

BOROUGH OF QUARRYVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 3, 2019

Borough Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Council President Joy Kemper called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Council Members Joy Kemper, Robert Kauffman, Jim Kreider, Rick Aument, Diane Hastings, and Tim Lawson. Mayor Joseph Bledsoe, Borough Manager/Secretary Ken Work, Maintenance Superintendent Bill Lamparter, and Chief Clark Bearinger were also present at the meeting.

SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION: F. Nevin Book was presented with a plaque honoring him for his 37 years of service on the Quarryville Borough Planning Commission by Mayor Joseph Bledsoe Jr. Nevin's family was in attendance and Nevin addressed those present in accepting his award. A page in the Minute Book will be dedicated to Nevin Book and his service to Quarryville Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Chase spoke to Council as the Chairman of the Authority and requested their thoughts on the Authority removing fluoride from the Borough water. Several Council members voiced opinions against having fluoride in the water. There was a discussion involving Council and also residents regarding the pros and cons of fluoride in the water. John Chase advised that the Authority would probably make a decision at their meeting on 18 June, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – May 6, 2019: It was moved by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Kauffman that the minutes of the May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved, the vote was taken and the motion was approved.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Fire Police Request: Council has one request for Fire Police assistance. The East Drumore Township supervisors requested the Quarryville Fire Police assist with traffic at a soccer tournament on 1 June 2019 between 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM. This request came in after the last Council Meeting, and will need to be approved after the event has occurred. Councilman Lawson offered a motion to approve the use of the Quarryville Fire Police for the event. Councilman Aument seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The Manager advised Council that in meetings with Murray Insurance, the Borough has been able to secure Property/Vehicle Insurance for 2020 with no increase over the 2019 cost. The Borough was also quoted a Worker's Comp Insurance cost at \$4,086.00 less than the current premium for 2020.

The Borough received a call from UGI requesting right of way widths for Park Avenue and for Hess Street. UGI is reviewing a request for gas service in that area.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MONTHLY BILLS – May 31, 2019: Council received the financial report and the bills for May 2019. After a short discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Lawson that the financial report be received and the monthly bills for May in the amount of \$75,970.66 be ratified. The vote was taken and the motion to ratify was approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Bearinger reported that there were two animal complaints with one being a dog attack, a sexual assault involving a student who is an adult handled by the SRO, and a weapons charge and threats also handled by the SRO. The new report system, CSI, is up and running and the officers have been trained in its use. The Chief also added two new columns to his report, Found Property and Aid Citizens. Chief Bearinger also asked Council to add E-Ticket, an electronic scanner to process citations in the cruiser to the CSI contract. The cost would add about \$2,500.00 to the 5-year CSI Plan. Councilman Lawson offered a motion to approve the adding of the E-Ticket feature to the CSI Plan. Councilman Kauffman seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT: Hearing no comments on the Zoning report, Council accepted the report as submitted. Councilwoman Hastings offered that motion with Councilman Kreider seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

QUARRYVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY: Maintenance Superintendent Bill Lamparter advised that GHD is working on a proposal for an end wall repair at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The creek bank is eroding badly. The Authority and the Fair Association has worked out an agreement for the new well site. At this point it looks like mid-June for a start date. The Authority will be doing some of the work on site. At the meeting the Authority took action on several service agreements and bill adjustments. The North Church Street 2-inch water line project will be slightly delayed due to the contractor having a medical issue.

STREETS/INFRASTRUCTURE/PARKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Aument reported that at the meeting on 28 May, 2019, the committee looked at the progress on the street project on Second Street and Hess Street. There was a problem with storm water flow from Second onto Church and ARRO Consulting has submitted to PennDOT for an amended HOP. The committee also looked at possible street projects for 2020 and discussed Groff Road, Geiger Avenue, and Bank Avenue as being priorities for repair. The committee is looking at core-boring Stanton Road to get an idea of the scope of work that will be required for a future project. The committee also would like to see timber companies survey the Herr Springs property to determine if the Borough should have the property timbered again.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Council President Kemper presented a revised Sick Policy for Borough employees. The new policy would allow employees to use up to 480 hours of sick leave to care for family members and to go to medical appointments. After reviewing the policy (which is attached in full to these minutes), Councilwoman Hastings offered a motion to approve the new Sick Leave Policy with an effective date of 4 June, 2019. Councilman Kauffman seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Aument offered a motion to appoint Scott E. Peiffer to the position of Borough Manager/Secretary, effective January 1, 2020 with the following terms of employment:

1. Starting salary of \$75,000.00 a year with a job evaluation after 6 months, and renegotiate salary for 2021
2. 4 weeks of vacation
3. 3 personal days (all employees are entitled to this)
4. 5 Public Service days a year (not to be carried over to next calendar year)
5. Change military banners as scheduled during regular working hours
6. Mileage reimbursement as set each January by the IRS, for use of personal vehicle for Borough business

Councilman Lawson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:00 PM, Council President Joy Kemper called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for a Personnel issue. Councilman Kauffman offered that motion with Councilman Aument seconding. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 8:40 PM – By motion of Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Aument, Council returned to Regular Session.

Councilman Kauffman offered a motion for Part Time workers who are then hired Full Time, to count the years of Part Time work to the Borough toward awarding them with the third week of vacation, year for year. Councilman Aument seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lawson offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Kreider to credit Bill Lamparter with 23 hours of vacation from the dates between March 18 through May 9, 2019 due to a misunderstanding. The vote was taken and the motion unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Hastings made a motion to request Ken Work to put his verbal retirement date of December 31, 2019 into writing by June 30, 2019 to submit to Council. Councilman Lawson seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:50 PM, Council President Joy Kemper called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lawson offered that motion with Councilman Kreider seconding. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth C. Work
Borough Manager/Secretary