

CARMICHAELS BOROUGH

October 12, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Marianne Gideon, Mark Hanley, Ralph Ewart, Joyce Fortney, Solicitor Dennis Makel

ABSENT: David Antonini, Mayor Melodie Berardi

VISITOR: Walter Stout

Minutes: Motion made by Mark Hanley to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Bills: Motion made by Mark Hanley to pay the current bills. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Visitors Comments: Walter Stout answered questions/concerns regarding his proposal, which was requested by Council, to hold an auction at 104 N. Pine Street, online and in-person auctioning the building and its contents, as well as the vehicles. Reserves will be set on the vehicles and property once the appraisal is received.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to utilize the services of Walt Stout Auction to auction the former water authority building, trucks, backhoe, with reserves as determined by the Borough Council and the other items without reserve, with the auction to take place on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Notice received from PennDot regarding amount Borough will receive for Liquid Fuels for 2023.

Notification from Windstream regarding Act 14 of intent to apply for permit for lines installed in Greene County.

Applications received for the PA State Mayor's Association

Letter of request for donation from the First United Methodist Church for their Christmas Tree Extravaganza which supports the Food Bank

Letter of request for donation from the Greene County Humane Society.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to give a \$250.00 donation to the First United Methodist Church for their Food Bank and a \$250.00 donation to the Greene County Humane Society. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Request received from the Flenniken Memorial Library regarding the Annual Trick-or-Treat for the 3, 4, and 5 year olds, which will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at approximately 11:45 a.m. The library will be informed that the Borough will participate again this year.

Email regarding Sue Shoaf's 95th birthday. She is a township resident. This will be referred to the township.

Notice received from the Civic Club regarding their project to hang Veteran's Banners in the Borough and Township. The Civic Club was notified that the Borough will support them in their efforts with this project.

Letter of Interest from John Clarchick to serve on the CCJSA Board. – Tabled

Administration:

Discussion regarding advertising the 2023 Budget. – Tabled until after Budget meeting on Wednesday, October 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to renew the PSAB Membership. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Letter received from Mark Gordon requesting an increase in salary beginning January 2023.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to amend the Agenda regarding a salary increase for Mark Gordon. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to increase the salary of Mark Gordon to \$20.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Xerox copier lease agreement at the water authority building.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to authorize the continuation of the lease on the Xerox copier for \$135.00 per month. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

All vehicle titles were transferred from the water authority to the Borough.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to amend the Agenda to set the door-to-door Trick-or-Treat hours in the Borough. Seconded by Joyce Fortney.

Motion made by Joyce Fortney to set the door-to-door hours for Trick-or-Treat in the Borough on Sunday, October 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Fred Clark will move anything we want from the water authority building to the Borough building when we are ready, at no charge. He will be trimming the pine tree and adding the white lights that were donated by Solicitor Makel.

Discussion with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce regarding road closure for Light-up Night on December 3rd and was informed there was going to be a Halloween Parade on October 30th in the town square. I reminded her that all road closure requests must be turned in to PennDot 8 weeks prior to any road closures. I provided her with all the information and documentation. I emailed the required documents to PennDot, however, I have not received any approval letters from PennDot.

Council will discuss this matter further at November meeting. Letters need to be sent to all the organizations/groups that hold events which pass through the town square outlining everything that is required by PennDot, the Borough, road blocks, etc., with notifications given to the Borough Council and submitted to the Secretary in ample time to follow PennDot's guidelines.

In a conversation with Mark Turnley, water authority's auditor, he confirmed he received \$7,400 from the water authority to be paid for the 2022 final audit and year end documents for the employees. He wanted me to deliver the 2022 audit records which I informed him I was not delivering it to New Brighton and that the water authority was informed that our auditor would be performing the 2022 audit. I informed him we had an upcoming Council meeting and I would be in touch later this month.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to amend the Agenda concerning the Audit for 2022 of the M.A.B.C. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to utilize the services of William T. Grimm and Associates to audit the records of the M.A.B.C. at a fee not to exceed \$3,000 and that the Borough submit correspondence to Mark Turnley, Auditor of the M.A.B.C. that his services are no longer be needed in terms of the water authority and that subject to the direction of the Borough Solicitor he is to return \$7,400 to the Borough within ten business days of receipt of this notice.. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to amend the Agenda regarding payment of additional money for training in November for Mark Gordon. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to pay Dunkard Township an additional \$50 for the training in November at Butler due a mistake made by their office staff. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Streets:

When organizations are using the barricades to block the roads they are not returning them to the property behind the Borough building. Two of them were found after the Homecoming Parade were on the property near the stop light.

Ralph Ewart spoke to Frank Paletta regarding the repairs on the Borough truck. He also spoke to Jim Sokol at the Township regarding the amount of salt and anti-skid needed for the upcoming winter season. The agreement was changed to 1 load of salt and 2 anti-skid that the township will order and provide the invoice to the Borough secretary for payment. The cost of 1 load of salt has increased to \$2,000.

Code Enforcement: Report emailed to Council.

Police: Report emailed to Council

Engineer: No Report

The Secretary notified Rich Rush of Harshman Engineering regarding new heavy hauling that may affect the Borough roads for construction at the marijuana plant on Thomas Road.

Solicitor:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion made by Mark Hanley to adopt Ordinance 4-2022 – Street Excavation. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to discuss salary increase for the Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to increase the wage of the Secretary/Treasurer to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mark Hanley to adopt Resolution 7-2022 – Implementing Act 57 of 2022 – Tax Collection. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to adopt Resolution 8-2022 – Snow Removal. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to enter into an agreement with Cumberland Township for snow removal. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to continue the meeting at President's call. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 9-2022 regarding unsigned Ordinances – tabled.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to reconvene the meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer