

CARMICHAELS BOROUGH

April 12, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Mark Hanley, Ralph Ewart, David Antonini, Joyce Fortney, Solicitor Dennis Makel, Sean O'Dell of Harshman CE Group

VISITOR: Susan Samek

Minutes: Motion made by Ralph Ewart to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Report presented to Council.

Mark Gordon was contacted by phone for the meeting per his request. The matter regarding the unsafe mobile home structure on the corner of Liberty & Greene Street was discussed. Tax records list the property owner but do not show a mobile home on the property. Due to this, taxes have not been paid on the mobile home since 2019 and there is no way to recoup the tax. The property owner had the mobile home removed from the tax rolls in 2019 which led the Assessment Office to believe it had been removed.

He would like to start issuing daily citations against the property owners. Council is in agreement with Mark Gordon and authorized him to issue daily citations and to proceed with whatever means necessary to resolve the matter.

Engineer:

Sean O'Dell reviewed his report. A question was raised regarding whether or not the Engineer needed to complete the punch list once the contractor has finished the restoration. Council was in agreement that Ralph Ewart would complete the punch list instead of the Engineer.

David Antonini reported that there are logging trucks coming up Morgantown and going down South Street. Mark Hanley will speak with the chief regarding the heavy hauling and have them speak to BB & T and the trucks with the logs.

Correspondence:

A letter of interest was received from Susan Samek to fill the vacant seat on Council Invitation to attend the Fire Department's 100th Anniversary Celebration on April 29, 2023

Administration:

Motion made by David Antonini to appoint Susan Samek to fill the vacant seat on Council until the first Monday of January 2024. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Due to issues with Kinetic by Windstream, the Secretary/Treasurer switched back to Breezeline for phone and internet service.

Due to the water damage and renovations the Annual Audit and Liquid Fuels Audit have not been completed. DCED has been contacted that our Annual Audit will be late. The Auditor General's Office granted an extension for two months for the Liquid Fuels Audit.

Due to the water damage and renovations the Business Licenses have not been mailed for 2023.

Question was raised regarding delinquent Street Light payments. Greene County Tax Claim Bureau has been taking care of the payments since 2021. They take care of sending delinquent notices.

Streets:

Ralph Ewart met with Brandon Firestone and measured Cherry Alley and Greene Street. Milling 1 ½ inch and laying down 1 ½ inch which he believes will cost approximately 14,740. Due to the amount phone call quotes can be done instead of advertising. Ralph Ewart would like to add the section of Cherry Alley behind Circle K to the paving project. Brandon Firestone will be contacted to see what the additional milling and paving would cost. Tabled until next meeting.

Ralph Ewart contacted the foreman who took care of the water line repairs on Cranberry Alley who said he will repave the area.

Traffic Control will be contacted regarding the cost for wiring the stop lights so that a generator can be used during power outages. The power outage for 4+ hours on April 1st tied up firemen at each stop light.

Police: Report emailed to Council

Solicitor:

Solicitor Makel is waiting to hear back from Marshall Gillespie regarding the EQT lease.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion made by Mark Hanley to donate \$250.00 to the Fire Department in memory of former Mayor, Melodie Berardi. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Mark Hanley reported that Howard Hanna states there has been one person interested in the property at 104 N. Pine Street. Mark Hanley asked Council for suggestions of what to do with the building if it cannot be sold.

David Antonini stated that Levi Krampy and his parents were invited to attend the meeting but had another engagement. They plan on attending the May meeting. He will draft a press release regarding the Jr. Council Person Program for the newspaper.

Discussion regarding a decision made by Council at a previous meeting not to continue with Codification of the Ordinances. The Solicitor stated there is another way to handle the ordinances that do not have signature pages. The Solicitor and Secretary will continue to work on this.

Council agreed that hosting a Pig Fest this fall, sponsored by the Borough Council, is not feasible and will be removed from the agenda.

Discussion regarding radar speed signs. The grant writer from Harshman Engineering stated we don't qualify for the grant and the amount of time it would take her to research for a grant would cost more than purchasing the signs outright. Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Joyce Fortney to purchase a plaque in honor of Marianne Gideon's ten years of service to the Borough. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried. Mark will take care of purchasing it.

Discussion regarding the water tank at the office that is leaking. Motion made by Ralph Ewart that the Borough purchase a tankless water tank for the office. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to clean out and properly dispose of the items from the old police department evidence room. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to purchase a new table and 8 chairs for the conference room with the cost not to exceed \$2,000. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Joyce Fortney to sell the 7 interior doors at \$75.00 to \$100.00 each. Seconded by David Antonini. Motion carried.

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