

Bentleyville Borough Minutes
Tuesday, June 06, 2023
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 people that lost their lives in accidents on the highways this past week in Washington County.

Roll Call: Present were: Bob Paul, Stan Glowaski, Tom Brown, Tim Jansante, Roy Larimer, Gary Damich, Tim Miller, Joe Pigeon and Dennis Makel.

Business from the Floor:

James Cain of P.O. Box 93 (Hazel Street), said he heard there were rumors that some council members were talking about other council members. He said it is not right and needs to stop.

Wayne Nicholson of Level Street said the property at 203 Level Street was abandoned and the hedges and grass are very high and needs cut. He also said 75,000 gallons of water went through the water meter and there is black mold on the windows. Kerry with KLH said they have been trying to contact the home owner and he won't respond.

David Malarky of Mary Street said he owns the house at 733 Mary Street. He said he let the house go in 2018 and did not pay the taxes. There was a fire at that house, he did not have insurance and he cannot afford to demolish the house. He went to the property today and boarded it up and put signs up. Stan said he talked to Troy at KLH and Troy is looking into grants to demolish the house.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Bob to have an executive session. The motion carried. Solicitor Makel said that they had an executive session regarding personnel issues.

Old Business:

A motion to approve the May 02, 2023 regular meeting minutes was made by Gary, seconded by Joe. The motion carried.

The Taco Bell signage was approved at the last planning commission meeting. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Tim to approve the signage contingent upon them obtaining a sewage permit. The motion carried.

Stan asked Joe for an update on the sidewalks. Joe said he spoke with the redevelopment authority several times. He said Excalibur is waiting for two cost analysis and are concerned with tearing up the blacktop. Joe got quotes of \$35,500 and \$27,378.15. Stan mentioned if the borough would do the sidewalk using redevelopment funds, the borough would have to use their contractors. Stan suggested the borough pay for the sidewalks using CARES money and use the redevelopment funds next year on other sidewalks. Kerry with KLH said the project would have to be put out to bid and the permit would have to be extended. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Tim to have KLH put this out to bid. The motion carried.

New Business:

The Halloween Parade will be on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 1:00PM.

A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Tom to hire Jacob Ziolecki at a rate of \$15.00 per hour as summer help for the road department on an as needed basis. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Roy to purchase painting materials including stain, not to exceed \$1,000 for the pavilions. The motion carried.

The planning commission requested to move their meetings to the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM prior to the council meeting. Gary said it would be more cost effective because the solicitor and engineer attend these meetings. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Stan to advertise the meeting change. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Gary to lien the properties at 126 Pittsburgh Road and 203 Level Street and have Amos Enterprises cut the grass. The motion carried.

Other new business:

Secretary's Report: The borough recently had a workers compensation audit and is currently being audited on the pension. Also, the Church Street apartment building has been demolished, KLH inspected the property and issued a certificate of compliance. Tammy sent the \$8,500 escrow deposit back to the property owner.

Animal Control Report: Sam gave his report.

Code enforcement Report: Kerry with KLH said he received an anonymous call regarding Lance Kavakich's property. Mayor Jansante said the borough does not deal with anonymous calls. Tom asked Lance if he was putting a fence up. Lance said he did not want to put a fence up because it is a nice yard, he maintains it and only keeps a few cars there. Tom asked if he could line them up better. Lance said he normally does but had surgery the end of February and could not do anything for a while. He said he is trying to move them around now.

Engineers Report: Kerry with Widmer wanted to go over the plans regarding the restrooms that the borough received a grant for. Stan said he would like to have a workshop on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:30PM to go over the plans.

Solicitor's Report: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jansante presented Ron Sicchitano Sr. with the Proclamation he received last year that Solicitor Makel had framed for him. Mayor Jansante was asked to speak at the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and when he was there, he met the executive director of the Mon Valley Transit Authority. Currently, their busses are only in the Mon Valley area, but after speaking with her, she is going to have a study done to see if they can get a bus to go from Bentleyville to Washington.

Committee Reports:

Building & Borough Properties – Roy Larimer, Chair: None

Streets & Bridges – Bob Paul, Chair: Bob said Morgan Excavating is starting to pave the roads tomorrow and they should be done on Thursday.

Police & Lights – Tom Brown, Chair: Tom said Mayor Jansante wrote a letter to the editor of the Observer Reporter regarding Charleroi trying to take over their water authority. The mayor voiced his concern that it would lead to higher water charges to the residents of Bentleyville.

Health & Sanitation – Tim Miller, Chair: Tim said clean-up day was a success.

Redevelopment – Joe Pigeon, Chair: Joe said the FITS workers' will be here to work on June 13th and June 16th sweeping the streets. They will also work on June 17th and June 18th staining the pavilions. Stan mentioned the roofs on all pavilions and the annex at the Civic Center have been replaced.

Finance & Purchases – Gary Damich, Chair: None

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Joe to advertise the meeting change to Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00pm because of the 4th of July holiday. The motion carried.

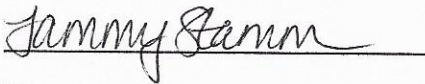
Other Business:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Roy, seconded by Bob. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the receipts was made by Gary, seconded by Tom. The motion carried.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Bob, seconded by Roy. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tammy Stamm", is written over a horizontal line.

Tammy Stamm