

## **BOROUGH OF QUARRYVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING – MAY 4, 2020**

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 Susan Noel, Brian Braightmeyer, Jim Kreider, Rick Aument, and Diane Hastings. Mayor Joseph Bledsoe, Police Chief Clark Bearer and Borough Manager/Secretary Scott Peiffer were also present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WORK SESSION – APRIL 27, 2020:** It was moved by Councilwoman Hastings, seconded by Councilman Aument that the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Work Session be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Herr's Springs Forestry Plan: After a review of the Forest Management Plan contract submitted by Pat Fasano of Comprehensive Land Services, the Streets/Infrastructure/Parks Committee recommended to Borough Council to sign the contract as presented. A motion to sign the contract submitted by Comprehensive Land Services was made by Councilman Aument and seconded by Councilman Kreider. The motion was unanimously approved.

Groff Avenue Contract: The Borough Manager reported to Borough Council that the Groff Avenue project was awarded to Long's Asphalt at a cost of \$146,258.00 and will begin in mid-June. The cost was \$53,007.00 below cost opinion and budgeted amount.

Northview Avenue Cul-De-Sac: A maintenance agreement has been prepared and reviewed by the Borough's Solicitor and the Streets/Infrastructure/Parks Committee to present to Providence Township for their review and approval. The agreement is for maintenance of the Providence Township owned section of the Northview Avenue cul-de-sac in the Quarryridge development. A motion to submit the Maintenance Agreement to Providence Township for review and acceptance was made by Councilman Braightmeyer and seconded by Councilman Aument. The motion passed unanimously.

Geiger Avenue Survey: The survey has been completed for Geiger Avenue. The Streets/Infrastructure/Parks Committee recommends that we straighten out the roadway before proceeding with improvements. This will require deed changes to 130 and 134 East State Street. If the landowner is agreeable to these changes, the Borough will need to record the changes to the deeds for both properties indicating the points at which Geiger Avenue crosses the two properties. A motion to proceed with deed changes for 130 and 134 East State Street and recording the changes to align Geiger Avenue if the landowner is in agreement was made by Councilman Aument and seconded by Councilwoman Noel. The motion passed unanimously.

North Lime Street: Discussion was held by the Streets/Infrastructure/Parks Committee at their April 29, 2020 meeting regarding proposed improvements to North Lime Street. The cost opinion from ARRO for the improvements was \$208,406.50. The Committee wanted Borough Council to discuss the options for improvements as well as options for funding the project. Council felt that we could bid the project and see what the bids are and make a decision to award the contract. Council felt that there may be a better idea of the Borough's financial situation by that time. The savings from not proceeding with Bank Avenue and Geiger Avenue improvements until 2021 along with the savings on the Groff Avenue project would partially fund the North Lime Street improvements. A motion to proceed with design and bidding for the North Lime Street improvements was made by Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilman Aument. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Codification: The attached list of code repeal/amendments was reviewed and approved by the Borough's solicitor. A motion to have the Borough's solicitor proceed with the proper advertising and ordinance preparation for the changes was made by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Aument. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MONTHLY BILLS – APRIL 30, 2020:** Council received the financial report and the bills for April, 2020. It was moved by Councilman Braightmeyer and seconded by Councilwoman Hastings that the financial report be received and the monthly bills for April in the amount of \$102,162.27 be ratified. The vote was taken and the motion to ratify was approved.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Clark Bearinger reviewed the Police Department report for March and April and commented on some changes to scheduling and types of calls due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:40 PM, Council President Kemper called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for a personnel issue. Councilman Aument offered that motion with Councilman Braightmeyer seconding. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** At 9:14 PM Council returned to Regular Session.

Councilman Braightmeyer made a motion to reduce police coverage from the current twenty (20) hours per day to sixteen (16) hours per day effective June 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Aument and passed unanimously.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT:** Council accepted the report as submitted with no comment.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** The April 20,2020 Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**QUARRYVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY:** The minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting were provided for review.

**STREETS/INFRASTRUCTURE/PARKS COMMITTEE:** The minutes from the April 29,2020 meeting were provided for review.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion to suspend the advertising of bids for road improvements to Geiger Avenue and Bank Avenue was made by Councilman Braightmeyer and seconded by Councilwoman Hastings. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:30 PM, Council President Kemper called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Aument offered that motion with Councilman Kreider seconding. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott E. Peiffer  
Borough Manager/Secretary