

REGULAR MEETING OF HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

January 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Hallam Borough Council was held virtually using the GoToMeeting platform at 6:30 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 Evan Gabel, CGA Law Firm, Derek Rinaldo, C.S. Davidson, Inc., and to the best of my knowledge the following attendees: Chief Doug Pollock (Hallam Township Police), Phil Smith, Chris Courogen (Lancaster Newspapers), Eric Strittmatter (Friendship Fire Co.), Deanna Graham, Susan Horner and Joanie Griffith.

Cindy moved, seconded by Melody to approve the December 14th minutes. Yes-Bill, Chip, Melody, Kim, Cindy and Crystal. No response (poor connection)-Matthew. Motion passed.

The monthly police report was distributed earlier. There were 51 calls for the month of December in the Borough. Chief Pollock wrote a letter to Borough Council requesting to have the green playhouse, built by an Eagle Scout, at Emig Park removed due to the crime and vandalism that has taken place in and to the structure. After a lengthy discussion, Bill polled Council to keep the playhouse in Emig Park and have the road crew maintain and open at least one side larger for a better camera view of the interior. Yes-Bill, Chip, Cindy, Kim. No-Crystal, Melody, Matthew.

The monthly ambulance report was distributed earlier. There were 9 calls for the month of December in the Borough. There were no questions on the report.

Attorney Evan Gabel presented Resolution 2021-01, Reappointing Gary Dube as a Borough member to the Board of the Eastern York County Sewer Authority for a term of five (5) years. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy to pass Resolution 2021-01, Reappointing Gary Dube as a Borough member to the Board of the Eastern York County Sewer Authority for a term of five (5) years. Motion passed.

Phil stated during the recent snow storm, the road crew was down two employees due to COVID-19. Kim Krotzer was interested in riding along and learning how to plow snow. Chip and Sherry requested guidance on the method of compensation for snow plow drivers if they are not a Borough employee. Evan stated snow plow drivers should be paid as a W-2 employee not an independent contractor. Chip moved, seconded by Melody to compensate Kim Krotzer the same hourly rate the road crew employees receive for plowing snow. Yes-Bill, Chip, Melody, Matthew, Cindy, Crystal. Kim abstained. Motion passed. Sharon gave Council a copy of the snow removal policy that was adopted in 2015 to review. Sharon and Phil will work on making the necessary updates.

Derek gave the monthly engineer's report. He requested authorization to proceed with preparing the final design and construction documents for the Cherry Avenue bridge in order to have a shovel ready project. The project should then be able to be put to bid in about four (4) months. Kim moved, seconded by Bill to move forward with preparing the structural design and construction documents and pay the engineering costs from the money in the capital reserve budget fund for the bridge construction. Motion passed unanimously.

Bids for the West Beaver Street Swale Erosion project (Sam's Ditch) were opened on December 22, 2020. There were twelve (12) bids received with the low bid coming in well under budget at \$174,355.00 by Flyway Excavating. The second low bid was Meadville Land Service at \$197,620.00. Derek recommended awarding the low bid to Flyway Excavating in the amount of \$174,355.00. Matthew moved, seconded by Cindy to award the West Beaver Street Swale Erosion project (Sam's Ditch) to Flyway Excavating in the amount of \$174,355.00. Motion passed unanimously. Council now has grant funding that exceeds the project budget. Derek has contacted the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to discuss the grant fund amount exceeding the project budget and is awaiting a call back. Since the NFWF grant (\$200,000.00) and the County Consortium funds (\$82,000.00) will now be enough to cover construction and after speaking with Pam Shellenberger at the York County Planning Commission regarding the \$75,000.00 in DEP money, she is requesting these funds be returned so they may be diverted to another shovel ready project. Chip moved, seconded by Matthew to void the contract with the York County Planning Commission Chesapeake Bay Consortium and return the \$75,000.00 in funds to the York County Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously. Now that design is complete, the Borough is eligible to request reimbursement for any design fees not covered by the Growing Greener Grant (\$15,500.00). Derek will work with Sherry to complete the request for reimbursement.

There has been no official confirmation from FEMA regarding the award of funding for the 2019 FMA grant application, and with 299 Frysville Road sitting vacant and uninhabitable, the Land Bank Authority approved funding for up to \$22,000.00 for the demolition of 299 Frysville Road. Derek recommended Council authorize C.S. Davidson to proceed with getting quotes for the work. Chip moved, seconded by Matthew to accept the funds from the York County Land Bank by entering into the demolition agreement. Motion passed unanimously. Matthew moved, seconded by Chip authorizing C.S. Davidson to move forward with requesting quotes for the removal of 299 Frysville Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Derek will be submitting the 2021-2023 CDBG Grant application this week for the Emig Park bridge replacement and ADA improvement project.

There was some discussion on repairing Friendship Avenue between East Market Street and Forry Avenue. Derek and Chip will meet on site to determine the necessary repairs needed.

After the last snowfall, there were residents clearing snow from the sidewalks and throwing it into the street. Council reviewed Chapter 21, Part 3 of the Code of Ordinances which references snow and ice removal. There was nothing in the ordinance prohibiting throwing snow into the street. Cindy moved, seconded by Chip to amend the Hallam Borough Code of Ordinances Chapter 21 Streets and Sidewalks Part 3, Snow and Ice Removal and advertise for adoption. Motion passed unanimously.

Sherry gave the Zoning Officer report. There were no questions on her report.

Sherry gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. She is in the process of preparing for the annual audit.

Checking Account Balance.....	\$24,935.65
Receipts – Deposits + Interest.....	\$33,812.27
From MM.....	\$20,000.00
Void Check.....	\$500.00
To Debit	\$0.00
ExpendituresCheck #6866 to Check #6917.....	\$61,714.64
To Fire Tax	\$64.66
To War Memorial.....	\$75.00
Checking Account Balance.....	\$17,390.62

Cindy moved, seconded by Chip to approve the January Treasurer's report. Yes-Bill, Chip, Matthew, Kim, Cindy, Crystal. Motion passed.

Matthew moved, seconded by Chip authorizing Sherry to invoice the annual War Memorial costs as in prior years but, allowing the Hellam VFW Post 7045 to remit payment as the funds become available due to the repeated Post closure due to COVID-19. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy moved, seconded by Matthew to approve the Highway Aid with a balance of \$87,390.00. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the park mowing estimates. Cindy moved, seconded by Matthew to enter into a two-year (2 year) Emig Park mowing contract with Wit Works beginning this year. Yes-Chip, Melody, Matthew, Cindy, Crystal. No-Bill, Kim. Motion passed.

Melody gave the trash and recycling report. She would like to schedule a meeting with Sharon and Andy Wamrtz from Republic Services to discuss the ongoing issues with weekly missed collections.

Bill got an estimate in the amount of \$3,790.00 from The Sign Carver, in Palmyra, PA, for replacing the welcome signs located at the east and west end of the Borough. Council's consensus was to table the discussion as it was not a budgeted item. Bill will notify The Sign Carver owner.

Chip moved, seconded by Kim to approve the 2021 appointments as follows: York Adams Tax Bureau-1 year-Sherry Myers, YATB Alternate-Sharon Dupler; Chairman of the Vacancy Board-1 year-Phyllis Bollinger; Planning Commission-4 years-James Bell (21-22-23-24); Zoning Hearing Board-3 years-Betty Bell (21-22-23), ZHB Alternate-1 year-Mike Jacobson; Open Records Officer-1 year-Sharon Dupler. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip moved, seconded by Kim to hold the February 8th meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Matthew moved, seconded by Chip to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary,
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler