

CARMICHAELS BOROUGH

May 10, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Mark Hanley, Ralph Ewart, David Antonini, Joyce Fortney, Susan Samek, Solicitor Dennis Makel

VISITOR: Levi Krampy, Donna Krampy, Marianne Gideon

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

Bills: Motion made by David Antonini to pay the current bills. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Joyce Fortney to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Mark Hanley presented a plaque to Marianne Gideon on behalf of the Council in recognition of her ten years of service on the Borough Council.

Correspondence: None

Administration:

Discussion regarding reimbursement checks that the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Carmichaels mailed in July 2022 to residents regarding the Borough's responsibility for paying checks that people never cashed. Motion made by Susan Samek that it has been more than six months that the checks were mailed and the Borough should no longer be responsible for cashing said checks. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding a proposal from Terminix to enter into an on-going agreement for pest control. It was decided that the Borough would not enter into said agreement.

Discussion regarding receipt of a Street Light Assessment charge for 104 N. Pine Street. The Secretary will contact Marcia Sonneborn regarding this matter, as well as what her charges will be from 2018 to the present time.

Motion made by Mark Hanley that the Secretary acquire the necessary training to become a Notary at the expense of the Borough. Seconded by Susan Samek. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding purchase of a fire proof file cabinet. The safe that was kept from the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Carmichaels was moved into the old police evidence room and is fire proof. All permanent records, bank accounts, etc., will be kept in the safe with no need for the purchase of a fire proof file cabinet.

Jr. Council Person Program

David Antonini provided an update on the Jr. Council Person Program introducing Levi Krampy who was accompanied by his mother, Donna Krampy. Levi Krampy recited and signed the Jr. Council Person pledge.

Code Enforcement: Report was reviewed by Council.

Engineer: Report was reviewed by Council.

Streets: Motion made by Mark Hanley to proceed with the advertising for the 2023 Paving Project of Cherry Alley from Greene Street to South Street, and a portion of Greene Street. Seconded by Susan Samek. Motion carried.

Ralph Ewart stated that the water company didn't want to put cold patch down and were waiting on warmer weather regarding the repair of Cranberry Alley.

Discussion regarding a 4 hour power outage that tied up the fire department and police officers. The Secretary contacted Traffic Control regarding the cost to upgrade the stop lights to be connected to generators when power outages occur and inquire as to the size of generator the Borough may need to purchase. The cost would be approximately \$3,500 if both lights are upgraded at the same time.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to authorize Traffic Control to upgrade both stop lights with the cost not to exceed \$3,700.00 and purchase a generator with the cost not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Susan Samek. Motion carried.

There is no update on when the line painting will be completed on South Street and Morgantown Road.

Discussion regarding adoption of an Ordinance in regard to Act 172 was tabled until after the Ordinance has been reviewed by Council.

Discussion regarding vacating Maple Alley was tabled to the next meeting.

Police: Report emailed to Council

Motion made by Mark Hanley to authorize Ralph Ewart to sell the remaining firearms. Seconded by Susan Samek. Motion carried.

Solicitor:

EQT has accepted the offer for the lease of mineral rights at the property located at the old water plant by the river. Motion made by Joyce Fortney to enter into a Lease with EQT regarding leasing of mineral rights on the said property. Seconded by David Antonini. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to appoint Rob Schiffbauer as the Emergency Management contact for Carmichaels Borough. Seconded by Susan Samek. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding a new hot water tank for the Borough building. Several phone calls to Christopher Plumbing resulted in no response from them. The Secretary will contact Mike Gabaletto regarding the need for a hot water tank and acquire a quote.

Mark Hanley reported that there is little interest regarding sale of the property at 104 N. Pine Street. He will speak with the real estate agent. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Motion made by Susan Samek to authorize Ralph Ewart to sell the 7 interior doors. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Hanley reported that the new conference room table and chairs will be acquired prior to the June meeting.

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