

## REGULAR MEETING OF HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 18, 2021

The second monthly meeting of the Hallam Borough Council was held at the Friendship Fire Company, 163 East Market Street, Hallam, PA 17406 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: President Bill Fitzpatrick, arriving at 6:07 p.m., VP Harry (Chip) Smith, Jr., Melody Stine, Cindy Knox and Crystal Weston.

Sharon Dupler, Secretary and Sherry Myers, Zoning Officer and Treasurer, Derek Rinaldo, C.S. Davidson, Inc., Brenda and Steven Lauer and Phillip Nenner were also present.

Vice President Harry (Chip) Smith, Jr. called the meeting to order. Upon President Fitzpatrick's arrival, VP Smith handed the gavel over to President Fitzpatrick.

Crystal moved, seconded by Chip to approve the November 8, 2021 meeting minutes with the following correction. There was discussion on repainting curbs on Friendship Avenue and throughout the Borough. Motion passed unanimously.

President Fitzpatrick called for public comment. Brenda Lauer introduced Steven Lauer to Council as the newly appointed Borough Auditor.

Derek gave an update on the Frysville Road Hazard Mitigation Grant. He stated that Devon has provided Council and the property owners of 295 and 297 Frysville Road with a copy of the draft Agreements of Sale. He stated he will be meeting with Gerry Burke, PEMA representative, along with Sharon and Sherry on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Borough office to discuss the terms of the grant. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy to enter into the Agreements of Sale for 295 and 297 Frysville Road and authorizing Derek and Devon to make any marginal changes necessary pending the meeting with Gerry Burke, PEMA representative on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Chip moved, seconded by Melody authorizing Council President Bill Fitzpatrick to sign the Agreements of Sale for 295 and 297 Frysville Road on behalf of the Borough. Motion passed unanimously. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy authorizing C.S. Davidson to prepare bids for the demolition of 295 and 297 Frysville Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued on the 2022 Proposed General Fund Budget. There was some discussion about different methods of distributing the Borough newsletter to the residents. Council will revisit the newsletter topic in January. President Fitzpatrick polled Council with regard to increasing the Borough's tax millage rate. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy to increase the Borough tax millage rate 0.4 mils from 3.8 mils to 4.2 mils. Yes-Bill, Chip, Cindy. No-Crystal, Melody. Motion passed. Brenda Lauer stated that as someone on a fixed income, she would rather see a tax increase a little at a time over a few years rather than a big jump at one time.

Cindy moved, seconded by Melody authorizing Sharon to advertise the 2022 Proposed General Fund Budget for public inspection and to advertise Ordinance 2021-6, Fixing the Tax Rate for 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Melody moved, seconded by Cindy to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary,  
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler