would be \$150.00 plus gas. She would initially have a 6 month lease, renewable at the end of the lease for an additional 6 months. Council gave their overwhelming approval and Joe Hillwig volunteered to pay her first month's rent.

Motion: *Jenny Switzer 2nd: Joy McCluskey MC*

Russ Dudek and Scott Meally. Both Mr. Dudek and Mr. Meally have homes on Shady Shores Drive. Mr. Dudek spoke and said that their HOA voted to put a top coat of asphalt on Shady Shores Drive and they will add speed calming humps. Discussion followed. Shady Shores is a private drive.

Maintenance Report: Curtis Double gave a report. The house at the corner of East Second and Clarion Street has low water pressure and is still on an old water line. Discussion followed about the location of a new line. We will look for drawings.

There was a water leak in front of Dave and Marcy Gallagher's home on Grant St. Joe told Curtis to reclaim the yard for them. A work order will be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Report: None.

EMS Report: None.

Police- The July police report is provided.

The police would like a key to the building so that they can use the restroom when they are patrolling after hours.

Motion to approve: *Joe Hillwig 2nd: Joy McCluskey MC*

Engineer's Report –Provided by Larry Lennon with LSSE.

Water/Sewer- The Water committee, our solicitor and Engineer met with representatives from PVRWA on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Solicitor, Amy Schrempf, gave a brief report and asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting.

The next water committee meeting will be August 28 at 2 pm in the Borough office.

Needed to order a new pH meter for the water plant. The old one has been discontinued. Ordered from Hach. Cost is \$1,727.10.

Motion to approve: *Joe Hillwig 2nd: Jenny Switzer MC*

GWorks (the company that owns our billing software) has increased the annual fee quite a bit. It will be \$3,000.00 a year now. It was \$963.00 last year. We have a bit of time. Larry will get us the cost of what a few other water/sewer clients pay, so that we can decide.

50 Late bills were mailed on August 1, 2024. New due date is Aug. 10. Shut off day is August 15, 2024.

We had to order 2 new 2-inch meters for Bernie Hall and All Fit. They were over \$1,000.00 each. We may want to charge them differently than our residential customers. The Water committee will discuss it.

Personnel – Susan wants to take vacation Aug 26-30, 2024.

Motion to approve: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Denny King MC

We received 2 quotes from companies offering short- and long-term disability insurance. The guys will review them.

Streets & Street Lights: Christmas Light have all been delivered and the wrongs ones returned. We need to walk Kellys Way and see where we want them to go and talk to Steve King about possibly moving a few.

Salt shed update. The location of the proposed salt shed has been moved. There were utility lines that prevented it from being placed at the initial location. Discussion followed. Joy called JJ Kennedy who is a concrete supplier.

Email from IA contracting about Shady Shores Paving project. Susan will tell them to use Robinson Street.

Discussion followed about streets that need to be paved. We can use water funds to pave RexHide Drive because it leads to our water wells.

Grant street from 3rd to 6th needs paved as well as the alley next to our garage from Wallace to Verner.

Main Street Committee: None.

Building: Denny reported that Room 6 (new preschool) is just about done. We still need to have an electric line run from the box in the kitchen, up through the ceiling to the new water heater in the new bathroom.

Rental Approval: None.

Municipal Approval: Addition at Preston & Bria Saxon home at 677 Shady Shores Dr.

Motion to approve: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Denny King MC

Parks and trails: Barb reported that the Riverfront Park looked very nice for the EBADC community picnic last Saturday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We need to draft a Resolution regarding vacating Streets and Alleys. Susan and Amy will work together and come up with a draft.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clarion Area Chamber of Business and Industry would like us to Proclaim September as “Food Stock Month” and collect food items to support families in need. Issue tabled until Mayor Bill Rode can attend the next meeting.

MONTHLY BILLS: There are 2 spreadsheets since there was 3 weeks between meetings. Bills were paid from the first sheet on July 29, 2024. The balances on the 2nd sheet are up to date.

Motion to pay the bills: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Denny King MC

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:55 pm. Back in regular session at 7:40 pm. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Joy McCluskey 2nd: Jenny Switzer MC

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45 pm.

Submitted by: _____

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