

REGULAR MEETING OF HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

August 10, 2020

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

Sharon Dupler, Secretary, Sherry Myers, Zoning Officer and Treasurer, Attorney Devon Myers, Derek Rinaldo, C.S. Davidson, Inc., and to the best of my knowledge the following attendees: Chris Courogen (Lancaster Newspapers), Chief Doug Pollock (Hallam Police Department), Eric Strittmatter (Friendship Fire Co.), Richard Mak, Jen Flinchbaugh, Trudy Metzel, Deanna Graham, Susan Horner, Phil Smith, Jackie Harman, Rhonda Smeltzer and Beca Salsgiver.

President Fitzpatrick called for public comment. Jackie Harman reserved the top lot at Emig Park on August 22, 2020 for a food truck event. Sharon received the proper paperwork but prior approval from Council was needed in order to hold the event. There was discussion amongst Council. Cindy moved, seconded by Chip to not allow the August 22nd food truck event to be held in Emig Park for the following reasons: the park committee and the Kreutz Creek Valley Library cancelled all of their public events due to COVID-19, this particular food truck event was advertised and promoted prior to getting approval from Council and there were complaints received after the last food truck event in the park. Yes-Chip, Bill, Kim, Cindy, Crystal. No-Matthew, Melody. Motion passed.

Deanna Graham addressed concerns about how noise can affect certain medical conditions. She would like to see Council stop excessive use of sirens and horns in all parts of town when used for non-emergencies and correct the wording of the mowing ordinance to maintain the integrity of the ordinance and honor the petition that was previously submitted to Council. Bill received four letters from residents regarding removing the word "gas" from the mowing ordinance. He read one letter from Sue Horner, 154 West Market Street. Bill stated he will work with Sherry and review the nuisance ordinance to reflect no loud noises on Sundays before 12:00 p.m.

Crystal moved, seconded by Cindy to approve the July 23, 2020 minutes. Yes-Bill, Chip, Matthew, Kim, Cindy, Crystal. Melody abstained. Motion passed.

The monthly police report was distributed earlier. There were 51 calls for the month of July in the Borough. Several officers attended training classes.

The monthly ambulance report was distributed earlier. There were 14 calls for the month of July in the Borough. There were no questions on the report.

The monthly fire company report was distributed. There were 5 calls and 0 false alarms for the month of July in the Borough. Proposals for the replacement of Engine 21-2 are being reviewed. A new Engine should be ordered by the end of this year.

The emergency management report was distributed earlier. There were no questions.

Derek gave the engineer's report. The Borough was not awarded the Multi-Modal Grant for the Cherry Avenue bridge replacement. Other funding options must be researched. There are not many grant options available for this type of project.

Derek received an email from PEMA requesting additional information pertaining to the second grant submission for the Freysville Road Hazard Mitigation. He will supply the additional information as necessary.

C.S. Davidson is proceeding with the permit and design submission to DEP for the Emig Park bridge replacement. The permit should be submitted sometime this month.

Derek met with the road crew on site to determine the necessary storm drain repairs. Most of the repairs are needed on storm drains that are located on private property. Derek recommended taking photos of the necessary repairs and writing a letter to the property owners. There are four on Borough property that need repaired and can be done by the road crew. The Borough should consider formalizing, by resolution, with the Township or Wrightsville to share in-kind services so these and future work can be completed without additional costs.

There was discussion on acquiring the Wicks property at 299 Freysville Road. Devon has contacted Eastern York School District as well as York County Tax Claim Bureau to see if they would be willing to waive the back taxes on this property. She received an unofficial approval from the school district and is still waiting on a response from the County. There is a tax sale scheduled for September 24, 2020 for this property. Devon requested an extension to give the Borough more time to make a decision; however, the sale cannot be extended unless at least one year of back taxes is paid. Derek stated the Borough has two options. Devon, on behalf of the Borough, can do a deed in lieu of condemnation and the Borough can pay any back taxes that cannot be waived or let it go to sheriff's sale and purchase the property that way. Chip moved, seconded by Matthew authorizing Devon to move forward with a deed in lieu of condemnation to purchase the Wicks property for as little cost as is possible, remove the propane tank, post the property as no trespassing and as long as the grant is awarded on 295 and 297 Freysville Road, have the demolition contractor demo 299 Freysville Road

along with the other two properties. Motion passed unanimously. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy to waive the 2018, 2019 and 2020 unpaid Municipal taxes on the Wicks property located at 299 Freysville Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Devon presented proposed Ordinance 2020-1, Designate, Create, Abandon and Regulate Certain Handicapped Parking Spaces, to Provide for Enforcement of Violations and Penalties Therefore. Crystal moved, seconded by Kim to adopt Ordinance 2020-1, Designate, Create, Abandon and Regulate Certain Handicapped Parking Spaces, to Provide for Enforcement of Violations and Penalties Therefore. Motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion on the proposed one-year contract extension for trash and recycling services offered by Republic Services. Devon researched the legality of such contract extensions and found that if the extension is challenged in court by a resident, the contract could be terminated by the courts. Kim moved, seconded by Cindy approving the one-year extension for trash and recycling services with Republic Services in the amount of \$15,000 per month beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021; authorizing Devon to prepare an agreement and resolution for adoption at the September Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on amending the Transient Retail Business ordinance. It was decided to table discussion until the September meeting to allow for more research pertaining to food truck regulations.

Sherry gave the monthly Zoning Report. There were no questions.

Sherry gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. The annual worker's compensation insurance audit was completed and there were no issues with the recordkeeping.

Checking Account Balance.....	\$86,915.87
Receipts – Deposits + Interest.....	\$43,005.62
Void Ck	\$0.00
Trans In	\$25,000.00
Trans Out To War Memorial Fund	\$75.00
Expenditures Check #6688 to Check #6728.....	\$137,564.38
Checking Account Balance.....	\$17,282.11

Matthew moved, seconded by Melody to approve the August Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Crystal moved, seconded by Cindy to approve the Highway Aid with a balance of \$87,335.07. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy gave the Media & Technology committee report. The committee provided Council with web design proposals. Cindy requested Council's consensus on a better timeframe or a better cost. After some discussion, Matthew moved, seconded by Melody to move forward with Tandem Marketing and Design in the amount of \$3,900 with a 4-6 week timeframe. Yes-Matt, Melody. No-Crystal, Cindy, Kim, Bill. Abstain-Chip. At this point, the committee still needs to meet and discuss all options and make a recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

Cindy gave the park committee report. Coulson Security was called to repair some of the cameras at the park. The squirrels had chewed some of the wiring.

There was some discussion on the number of estimates that were gotten for restoring the stone on the War Memorial. Sharon stated there was only one estimate from Steve Dellinger. Due to the financial liability, it was decided that at least two more estimates should be gotten and shared with the Hellam VFW and Hellam Township.

Glenn gave the Mayor's report. He thanked the emergency responders for their efforts in the recent Freysville Road flooding. The next police fact finding meeting will be held at the Hellam Township building on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Matthew gave the Recreation Authority report. At the last meeting, the Board requested feedback from the municipalities regarding a direction to go if a COVID case were to be confirmed in a sports program and they would need to shut down. Matthew moved, seconded by Chip authorizing Hallam Borough Council to direct the Eastern York Recreation Authority to follow the direction of the Eastern York School District sports program through 2020 due to COVID-19. Motion passed unanimously. The Eastern York Recreation Authority has COVID-19 policies in place should a case be confirmed in any of the sports programs. Matthew will share these policies with Council for review.

The First Night Hallam committee will meet on September 15, 2020 to determine if the event will still be held this year.

Chip moved, seconded by Cindy to cancel the August 27th Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim moved, seconded by Cindy to adjourn at 10:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary,