

REGULAR MEETING OF HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

May 10, 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: President Bill 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, CGA Law Firm, Derek Rinaldo, C.S. Davidson, Inc., and to the best of my knowledge the following attendees: Chief Doug Pollock (Hellam Township Police) and Susan Horner.

The Kreutz Creek Valley Preservation Society created and presented a booklet, "Hallam in 1921 A Glimpse of the Past" to Council. The booklet is a time capsule of the history of Hallam Borough in the year 1921. The Preservation Society will be selling the booklets at a cost of \$5.00 for Society members, \$9.00 for non-members and, if requested, will mail for an extra \$2.50.

Cindy moved, to approve the April 22nd minutes. Melody stated there were four discussion items that were not included in the minutes. She will email those to Sharon as an addendum. Cindy withdrew the previous motion for lack of a second. Melody moved, seconded by Chip to approve the April 22nd minutes with an addendum to include the following specific items: there was no update from Chief Pollock regarding the recent vandalism at Emig Park, possibly removing the deteriorating DCNR grant sign at the park, discussion regarding the future of the community yard sale, some discussion on the obscene flags displayed on South Broad Street, some discussion on residents maintaining the weeds in the gutters, Council members delivering newsletters. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly police report was distributed earlier. There were 87 calls for the month of April in the Borough. Multiple officers attended a wide variety of training classes. The police department rescued an owl and took it to a rescue in Columbia for rehabilitation. The department reviewed the Emig Park camera footage after Melody had discovered the spray paint graffiti on a bench. Unfortunately, no suspicious activity was discovered. An email was sent to all officers stressing the need to spend more patrol time in Emig Park due to an increase in vandalism. There was some discussion on what action should be taken regarding the damage previously done to the green playhouse, which has since been removed from the park. The police department has to follow guidelines for an offense as dictated by the law. In this particular case, the 30-day criminal offense has passed. Chief Pollock recommended Council send a letter to each of the juveniles involved, suspending their Emig Park privileges. He stated that each vandalism case is handled differently and the severity of punishment depends on the type of offense. Chief suggested Council form a committee to stay abreast of vandalism offenses to be able to act accordingly. Bill and Crystal will work together as a vandalism committee.

Melody questioned the protocol on notifying the police of street sweeping as there were a lot of cars that were not removed from the streets. Sharon stated the police were notified in advance as well as the morning of street sweeping. Between the two days, police knocked on doors asking residents to move their cars and there were eight (8) parking tickets issued.

The monthly ambulance report was distributed earlier. There were 10 calls for the month of April in the Borough. There were no questions on the report.

The monthly fire company report was distributed earlier. For the month of April, there were 4 calls and 0 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 Myers 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 property access over property currently owned by the Borough. Council's consensus was to wait for a response until the next Council meeting and then address accordingly.

Devon reported that all questions have been satisfied regarding the Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC ambulance agreement. Chip moved, seconded by Melody to enter into an agreement with Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC which shall commence on July 1, 2021 and terminate on June 30, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Devon gave an update on the American Rescue Plan. The Department of Treasury released some new information which she will review and email an update to Council this week.

Derek gave the engineer's report. The West Beaver Street Swale Erosion Project (now referred to as Keller Run) has been deemed substantially complete after a final walkthrough on May 4th. With the project substantially completed, Derek recommended payment of the remaining contract amount to Flyway Construction less the five percent (5%) retainage until the vegetation is fully established. Chip moved, seconded by Crystal to approve Application for Payment #2 to Flyway Construction in the amount of \$64,082.25. Motion passed unanimously.

The Cherry Avenue bridge replacement project is being scheduled to be bid in the first quarter of 2022. Doug's Tree Service is scheduled for June 3, 2021 to remove all of the trees necessary to relocate the overhead utilities and also to make room for the new bridge.

The Emig Park pedestrian bridge project was not placed on the County's three-year CDBG project plan for funding.

Kinsley has finished the grading and seeding work on Guy Street. This project is now complete.

There was discussion on a site distance issue in the area between the park entrance and the first driveway opening on the south side of Buttonwood Lane. Derek will contact Devon to determine if a traffic study will need to be done to erect no parking signs on the south side of Buttonwood Lane between the park entrance and the first driveway opening.

Chip stated he met with Jake and the public works email address is working.

Sherry gave the Zoning Officer report. There was no Planning Commission meeting held in April. There are two manufactured houses to be built on the two vacant lots on East Beaver Street.

Sherry gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. The York Adams Tax Bureau is hosting an open house on Wednesday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Checking Account Balance.....	\$66,064.65
Receipts – Deposits + Interest.....	\$159,424.05
From MM.....	\$75,000.00
Void Check.....	\$0.00
To Debit.....	\$0.00
ExpendituresCheck #7017 to Check #7046.....	\$226,877.95
To Fire Tax.....	\$0.00
To War Memorial.....	\$0.00
To Petty Cash.....	\$72.40
Checking Account Balance.....	\$73,538.35

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

Crystal moved, seconded by Cindy to approve the Highway Aid with a balance of \$158,555.48. Motion passed unanimously.

Hellam Recreation asked Council to pay the expense of the jiffy johns and dumpsters needed for the annual carnival to be held August 25-28, 2021. Chip moved, seconded by Kim approving the jiffy john and dumpster expense for the annual carnival to be held August 25-28, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy stated the media and technology committee is going to schedule a meeting in June.

Bill read an email from Joy Kauffman stating that she is resigning as secretary and member of the Hallam Borough yard sale committee effective immediately.

Melody gave the health and sanitation report. There were a few missed collections that were reported to Republic which were collected within the week. There was some discussion on the lack of communication from Republic regarding missed collections.

Cindy gave a park report. Wit Works said the trash issue is improving since they began mowing. The park committee will be meeting this week. The pedestrian bridge will need to be repaired. There are two dead trees that will need to be removed from the park. The park rules and regulations ordinance will be posted in each pavilion.

In Matthew's absence, Sharon stated there was no Eastern York Recreation Authority report this month.

Melody stated there will be a yard sale committee meeting on May 18th to discuss the future of the committee. She will report back to Council next month.

Cindy moved, seconded by Crystal to cancel the May 27, 2021 Council meeting. Yes-Bill, Chip, Kim, Cindy, Crystal. No-Melody. Motion passed.

Crystal moved, seconded by Chip to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary,
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler