

Bentleyville Borough Minutes
Tuesday, May 07, 2024
7:00PM at the Bentleyville Municipal Complex

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Stan Glowaski asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Dale Stuby, Chief Young's step father, and for the five policemen that lost their lives on traffic stops and in domestic situations.

Roll Call: Present were: Tom Brown, Stan Glowaski, Tim Jansante, Joe Patress, Tim Miller, Kara Shaw-Dearth, Joe Pigeon III, Joe Pigeon IV and Dennis Makel.

Business from the Floor:

Prudy Nicholson of Level Street said there is a pothole at Line Street and Acme Street. Joe III said he would have the road department fill it tomorrow. She asked if the grass would be cut again this year at 203 Level Street, Stan explained that the lot will be sold at the repository sale in June. She also mentioned there have been break ins in her neighborhood the past few weeks and said everyone is uneasy. Chief Young said it has only been crimes of opportunity like unlocked vehicles, and said they identified the individual in that incident. He asked everyone to be mindful to lock your cars and your houses. Prudy also wanted to thank the community service workers that were here last week. She said the railroad tracks look fantastic.

Clifford Blackburn of 250 Beallsville Road said there is a drainage ditch on the state road that goes through his neighbor's property onto his yard. He said there is toilet paper and fecal matter on his property. He said he has been working with the sewage authority to see where the sewage is coming from. He would like to get a pipe installed. Joe III said he will go to the property tomorrow with Mark.

Tim Miller, 603 Main Street, complained about people hitting his building on Lincoln Avenue. Chief Young said this is a state road and PennDOT would have to handle this. Solicitor Makel said he can send a letter to PennDOT requesting signs be put up.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Joe III, seconded by Tom, to approve the April 02, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Kerry with KLH Engineers is working on the Civic Center restroom project. The Commonwealth Financing Authority needed verification from the borough that KLH was the new engineer. Tammy prepared a letter on borough letterhead stating KLH is the borough's engineer. Kerry said he would like to look at the Civic Center restrooms tomorrow.

There was discussion about the Higbee Insurance stand-alone cyber liability proposal. A motion was made by Kara, seconded by Joe Patress, to purchase the insurance. Roll Call of the votes: Tom: Nay, Stan: Yea, Joe Patress: Yea, Kara: Yea, Joe III: Nay, Joe IV: Nay. Tally of votes: 3 Yeas, 3 Nays. The vote went to Mayor Jansante and he voted Yea. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe IV, seconded by Kara, to approve the George subdivision consolidation plan (two lots on Mary Street). The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Jansante read the Proclamations for Court Delores #1675 Catholic Daughters of America for celebrating 70 years of service to the community and Bill and Michele Herstine for the donation of the bridge at Richardson Park. A motion was made by Joe IV, seconded by Joe III, to accept the proclamations. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Stan, seconded by Joe III, to approve Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn) address change from Smida Lane to 101 Gosai Drive, Building 2. The motion carried.

Joe III would like to purchase a front-end loader and backhoe attachments for the John Deere tractor. Joe got pricing from John Deere, going through Costars. The cost for the front-end loader is \$3,994.92 and the cost for the backhoe attachment is \$7,344.80, totaling \$11,339.72. During discussion, Kara asked if the road department had an inventory list of the shop equipment. Joe III said they do not, but can do one. Mayor Jansante said he had the police department do an equipment list. A motion was made by Joe Patress, seconded by Tim Miller, to purchase the equipment using CARES/SLFRF money. Roll Call of the votes: Tom: Yea, Stan: Yea, Joe Patress: Yea, Tim: Yea, Kara: Yea, Joe III: Yea, Joe IV: Yea. Tally of votes: 7 Yeas. The motion carried unanimously.

Stan said he has a septic system and is looking into other sewage systems. He applied to the sewage authority to put in public sewage, but is unable to tap into the sewage. He also tried for a sand mound and that would not pass. His options are to do an irrigation system or a drip system. The drip system uses LED lights, chlorine, etc. The borough would need to agree to allow this drip system to be installed. A motion was made by Joe Patress, seconded by Joe III, to adopt the resolution for the sewage module. Stan abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

There was discussion to purchase tables for the Civic Center pavilion and building. The Knights donated chairs, but we need tables. A motion was made by Stan, seconded by Joe III, to purchase four picnic tables and ten 8-foot rectangular tables, not to exceed \$3,000. The motion carried.

Other new business:

Secretary's Report: Quarterly taxes are done; we had a liquid fuels audit and the CARES/SLFRF annual expenditure report is complete.

Animal Control Report: None

Code enforcement Report: Kerry gave his report.

Engineers Report: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Mayor's Report: None

Committee Reports:

Building & Borough Properties – Tim Miller, Chair: Tim said he would like to use CARES/SLFRF money to replace the plastic slide at Richardson Park. Tim said we missed the deadline for the grant he applied for, but got accepted from Pennsylvania Parks for a \$50,000 grant that will be available next April. Mayor Jansante asked what the cost of the slide would be. Stan said he would like to wait for the grant money to repair and/or replace everything. Joe III said he would like to remove the slide and council agreed.

Streets & Bridges – Joe Pigeon III, Chair: Joe wants to put a box trench on Maple Alley because when it rains the playground floods. Joe got pricing to put a trench in with pipe and the cost would be \$2,154.22. Stan said that is in the budget and it can be purchased. Joe thanked the Washington County community service workers. He said they painted at Caramel Park and painted fire hydrants. He said the FITS workers worked for three days cleaning up trash. Chief Young said he would like to have the curbs painted on Washington Street; this was approved several years ago. Joe said he will have it done.

Police & Lights – Tom Brown, Chair: None

Health & Sanitation – Kara Shaw-Dearth, Chair: Kara said clean-up day is this Saturday, May 11th. Stan asked about the Main Street water line project. Joe III said they are hoping to have the tap ins done this week and the road paved next week.

Redevelopment – Joe Patress, Chair: None

Finance & Purchases – Joe Pigeon IV, Chair: None

Other Business:

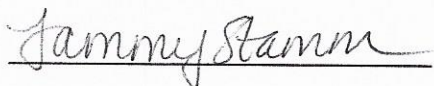
A motion to pay the bills was made by Joe III, seconded by Joe IV. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the receipts was made by Joe IV, seconded by Kara. The motion carried.

Stan thanked all who attended the meeting.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Tim, seconded by Stan. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammy Stamm