

REGULAR MEETING OF HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Hallam Borough Council was held virtually using the GoToMeeting platform at 6:32 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, and to the best of my knowledge the following attendees: Chief Doug Pollock (Hellam Township Police), Adam Marden (SVEMS) and Susan Horner.

Crystal moved, seconded by Chip to approve the May 10th meeting minutes. Yes-Bill, Chip, Melody, Kim, Cindy, Crystal. Matthew abstained. Motion passed.

The monthly police report was distributed earlier. There were 88 calls for the month of May in the Borough. All police, fire and EMS agencies, along with the President of the School Board and the School Superintendent have been meeting and discussing an overall response plan if a mass casualty event were to happen in any of the schools in the Eastern York School District. There were no questions on the report.

The monthly ambulance report was distributed earlier. There were 20 calls for the month of May in the Borough. The Penn State Health Life Lion merger has been pushed back to August 1, 2021. Adam will still be in charge of York and Lancaster. Sherry questioned if there would be an invoice mailed for the ambulance service contract since the merger is still pending. Adam will check into this and get back to Sherry.

The monthly fire company report was distributed earlier. For the month of May, there were 11 calls and 2 false alarms in the Borough. There were no questions on the report.

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

Attorney Gabel stated there has been no response from the property owner, Mark Toomey, 275 South Prospect Street, regarding the letter date April 28, 2021 requesting him to pay the cost of drafting and recording an easement agreement (\$350-\$450) to provide access to the property over property currently owned by the Borough. There is some liability risk to the Borough if Toomey's tenants continue to park in the driveway and an incident would happen involving the cars parked there. If they will not comply, Council's course of action would be to put them on notice that they are trespassing if they continue to park on Borough property. Bill and Chip asked Sharon to send the property owner another letter expressing Council's concern that the Borough cannot accept liability when they don't have any control over what happens while allowing the occupants to access and use the driveway.

Evan reported on the York County Planning Commission's CAP/COM review processes suggested ordinance language. This process effects Townships more so than Boroughs. He recommended waiting to adopt an ordinance as the Borough does not have a lot of subdivision activity.

In Derek's absence, the engineer's report was distributed prior to the meeting. There was some discussion on the need for a traffic study to be completed to either paint the curb yellow or post no parking signs on the south side of Buttonwood Lane just east of the Emig Park entrance. Council's consensus was to table the traffic study discussion until the July meeting.

There was discussion on how the Borough could recover some of the cost of damage that occurs when a street cut must be done to a street, particularly when it is a new street. Currently, the engineer is not supervising the repair work and the Borough is not being compensated for the damage done to the street. Chip suggested passing a resolution authorizing Sherry to enforce the literal terms of Chapter 21 of the Hallam Borough Code of Ordinances with regards to street cuts. Chip will work with Derek on drafting a new ordinance. Matthew moved, seconded by Kim directing Sherry to enforce Chapter 21 of the Hallam Borough Code of Ordinances, with regard to street cuts, as stated, directing the contractor to the engineer who will then report back to Sherry with a cost. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip reviewed and drafted a working copy of Chapter 13 of the Hallam Borough Code of Ordinances regarding licenses, permits and general business regulations for Council's consideration of amending. Council reviewed Ordinance 2014-5, Park Rules, and discussed recommendations on amending. There was also discussion about revising the park rental application to include collecting a security deposit and the rental fee for all pavilion rental applications and then returning the security deposit as long as there are no reported issues.

Sherry gave the Zoning Officer report. There was no Planning Commission meeting held in May. Sherry issued several grass/weed violation notices. She sent several zoning notices based on complaints.

Sherry gave the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Checking Account Balance.....	\$73,538.35
Receipts – Deposits + Interest.....	\$391,678.77
To MM.....	\$200,000.00
Void Check	\$216.14
To Debit	\$885.93

Expenditures Check #7047 to Check #7081.....	\$153,426.95
To Fire Tax	\$0.00
To War Memorial	\$0.00
To Petty Cash.....	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance.....	\$111,120.38

Chip moved, seconded by Crystal to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed unanimously.

Crystal moved, seconded by Matthew to approve the Highway Aid with a balance of \$158,575.68. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharon received a letter from the York County Quick Response Team requesting a donation. Council decided to make no donation this year.

There was some discussion on a memorial dedication to Linda Stillinger. Crystal suggested, when the new pedestrian bridge is installed at Emig Park, to name the bridge “Linda’s Crosswalk”. Crystal moved, seconded by Matthew to name the new Emig Park pedestrian bridge “Linda’s Crosswalk”. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharon asked Council’s direction on charging Charles Stillinger for the park pavilion rental in which Linda reserved every year for a family reunion. Cindy moved, seconded by Matthew to waive the park rental fee as long as Charles Stillinger desires to use the pavilion for a family reunion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no Media and Technology committee report.

There was no President’s report.

There was no Health and Sanitation report. Bill questioned Republic Services collecting the trash and recycling at Emig Park at the pavilions instead of along Buttonwood Lane. Sharon will review the contract and also speak with Ron Gromling on the collection location.

The vandalism committee met regarding the green playhouse vandalism. The committee recommended a 90-day suspension, a \$100 fine plus cost of repairs or replacement of the structure for all juveniles involved. Cindy will have a recommendation for Council on a future plan for where the green playhouse used to sit at the July meeting. The vandalism determination was tabled until the July meeting.

Kim reported the decorative wreaths for the War Memorial need new ribbons and the flags need to be replaced.

There was no Mayor’s report.

There was no Eastern York Recreation Authority report.

The yard sale committee met and have decided to disband. There were two members that wanted to retire and there has been little interest in leadership positions. Melody suggested keeping the date for the future and posting on the website and social media.

Sharon stated she ordered a new DCNR Emig Park project sign to replace the deteriorated wooden sign as this is a permanent requirement as part of the grant. Sharon also ordered a new basketball court rules sign.

Cindy moved, seconded by Chip to cancel the June 24, 2021 Council meeting. Yes-Bill, Chip, Kim, Cindy, Crystal. No-Melody, Matthew. Motion passed.

Melody noted Council should start the discussion on resuming in-person meetings for those that are comfortable. Council’s consensus was to table the in-person meeting discussion until the July meeting.

Chip moved, seconded by Kim to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary,
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler