

December 10, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Milford Borough Council was called to order by President Teri Gulick at 6:30 p.m. at the borough building. Members in attendance were: Teri Gulick, Donna Cosmello, Simon Frailey and Don Button. Others in attendance were: Amy Hine, Secretary and Chuck Welch.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### **CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Teri said she spoke with Greg. He hasn't heard anything from the owner of the house on the corner of SR 492/SR 11. Greg addressed a complaint about the property at 1094 Main Street. A conservation officer investigated a complaint about pipes running into the creek from a camper on that property and found no sewage being discharged into the creek. Greg is following up with other complaints on that property. Amy was asked to talk to Tina at the COG office about the sewer. Teri said there is nothing new on Maple Street or the junkyard.

**A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by D. Button to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Teri said we can't get a complete and exact treasurer's report because the bank statements haven't been delivered yet by the post office. **A motion was made by D. Button and seconded by D. Cosmello to accept the treasurer's report as presented and pay the bills as listed. Motion carried.**

#### **PRESENT TO SPEAK**

None.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The council received a letter from Susquehanna County Services for Children and Youth seeking donations. **A motion was made by T. Gulick and seconded by S. Frailey to donate \$100. Motion carried with D. Button and D. Cosmello abstaining.**

The council received a flyer from True Friends Animal Welfare Center seeking donations. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by S. Frailey to donate \$50. Motion carried.**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Scott Smith wasn't here to give a report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COG:** There is nothing to report.

**Streets:** Amy said we're waiting on Briechle for the no parking ordinance and the letter to Foran's about the catch basin. The committee hasn't met yet to discuss the report on the Maple Street Bridge.

**Planning Commission:** There is nothing to report.

**Buildings & Equipment:** Chuck said the cinder bays and the garage wall are fine for now. Don said we can band-aid them for now. Amy said Mike from 1<sup>st</sup> Impression is retiring and the business is closing. He has offered to sell us some rugs and dust mop heads for around \$100. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to purchase a double order of rugs and dust mop heads. Motion carried.** Amy was asked to speak to Legg's about cleaning them.

**Parks & Recreation:** The council received a letter from Christine Dettore, DCNR, about a site inspection done at Blue Ridge Park. They didn't observe any issues that need to be addressed. Donna said she's been in contact with the Senator about available grant money for the parks. Chuck said the 4 lights at the concession stand need to be replaced in the spring with LED lights. Don said the gutters are up and the roof will be finished soon.

**Economic Development:** There is nothing new on the sidewalks. The SR 402/SR 11 is on the PennDOT TIP program. The website is being worked on.

**Police:** Amy said we are waiting on the signed agreement from Great Bend. Amy said one of the officers said they can't issue parking tickets here because they don't have tickets specifically for New Milford. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by S. Frailey to purchase tickets. Motion carried.** Chuck said one of the officers told him he would need a letter from council that can be placed on car if it needs to be moved stating it will be towed. The council said a letter can be drafted if needed.

**Personnel:** Teri said the committee did annual employee reviews and recommend giving a 3% raise, which has been budgeted for next year. **A motion was made by D. Button and seconded by D. Cosmello to give a 3% raise to our employees. Motion carried.**

**Ordinance:** The council discussed the IPMC. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to send the IPMC back to the solicitor to make the changes. Motion carried.**

**Insurance & Fire:** Nothing to report.

**Finance:** The 2021 budget was presented. Teri said she does have it in her notes for \$3000 under capital reserve for the Municipal Authority if needed. Donna thanked the committee for a nice budget. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to adopt Ordinance #212, setting the millage for 2021 at 1 mil for fire and adopt the 2021 budget. Motion carried.**

**New Milford Beautification:** Nothing to report.

**Zoning:** Nothing to report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The park project will be done in the spring.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by S. Frailey to authorize the closing of the office December 22 through December 29. Motion carried.**

#### **FYI**

None.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Motion carried.**