

CARMICHAELS BOROUGH

August 10, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Marianne Gideon, Mark Hanley, Ralph Ewart, David Antonini, Solicitor Dennis Makel,
Bryan Lowe of Harshman Engineering

ABSENT: Mayor Melodie Berardi

Minutes: Motion made by Mark Hanley to approve the minutes of July meeting. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Bills: Motion made by Marianne Gideon to pay the current bills. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Administration

Copies of the 2023 Proposed Budget were handed out for review. Discussion regarding changes to line items that can be changed or removed that are no longer relevant.

Information was sent to Craig Miller at the School District regarding a road closure request for the Homecoming Parade.

Streets

Quote for new signs was previously received from Chemung for \$654.00 as of February; Mark Hanley spoke to Damien at Stick Tattoo regarding a quote on 'wrapping' the signs; Producers Supply Company orders signs from the state of California. They will get a quote and inform the office.

Fred Clark will take care of the weeds and grass around the Borough. He will be planting new flowers in the flowerpots around the square and make sure everything looks nice for the Coal Show Parade.

A call has been made to PennDOT regarding the water drainage problem on Wood Street. Waiting on a return phone call. There were originally two phases on the Wood Street drainage projects. Phase one was completed, however, phase two has not been.

The Borough truck went to West End Auto for repairs and inspection. It is recommended that the truck be run at least once a week to deter further problems.

Ralph Ewart provided an update on the paving project of S. Market Street and Cranberry Alley. All the lines on S. Market Street have been completed.

Code Enforcement: Report emailed to Council.

Police: Report emailed to Council

Solicitor Makel will speak with Jim Sokol regarding removal of police equipment and removal of files in evidence room.

Motion made to amend the Agenda for the purpose of donating the ballistic shield to the Carmichaels Area School District. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to donate the ballistic shield to the Carmichaels Area School District. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Engineer: Report emailed to Council – Bryan Lowe explained items on the report.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to amend the Agenda for the purpose of returning Escrow funds and terminating the Road Use Agreement for Morgantown Street with Equitrans. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to return the remaining funds in the Escrow Account to Equitrans for Morgantown Street and to terminate the Road Use Agreement. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Bryan Lowe spoke to BB&T and T&B Excavating located on Browns Ferry Road and provided them with a copy of the Heavy Haul Ordinance. There are local hauling exclusions listed in the Ordinance and they are not identified as excluded from heavy hauling. They were informed if they will continue to use Morgantown Street, they will have to comply with the Heavy Haul Ordinance and Road Bonding.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to amend the Agenda for the purpose of increasing the Road Bond Application fee. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to increase the Road Bond Application Fee to \$400.00. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding police enforcement of the heavy haul trucks and taking photos of the door showing the name of the company and the license plate.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to withhold \$900.00 of the \$9,326.10 due to Ten Mile Paving until the punch list has been completed and once completed to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer, the remaining \$900.00 will be paid. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion carried.

Solicitor:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Street Light Fund – The contract with West Penn Power needs to be reviewed to see if there is an Escalator Clause. Dennis Makel will contact Marcia Sonneborn regarding her invoice.

Pig Fest – The committee has postponed the event until the first weekend in October of 2023.

9/11 Memorial Service – Road closure of the Town Square for Sunday, September 11 has been approved by PennDot.

Motion to advertise Ordinance 4-2022 (Street Excavation) – tabled
Dennis Makel will make changes that were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding email from Attorney Ernest DeHaas regarding finalizing documents, property, equipment, etc., of the Water Authority. Dennis Makel will draft the deed, agreements and necessary documents between the Water Authority and the Borough.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to amend the Agenda to have the Solicitor prepare the deed transferring the real estate from the Water Authority to the Borough and to request copies of the most recent financial statements. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

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Hugo Berardi is the Vacancy Board Chairman. No Letters of Interest have been received regarding the open position on Council. He will be out of town and not available to meet with Council. He made suggestions of residents to speak with.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer