

CARMICHAELS BOROUGH

March 8, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

VISITOR: Kory Kennedy

Minutes: Motion made by Mark Hanley to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Seconded by David Antonini. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: None

Engineer:

Sean O'Dell reviewed their report. The bid package was advertised twice in the local newspaper with one bid being received from Kennedy Construction for the renovation of the Borough Office. The bid was opened today at 4:30. The bid is for \$32,670.00. The Engineer expected the bids to come in higher than \$25,000.00, which is why prevailing wage was put into the bid package.

Concerns were raised over the line painting of crosswalks and parking spaces that were done after the paving done on S. Market and Morgantown Street. The paint is not holding up and the lines are fading out. Ten Mile Paving hired a contractor from Washington to paint the lines. Sean O'Dell will look into the contract.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to accept the bid from Kennedy Construction on March 8, 2023, in the amount of \$32,670.00 subject to the change from carpet and tile to waterproof laminate flooring and subject to Ralph Ewart to determine the type of waterproof laminate and conditioned upon the Engineer's review and approval of the bid. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Pending review by the Engineer, Kennedy Construction will be available to begin renovations on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Administration:

Windstream provided a credit of \$150.00 to the Borough for phone and internet service being unavailable since

Marianne Gideon stated that she has found it necessary to vacate her position as Council President.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to vacate the seat of the President. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to appoint Mark Hanley as President. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to appoint Ralph Ewart as Vice-President. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to appoint Joyce Fortney as President Pro Tem. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Streets:

Ralph Ewart spoke with Fred Clark regarding the rate he would be charging the Borough for 2023 for maintenance services of \$185.00 per month. John Glendenning submitted proposal of a rate of \$150.00 per month for snow removal, salting of Borough Office sidewalks and parking area and lawn care.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to approve hiring John Glendenning at a rate of \$150.00 per month beginning on April 1, 2023, subject to submitting a written contract with the Borough. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion carried.

Ralph Ewart would like to propose paving on S. Cherry Alley from George Street to South Street and a section of Greene Street from Vine Street (Route 88) to Cherry Alley. The Secretary will contact Brandon Firestone to set up a meeting to meet with Ralph Ewart regarding this. Ralph Ewart was given approval by Council to take care charge of this and report back to Council.

A concern was raised by Mayor Hathaway regarding Cranberry Alley where the new water lines were installed with the road being patched and not properly paved. The Secretary will contact Tim Faddis with SPWA and explain the situation and see if there's anything they can do to help.

The work was completed by the Township Supervisors to help alleviate the water drainage problem on Wood Street. Ralph Ewart read a text message from one of the residents thanking him for his hard work and attention to detail in helping to resolve this problem. The total cost for the project was \$800.00

Ralph Ewart had mentioned in a previous meeting that he would like to build some barricades and would like to purchase 8 2x6 – 8 to 10 feet long and a gallon of paint to finish the barricades. Purchases under \$300 do not require a motion of council.

Motion made by Mark Hanley to have a Borough credit card issued in the name of Ralph Ewart with a limit of \$500.00 for Borough expenditures. Seconded by Marianne Gideon. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Report presented to Council.

Council reviewed the report.

Police: Report emailed to Council

Mark Hanley commented on the matter brought up at the February meeting regarding no police officer being on duty on February 4, 2023. He confirmed with the police department there was an officer on duty and visually saw the officer assisting PSP on that day. Mark Hanley reaffirmed that he is the liaison with the police department and if there are any issues, let him know and he'll speak with Chief Smith.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Makel spoke with Marshall Gillespie regarding the oil and gas lease and will tell him that the Borough Council would like \$2,500 per acre and 17% royalties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jr. Council Person Program – David Antonini confirmed the receipt of one application from Levi Krampy who is a Jr. at the Carmichaels School District. He met with Levi Krampy and his parents. He has numerous accomplishments. He began a group at the school called Students in Action, who do community service projects for the community.

A concern was raised that David Antonini conducted a meeting with the student and his parents privately in his home without the knowledge of Council. The meeting was to be setup with the student, his parents and the Council members. Mark Hanley stated that going forward no Borough business shall be conducted in any location that has not been approved by Council nor shall Council be excluded from knowledge of said meeting.

Motion made by David Antonini to appoint the first Jr. Council Person, Levi Krampy, and invite him and his parents to the meeting in April. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marianne Gideon to adopt Resolution 2-2023 for Veteran's Banners to be erected in the Borough limits by the Carmichaels Women's Civic Club. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Marianne Gideon presented her Letter of Resignation from Borough Council effective immediately. Motion made by Ralph Ewart to accept the Letter of Resignation, with regret. Seconded by Mark Hanley. Motion carried.

Mark Hanley appointed Joyce Fortney to Administration

Motion made by Mark Hanley to appoint Joyce Fortney as the third check signer for all Borough accounts, removing Marianne Gideon from all accounts. Seconded by Ralph Ewart. Motion carried.

Marianne Gideon will post the vacancy on the Borough Facebook page.

The position of Emergency Management held by Marianne Gideon will need to be filled. The matter is tabled until the next meeting.

A map of the locations of all the fire hydrants will be removed from the old water authority building and taken to the Borough office.

David Antonini requested to address some matters which were not on the Agenda. The request was denied. Mark Hanley stated that according to regulations regarding Agenda's in 2022, all matters need to be listed on the Agenda.

Motion made by Ralph Ewart to continue the meeting at President's call. Seconded by Joyce Fortney. Motion carried with three voting yes and one voting no.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer