BENTLEYVILLE BOROUGH MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Council President Stan Glowaski with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Joseph Pigeon. Roll was called by Secretary Kim Sacco with Councillors Roy Larimer, Bill Jobes, Gary Damich, Stan Glowaski, Robert Paul, Shannon Watson and Tim Jansante all present. Also present was Mayor Tom Brown and Solicitor Chris Furman.

Business from the floor:

James Barnhart of 215 Beallsville Road appeared before council regarding letters he received from Bentleyville Borough and Penn Dot requesting him to bring his driveway into compliance with Penn Dot specifications. He stated curiosity as to how conclusions were reached pertaining to how the residents' driveways are affecting the flow of water across Beallsville Road. Stan addressed the question by mentioning complaints received by the Borough. Penn Dot began to clean the shoulders and drains along Beallsville Rd. Borough has been pressing Penn Dot to address this issue. Borough employees have also cleaned some of the drains. Council met with Penn Dot. The Borough will clean the drains to help alleviate some of the problem. Letters from the Borough and Penn Dot are meant to alleviate the problem. Ordinance 556 waste water doesn't suggest the installation of drainpipes, the ordinance recommends gravel beds. The residents believe that some of the problem is coming from the former Edwards property and abandoned mines.

Bill Viladahl of 205 Beallsville Road spoke regarding the water problem on Beallsville Road. When it rains hard it fills up the pipes with dirt. The mine is 90% of the problem. The ditch is filled with dirt.

216 Beallsville Rd, raining washed all of the gravel and mulch away.

Waste of tax payer dollars, the letter was demanding and accusatory. Friendly letter would have been better. Stan said that the certified letter is our standard operating procedure and validation to Penn Dot that we are working with them on rectifying an unsafe situation.

Stan wants to talk to Penn Dot again.

Chris Furman explained that the letters were the beginning of the conversation. The suggestion is that the residents contact Penn Dot. Stan is going to contact Penn Dot to set up a meeting between property owners and Penn Dot.

Robert Shaynak brought pictures of a trailer between Locust and Sycamore Streets that has been abandoned for more than 10 years. Mr. Shaynak maintains that this is a health and safety issue and would like the Borough to take care of it.

Robert Litwin appeared addressing a problem on Main Street and Gibson Road. It had been addressed in the past but has managed to slip through the cracks. Mr. Litwin was promised that something would be done ASAP and that council apologizes for the delay. HMT would be contacted by the Borough secretary tomorrow.

John Solomon appeared to ask whether or not the Borough would enter into the same agreement with him as they did with Phive Star properties if he were to buy 117 Main Street. What is the criterion necessary to take the property out of condemned status? Mr. Solomon was advised that it may not be profitable for him to purchase the property since it is condemned.

It was moved by Bob Paul, seconded by Shannon Watson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 1, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tim Jansante, seconded by Bill Jobes to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report of March 31, 2014. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Regarding the refinancing of the Borough Building, the solicitor is still waiting on approval from the DCED.

It was moved by Bill Jobes, seconded by Tim Jansante to adopt Ordinance Number 563 of 2014 Sidewalk Ordinance. All were in favor.

The Borough received a letter from Dr. Gosai asking to proceed with work on Big Jim's Plaza in order to comply with Conservation District and DEP regulations. They are reverting back to original plans that had been approved by the planning commission. **It was moved by** Gary Damich, seconded by Bob Paul to allow them to proceed. All were in favor.

Regarding the completion of the demolition of 141 Main Street it was determined that council was satisfied with the work that was performed**. It was moved by** Gary Damich and seconded by Roy Larimer to pay the contractor, John Sluscarczyk for the work that he performed. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Damich, seconded by Bill Jobes to table the Parking Ordinance until the committee was further able to explore it. All were in favor.

Stan Glowaski reported on the Police committee work session meeting on April 28, 2014 . Southwest Regional is our contracted police service. The Borough is looking into the possibility of hiring our own police force. Further investigation is needed.

Council discussed the new truck purchase. Confirmation was received that the Borough has received a $50,000 grant from the USDA to use toward the purchase of a new truck. Hunter has offered $8300 as a trade in. Bob Paul said that Hunter Truck sales is the only company able to build the truck. We haven't received the final bid from Hunter yet, so Council is unable to approve the purchase of the truck.

There was discussion of 2014 Paving project. Cost of all roads on the list is $123,000.00. Road committee needs to review priorities to get the cost down to $60,000.00. First St, Washington St, Seventh Street, Eighth Street and Warren are on Councilman Larimer's wish list which would be at a cost of $59,000.00. **Gary moved to table** the discussion until the committee could meet. Bill Jobes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Other Unfinished Business

New Business:

Three insurance quotes were received by the Borough. The Borough's existing coverage is through May 8, 2014. The bids that were received were as follows:

- HA Thompson $11,877
- Marthinsen and Salvitti 12,537
- Higbee Insurance 10,977
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It was moved by Tim Jansante, seconded by Bob Paul to accept the quote by Higbee Insurance to carry the Borough Umbrella Coverage, all were in favor except Roy.

A letter was received regarding the sale of property resulting in $1.22 payment on lien if the Borough doesn't object to the payment of liens against the property.

A letter was received from Jodi Tustin who resides at 206 Russie Avenue. She would like the Borough to place a handicapped parking sign in front of her residence in order to facilitate her efforts to transport her son to and from school. **It was moved by** Bob Paul, seconded by Shannon Watson. The sign would be provided by the Borough. All were in favor.

The July 5th fireworks contract with John Vargo was presented. The contract is for 3 years at $5000 per year. The Recreation Board is happy with the contract. **It was moved by** Roy Larimer, seconded by Bob Paul to enter into the contract with John Vargo. All were in favor.

MS Engineers approached us about whether or not we wanted to maintain the roundabout. If so, we can have input in what is planted there, otherwise, Penn Dot will decide. Council chose not to take responsibility for the round about

Letter from County Commissioners requesting confirmation that Bentleyville Borough remain with the Washington County Urban County Qualification**. It was moved by** Gary Damich, seconded by Bob Paul to maintain Bentleyville Borough's Urban County Qualification. All were in favor.

The Liquid Fuels allocation received was $75,075.10. Council approved paying off the outstanding balance on the truck for $23,118.34. This payment was made. Penn Dot limits purchase of heavy equipment to 20% of the allocation which should have been no more than $15,015.02 for 2014. We need to refund the liquid fuels account $8,103.32. **It was moved by** Tim Jansante, seconded by Roy Larimer to refund the liquid fuels account in this amount. All were in favor.

It was moved by Bill Jobes, seconded by Gary Damich to have Widmer Engineering look into the sink hole issue on Carmine Drive to make possible recommendations and possibly obtain a low volume roads grant. All were in favor.

Secretary's Report: Tri County Borough Association Banquet May 10 at 5pm. Southwestern PA Human Services , 100 Chambers Plaza, Charleroi PA 15022
Letter from the Library thanking the Borough.

Solicitor's Report

Mayor's Report.
Recreation Board Report
Committee Reports

- Building & Borough Properties – Stan Glowaski, Chair.
  - Technology, Bill Jobes, Chair
- Streets & Bridges – Robert Paul, Chair
- Police & Lights – Roy Larimer, Chair $51.76 was collected from the parking meters.
- Health & Sanitation – Shannon Watson, Chair
- Redevelopment – Gary Damich, Chair
- Finance & Purchases – Tim Jansante, Chair
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Other Business

It was moved by Bill Jobes, seconded by Tim Jansante and passed unanimously to pay the bills.

It was moved by Gary Damich, seconded by Bob Paul and all were in favor of accepting the receipts.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:00pm by Shannon Watson; the motion was seconded by Bill Jobes and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kimberly G. Sacco
Secretary