

## REGULAR MEETING OF HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

February 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Hallam Borough Council was held in the Borough Building at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Glenn Wascovich, President William Fitzpatrick, VP Harry (Chip) Smith, Jr., Melody Stine, Kim Krotzer, Cindy Knox and Crystal Weston.

Sharon Dupler, Secretary, Sherry Myers, Zoning Officer and Treasurer, Attorney Devon Myers, Chief Pollock, Hellam Township Police Department, Chief Eric Strittmatter, Friendship Fire Co. and to the best of my knowledge the following visitors: *Howard Gromling, Barry Miller, Dolores Hall (415 Fitzpatrick Lane), Matthew Flinchbaugh (101 S. Prospect Street), Chris Courogon (Lancaster Newspapers), Mike Dupler (360 E. Market Street), Michael Wascovich (200 W. Beaver Street), Phil Smith and Sue Horner (248 W. Market Street).*

President Fitzpatrick called for public comment. Matthew Flinchbaugh asked Council if they received his letter of interest for consideration to fill the Council vacancy.

Crystal moved, seconded by Chip to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Pollock gave the monthly police report. There was a total of 57 calls in the Borough, 1 accident and 5 traffic citations. The Hellam Township Board of Supervisors granted permission to the police department to create another Sergeant position. Officer Seth Reed was promoted to Sergeant and will now be in charge of the platoon opposite Sergeant Golder. Keith, the office administrator for the police department, is meeting with Ring doorbell company to organize a program where residents who have the Ring doorbell can directly send video to the police to be used in investigations. Several officers attended training classes.

The monthly ambulance report was distributed earlier. There were no questions.

The Emergency Services committee met with Mike Fitzgibbons, Susquehanna Valley EMS, along with Wrightsville Borough and Hellam Township to discuss renewing the ambulance contract, due to expire in June 2020. The proposal would increase three percent (3%) for a three (3) year contract; with an annual cost of \$7,725.00. Kim moved, seconded by Cindy to enter into a three (3) year contract with Susquehanna Valley EMS at a cost of \$7,725.00 annually. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion at the last police fact-finding committee meeting on the status of the Canadochly Valley Ambulance Club. Canadochly Valley responds to calls in several municipalities. Susquehanna Valley EMS (SVEMS) has been responding to calls in Canadochly Valley's area because they cannot get enough volunteers to respond to the volume of calls. Hellam Township has asked if Hallam Borough, along with Wrightsville Borough, would agree to work with their Solicitors in filing a complaint with the PA Department of Health and the Emergency Health Services Federation, making them aware of what is being done to those municipalities in Canadochly Valley Ambulance's service area in hopes these agencies will assist in finding remedies to the situation. Cindy moved, seconded by Chip authorizing filing the complaint with the PA Department of Health and the Emergency Health Services Federation, making them aware that Susquehanna Valley EMS is responding to calls outside of their first due caused by Canadochly Ambulance being out of service. Motion passed unanimously. Devon will report back to Hellam Township with the Borough's signed letter.

Chief Eric Strittmatter gave the monthly fire company report. There were 5 calls in Hallam Borough and 0 automatic false alarms.

Chris Eaton, EMA Coordinator, provided the updated Emergency Operations Plan for the Borough to sign.

In Derek's absence, the monthly Engineer's report was distributed earlier. In regards to the West Beaver Street Swale Erosion (Sam's Ditch) project, the York County Planning Commission received funding from DEP; however, Derek spoke with Pam Shellenberger and the amount was less than anticipated. Ms. Shellenberger recommended the Borough apply for an Exelon grant to see if the Borough can get the project funded without needing to use the County's DEP money. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy authorizing Derek to pursue additional funding through available Exelon grants. Motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion on the status of the Frysville Road Hazard Mitigation Grant. According to Derek's report, he spoke with Mr. Wicks, 299 Frysville Road, and he is interested in the Borough purchasing his property for \$1.00 provided his tax debt is covered and he can walk away from the property. It was decided that Phil and Derek should assess the property to determine a plan of action for demolition if the Borough should pursue purchasing the property.

Devon prepared a draft handicap parking ordinance for Council to review. After some discussion, Devon will make changes to the draft ordinance to be reviewed for authorization to advertise at the March meeting for adoption in April.

Devon gave a summary of the internal and external social media policies. The external policy must be publicly published to give site users the terms and conditions of use. The internal policy gives Borough Council and staff

guidelines for the use of social media platforms. Council reviewed each policy and made changes. Devon recommended the Media and Technology committee make a recommendation to Council as to what social media sites to use and how many to have.

Sherry gave the monthly Zoning Report. There was no Planning Commission in February. The civil suit was filed on January 15<sup>th</sup> with the District Magistrate for the Eckert property located at 159 South Prospect Street. A tentative hearing date is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sherry gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. The Borough Auditors have started their work sessions for the year 2019.

Checking Account Balance.....	\$30,802.41
Receipts – Deposits + Interest.....	\$27,731.17
Void Ck.....	\$0.00
Trans In FromMM .....	\$80,000.00
Trans Out To Fire Tax .....	\$141.16
Expenditures            Check #6482 to Check #6523.....	\$117,143.35
To Debit.....	\$1,293.21
Checking Account Balance.....	\$19,955.86

Cindy moved, seconded by Melody to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy moved, seconded by Chip to approve the Highway Aid with a balance of \$10,664.28. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharon stated Ross Industries expressed interest in doing the street sweeping in the Borough this year at a cost of \$2,625.00. She will contact PennDOT to sweep Market Street and South Broad Street as they are state roads. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy authorizing Ross Industries to do the street sweeping in the Borough at a cost of \$2,625.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The Media and Technology committee gave a report. The committee, along with Bill met with Jason Moyer, CSB Technology Partners (CSB) to discuss what services the Borough was looking to obtain. The committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss a recent proposal for services. With Chip’s assistance, the old website has been reinstated and is being used until the committee is ready to make a recommendation to Council regarding the Borough’s domain name and web hosting. Melody moved, seconded by Kim to accept the proposal with CSB Technology Partners (CSB) if the committee sees it as acceptable. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharon got an estimate from D.E. Gemmill to have the crosswalks at Lee Street and Market Street relined at a cost of \$1,452.90. It was decided to wait until school is out for the summer. Sharon will contact D.E. Gemmill and schedule for after June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bill attended the Recreation Authority meeting. The underground electric and the lights on the grandstand at the men’s baseball diamond need to be replaced. Howie Gromling is getting an estimate and he will report at the March meeting.

Melody stated the yard sale committee and the 1<sup>st</sup> Night Hallam committee is in need of volunteers.

Samantha Fullam submitted her resignation from Council. Melody moved, seconded by Cindy to accept Samantha Fullam’s resignation from Borough Council. Motion passed unanimously. Council decided to publicly post the vacancy on the Borough website, Facebook page and SwiftReach. There was discussion on generating an application for a person of interest to submit. For this particular vacancy, anyone interested in filling the seat should submit a letter of interest by February 26, 2020 to the Borough office and attend the March 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

The Eastern York County Sewer Authority notified Sharon that Glen Billet, Hallam Borough EYCSA Board Representative, had failed to attend several consecutive meetings. According to the laws of the Sewer Authority, the appointing municipality may remove a Board member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board. His term is due to expire December 31, 2020. Cindy moved, seconded by Chip to appoint Gary Dube as a Borough representative to the Eastern York County Sewer Authority to fill Glen Billet’s unexpired term, which will expire on December 31, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy moved, seconded by Chip to cancel the February 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Yes-Bill, Chip, Kim, Cindy and Crystal. No-Melody. Motion passed.

Melody moved, seconded by Chip to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary,  
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler