

REGULAR MEETING OF HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

December 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Hallam Borough Council was held at the Friendship Fire Company community hall, located at 163 East Market Street, Hallam, PA 17406 at 6:31 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Glenn Wascovich, Bill Fitzpatrick, VP Harry (Chip) Smith, Jr., Melody Stine, Kim Krotzer and Crystal Weston.

Sharon Dupler, Secretary, Sherry Myers, Zoning Officer and Treasurer, Attorney Devon Myers, CGA Law Firm, Derek Rinaldo, C.S. Davidson Inc. and to the best of my knowledge the following attendees: Carl Newcomer and Howard Gromling (Hallam Borough Road Crew), Eric Strittmatter (Hellam Fire Co. Fire Chief), Chief Doug Pollock (Hellam Township Police Department), Adam Marden, Penn State Health Life Lion, Derek Dietz, Barry Miller, Susan Horner, Jessica Cirilo (Eastern York Recreation Authority Director), Gary Dube and Scott Nelson.

President Fitzpatrick announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to consult with the Solicitor on a complaint from a resident.

Crystal moved, seconded by Melody to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

The police report was submitted prior to the meeting. There were no questions on the report. The department attended training classes.

The monthly ambulance report was distributed earlier. There were 10 calls for the month of November in the Borough. There were no questions on the report. Adam stated the call volume is up everywhere. The EMS Academy will be finishing in the next couple of weeks. There will be three (3) new EMT's.

The monthly fire company report was distributed earlier. For the month of November, there were 10 calls and 0 false alarms in the Borough. Santa will be traveling around the Borough on Friday, December 17th from 6-8 p.m. The new Engine is expected to ship to the local dealer sometime this week.

The EYCEMA report was distributed earlier. There were no questions on the report.

Attorney Myers announced that Matthew Flinchbaugh's resignation from Council was deemed accepted on December 5, 2021 and the vacancy will be filled on January 3, 2022 as a result of the November 2020 General Election.

Derek gave the Engineer's report. He provided Council with an updated cost estimate for the Cherry Avenue bridge replacement based on the actual completed bridge construction plans. The projected construction cost is \$305,893.50. Derek also provided Council with a preliminary construction schedule. After some discussion, Chip moved, seconded by Crystal authorizing Derek to advertise for public bids for the Cherry Avenue bridge replacement project. Motion passed unanimously. The plan is to award the contract at the February Council meeting.

Derek gave an update on the Frysville Road Grant. The agreements of sale for 295 and 297 Frysville Road have been executed. The Borough is awaiting PEMA approval of the funding request. The owner of 297 Frysville Road has entered into an agreement of sale on a new property and has requested to close on January 14, 2022. After some discussion, the Borough would not utilize alternative funds to pay for closing in the event the grant funds are not dispersed from PEMA by January 14, 2022. In order to access 295, 297 and 299 Frysville Road for demolition, the Wenger's, owners of neighboring Hellam Township property, have agreed to allow the Borough to utilize their farmland. In exchange for the temporary use of this right-of-way, the Wenger's requested compensation in the amount of \$2,500.00 and reimbursement for any crops damaged by the Borough's contractor at a rate of \$750 per acre. Although there is cost involved, the cost is much less than the alternative; permitting and installing a temporary stream crossing. Derek provided a temporary construction easement agreement for Council's review and approval. Melody moved, seconded by Chip to enter into the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with Steven J. & Bonnie L. Wenger, owners of 4705-4709 Valley Acres Road, Hellam Township, to allow the Borough access to demolish 295, 297 and 299 Frysville Road. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the stream bank erosion in the vicinity of the Wilson Springs stormwater basins. After a site inspection, Derek stated the basins are functioning correctly. Devon will need to research the situation to determine what the Borough's responsibility and/or liability is to correcting the erosion issue. Melody moved, seconded by Chip authorizing Devon to research the Borough's responsibility and/or liability to correcting the stream bank erosion issue in the vicinity of the Wilson Springs stormwater basins. Motion passed unanimously.

Derek postponed getting an additional estimate from Russell Standard for completing the remainder of the Borough-wide crack sealing project until Spring.

The Borough road crew is preparing for snow. They may wait until Spring to have the fuel tank repaired on the 1995 pick-up truck. Chip interviewed and hired Gary Schaubert for a part-time snow plow driver.

Jessica Cirilo, Eastern York Recreation Authority Director, presented information to Council requesting funding support from the Borough's allotment of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. She also requested funding support from Hellam Township and Lower Windsor Township as they are part of the Eastern York Recreation Authority. Devon stated

there is currently nothing in the guidelines specifying that these funds may be used for recreation purposes. Any funding requests for recreation would fall under the lost revenue category.

Sherry gave the Zoning Officer report. Total fees collected for the month of November was \$480.00. Beginning in January, Sherry's new office hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Crystal moved, seconded by Kim to enter into the 2022 service contract with Code Administrators. Yes-Bill, Melody, Kim, Crystal. Chip abstained. Motion passed.

Sherry gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. All fourth quarter payroll tax reports and payments have been completed.

Checking Account Balance.....	\$43,261.36
Receipts – Deposits + Interest.....	\$36,779.88
From MM.....	\$0.00
Void Check	\$0.00
To Debit	\$894.22
Expenditures Check #7262 to Check #7308.....	\$40,434.74
Trans in Fire Tax.....	\$0.00
To War Memorial	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance.....	\$38,712.28

Chip moved, seconded by Kim to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip moved, seconded by Kim to approve the Highway Aid with a balance of \$158,675.19. Motion passed unanimously.

Due to the recent fire, Sharon received a donation request from the Horn Farm Center. Chip moved, seconded by Melody to donate \$500.00 to the Horn Farm Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharon stated flood insurance coverage is available on the playground equipment only at Emig Park in the amount of \$500.00 per year. Council decided to decline coverage because the playground equipment has not been damaged from flooding and flooding does not occur every year.

Mayor Wascovich thanked the community for welcoming him and stated that he is very proud of being a Hallam Borough resident. Bill, on behalf of the municipality and Council, thanked Mayor Wascovich for seeking out the position as Mayor and wished him all the best.

Melody stated the First Night event will be a little different and on a smaller scale this year.

Chip moved, seconded by Melody to adopt the 2022 General Fund Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Melody moved, seconded by Kim to pass Ordinance 2021-6, Fixing the Tax Rate for 2022 at a sum of 4.2 mils for General Purposes and 0.87 mils for Fire Tax. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip moved, seconded by Melody to cancel the December 23, 2021 Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip moved, seconded by Crystal to set the 2022 meeting schedule. Yes-Bill, Chip, Kim, Crystal. Melody-abstained. Motion passed.

Bill thanked Melody Stine for her dedication and service to the community.

Chip moved, seconded by Kim to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary,
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler