

CARMICHAELS BOROUGH

February 8, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence in memory of Mayor Melodie Berardi

PRESENT: Marianne Gideon, Ralph Ewart, David Antonini, Joyce Fortney, Solicitor Dennis Makel, Jamie Harshman and Sean O'Dell of Harshman CE Group

ABSENT: Mark Hanley

VISITOR: Jeffrey Hathaway

Minutes: Motion made by David Antonini to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Bills: Motion made by Ralph Ewart to pay the current bills. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

David Antonini raised a question regarding the payment to SPWA for the fire hydrants. He had a concern of adequate pressure through all fire hydrant lines and would like to have a map of the location of the fire hydrants. A map is available in the building at 104 N. Pine Street showing the fire hydrants and lines in the township and borough.

Correspondence:

Jeffrey Hathaway presented a Letter of Interest to fill the position of Mayor.

Borough resident John Clarchick called regarding his request for a handicap parking spot to be approved in front of his building on S. Market Street.

Jamie Harshman explained that according to law you must provide 1 handicap parking space for every 50 parking spaces. Further research on the space in question needs to be done before a final decision can be made to add the handicap space.

Solicitor Makel confirmed that the Borough Council would need to adopt an Ordinance regarding the handicap space.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Clarchick informing him that he should submit his request for the handicap parking space in writing and Council will review the request.

Administration:

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to appoint Jeffrey Hathaway to fill the vacancy of Mayor until the first Monday of January 2024. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding making a donation to the Carmichaels-Cumberland Township Fire Department in memory of Mayor Melodie Berardi. David Antonini felt this was an inappropriate use of Borough funds. Solicitor Makel requested that we reduce his invoice by \$100 and make the donation to the Fire Department.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to amend the agenda for the purpose of authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to invest \$100,000.00 from the Pine Street Fund in a 6th month CD with First National Bank. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to invest \$100,000.00 from the Pine Street Fund with First National Bank in a 6 month CD at a rate of 4.36 % yield. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Engineer:

Sean O'Dell reviewed their report that was presented to Council regarding contact with BB&T, Kiewit and the marijuana plant. Ads will be placed in the Observer Reporter for bids regarding the renovation work to be completed at the Borough building. Bids will be opened at 4:30 on March 8th.

Ralph Ewart questioned what should be done regarding the cracking on the road around the town square. This is a state road and the Borough is not responsible for sealing it.

David Antonini will email the information from PennDot regarding the electronic radar signs for Jamie Harshman to review.

Streets:

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to enter into an agreement with Cumberland Township for the repair of drainage issues on Wood Street to grade Wood Street and install necessary drains with the cost not to exceed \$2,000 to cover their hourly wages and materials needed. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to renew the 2022 agreements with Cumberland Township for the filling of potholes and street sweeping in 2023 at the same cost as 2022. Seconded by David Antonini.

Ralph Ewart received a request from John Glendenning to enter into an agreement for the outside maintenance at the Borough building at a cost of \$150.00 per month. Fred Clark charges \$250.00 per month. Ralph Ewart will speak with Fred Clark regarding what his cost will be for 2023 and will report back to Council.

Cumberland Township Supervisors called Ralph Ewart regarding electrical issues with the borough truck headlights that needed taken care of. Two days later the control unit inside the truck that operates the spreader box broke. Ralph Ewart authorized the repairs to the truck.

Code Enforcement: Report presented to Council.

Police: Report emailed to Council

David Antonini raised a concern stating that he knew for a fact that there were no Cumberland Township police officers on duty on day shift on Sunday, February 5th. Solicitor Makel stated that the contract states that an officer needs to be on duty every day and every hour. Solicitor Makel will contact Jim Sokol regarding the matter.

There are a lot of police radios in the old police department. There are 3 Kenwood radios that appear to be working. Used police radios sell for \$269.00. Ralph Ewart stated that the police department could use the radios and the Township Supervisors agreed that they would take the radios in exchange for a credit on one monthly fee to them for services in the amount of \$750.00, provided that they do work.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to authorize the sale of three police radios to Cumberland Township for the sum of \$750.00 with the aforesaid price being deducted from the monthly cost for contracted services of the Cumberland Township Police Department. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Solicitor: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion made by Joyce Fortney to enter into an Agreement with Howard Hanna for the sale of the property at 104 N. Pine Street with the listing price at \$175,000.00. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion carried.

Jr. Council Person Program – one application was received. There was no contact information listed on the application. David Antonini contacted the school so the student could be contacted. He will set-up a couple of dates for meeting with the student, his parents and Council before the meeting in March.

NEW BUSINESS

David Antonini requested information regarding the oil and gas lease at the property located at the water plant pump station. Solicitor Makel is still reviewing the documents.

David Antonini suggested that due to the recent water damage to the Borough building we should have an inventory of the Borough property in the building.

David Antonini recommends that the Borough Secretary contact the funeral directors informing them that if they put flowers on the town square after funerals, they will be responsible for removing them.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer