

Glenfield Borough Council Meeting

October 12, 2020

The Council Meeting was brought to order by Curtis Reiner at 7:00 pm with the salute to the flag. Roll was called and present were Curtis Reiner, Paul Carmody, Cathy Cunnard, Greg Joyce, Sam McGee, Joel Kaminski, Michael Seymour and Connie Klauck.

Visitors: John and Karen Menhart, Mark Weil, Walter Cunnard, Melissa Bolea, Megan Larkin and Toni Autry

Walter Cunnard said that the visitors have a hard time hearing what is being said by the Council and would like a Public Address System used in the future.

Sara (Toni) Autry is disgusted by what she sees while driving down Dawson Avenue. The condition of some of the homes, vehicles parked in yards and the debris on the property owned by Ed Steinhauser. She would like to see the area cleaned up.

Mark Weil reminded everyone that the I79 Bridge will be sandblasted and repainted soon. He suggested that homeowners that live near the bridge should take pictures of properties, automobiles and docks in case any damage occurs.

Minutes: The August 10, 2020 minutes were reviewed by Council. Cathy Cunnard made a motion to accept the minutes and Joel Kaminski seconded the motion. No discussion held, all were in favor – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Klauck read aloud the Treasurer's Report for the month of September to the members of Council. Motion made to approve the report by Cathy Cunnard and seconded by Greg Joyce. No discussion held, all were in favor – motion passed.

Wage and Real Estate Tax: For the month of September 2020 \$3077.97 was collected for Wage Tax and \$3349.94 for Real Estate Tax.

Reading and Approval of Bills: Connie Klauck read aloud the bills for August 2020 while the members of Council followed along. Cathy Cunnard made a motion to pay the bills and Greg Joyce seconded the motion. No discussion held, all were in favor – Motion passed.

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Police Report: None.

Fire Report: There weren't any fire calls for the month of September.

Solicitor's Report: The current Cable Franchise Agreement with Verizon will expire March of 2023 and they are requesting to begin the renewal proceedings. Mr. Seymour began conversations with Verizon's Attorney. He asked Council if there are any issues that they would like to see addressed in the next Agreement. David Orbison brought up an issue he ran into concerning the ownership of the telephone poles. Apparently different poles are owned by Verizon, Comcast and Duquesne Light. He would like Verizon to be willing to work with Duquesne Light on any double pole issue or maintenance that should arise.

The Bankson Engineers Preliminary Report exploring the possibility of providing sewage facilities for the Kilbuck Run Drainage basin study area has been put on hold due to not all of the municipalities being willing to participate.

Sandy Kuriger would like to destroy some old Real Estate records. The Council would need a specific list of items she wishes to get rid of before a decision can be made.

An Engagement Letter from Mercandante & CO, for completing the overdue 2018 and 2019 audits, has been received. Ashleah Martinez and Nancy O’Kelly would need to submit letters of resignation before Mercadante & CO could have legal authority to complete the audits.

The Sheriff sale for Nicholas Reigner, 318 Kilbuck Street, has been postponed again.

Correspondence: Sam McGee made a motion to allow Portnoff Law Associates to fully resume collections of delinquent garbage bills. Cathy Cunnard seconded the motion, no discussion held. All were in favor – motion passed.

The 2019 Liquid Fuels Audit has been completed.

The renewal and updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed. Once accepted a resolution will need to be made to complete the process.

Trick or Treating has been set for Saturday October 31 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Three quotes have been received for snow removal for the winter of 2020 / 2021. Walt’s Landscaping - \$125.00/hour, Allegheny Services - \$135.00/hour and Weil Winter Maintenance - \$85.00/hour Greg Joyce made a motion to have Weil Winter Maintenance handle the snow removal for Glenfield Borough and Sam McGee seconded the motion. No discussion held, all were in favor – motion passed.

Budget and Finance Committee: David Orbison informed Council that Joel Kaminski will serve as Robert Brown’s replacement on the Committee. He will serve alongside the existing members David Orbison, Cathy Cunnard and Connie Klauck.

Council reviewed the draft 2021 Budget, which will stay the same as 2020’s Budget. Greg Joyce made a motion to advertise the 2021 Budget and that the millage is to stay at 4.15. Sam McGee seconded the motion. No discussion held, all were in favor – motion passed.

David Orbison would like to open a new bank account starting 1/2021 to set aside funds specifically for the much needed road repairs.

Grants Committee: Mayor Orbison was looking into getting a grant for an emergency road along train tracks to Haysville but was told the project would be too expensive to be funded.

Public Safety: David Orbison spoke with PennDOT about not having a sign designating Glenfield Borough on route 65 north. Due to his efforts a new sign will be put up soon.

COG: Curtis Reiner told Council that He and a group from COG were able to speak with the Norfolk Southern’s Vice President for Community Affairs. A letter stating each Borough’s concerns with the trains will be sent over for consideration.

Cog will be hosting its Annual dinner on Zoom this year.

Building and Ordinance: Council discussed moving forward with the new draft Zoning Ordinance. The next steps needed are as follows: 1. Vote to advertise 2. 45 days review for residents and Allegheny County 3. Public meeting 4. Make any needed changes (if minor can vote to finalize, major would need an additional 45 review period) Cathy Cunnard made a motion to advertise that a draft Zoning Ordinance is available for a 45 day public review and a final public hearing will be held in December, Joel Kaminski seconded the motion. No discussion held, all were in favor – motion passed.

Sam McGee asked if the Borough has retrieved the files that are in Robert Brown’s basement. Curtis Reiner volunteered to speak with Mr. Brown concerning these items.

Streets and Sewers: A complaint has been received about the dirt and overgrown grass on along Kilbuck Street. Curtis Reiner will open a complaint ticket with PennDOT. Greg Joyce pointed out that the berm has eroded away and will need to be repaired also.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Curtis Reiner would like to have a holiday decorating contest this Holiday season.

Adjournment: Cathy Cunnard made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting and Greg Joyce seconded the motion. No discussion held, all were in favor – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Klauck

Secretary / Treasurer