

July 16, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Milford Borough Council was called to order by Vice President Kerin Welch at 6:30 p.m. at the borough building. Members in attendance were: Kerin Welch, Lawrence White, Simon Frailey and Don Button. Others in attendance were: Amy Hine, Secretary; Ted Brewster, Transcript; Fran and Karen Worden, Gary Millard, Chuck Welch and Eleanor Lempke.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### **CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

There were no updates received from Greg.

**A motion was made by L. White and seconded by D. Button to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried with L. White abstaining.**

**A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by L. White to accept the treasurer's report as presented and pay the bills as listed. Motion carried.**

#### **PRESENT TO SPEAK**

Fran and Karen Worden came to council to talk about the ditch that runs behind properties from Mitchell Street to Church Street. Fran said the ditch has been neglected for many years. Amy said Chuck did go look at it and we would have to get a backhoe in there to clean it out. Lawrence said he will take a look at it.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The council received correspondence from the Susquehanna County Conservation District that they are accepting applications for the 2020-21 Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Road grant.

The 2020 Susquehanna County Tax committee meeting will be held on September 3 at the Gibson Township building. Amy said Teri is our representative on this committee.

The council received a letter from the Blue Ridge Recreation Inc. providing details of this year's program and to encourage support next year.

The council received a copy of a letter sent to the Pump N Pantry from DEP approving their Remedial Action Completion Report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COG:** There was no meeting.

**Streets:** There is nothing new on the no parking ordinance or Church Street Bridge. Amy said she sent a letter to Foran's about the catch basin. **A motion was made by L. White and seconded by D. Button to advertise for street paving bids to be opened at a special meeting on August 6 at 6:30 pm. Motion carried.** The ditch on Church Street was discussed earlier.

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

**Buildings & Equipment:** We are waiting on Ron Kowalewski to do the back parking lot. The committee still needs to meet with Dalton. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Button to authorize the purchase and installation of a pass through window in the office for \$150. Motion carried.**

**Parks & Recreation:** Amy said she is researching grants for Midtown Festival to hopefully recoup some money we lost from not having the festival this year.

**Economic Development:** Amy is working with PSAB on the website. There is nothing new to report on the sidewalks or the SR 492/SR11 project.

**Police:** Don asked if we ever get a monthly report from the police. Amy said she will check with Teri and Scott.

**Personnel:** The committee met and recommends a pay increase for the lifeguards as follows: new lifeguards increase from \$8.50 an hour to \$9.00 an hour and the returning lifeguards increase from \$9.00 to \$9.50 an hour. The committee also recommends paying the pool monitors \$8.00 an hour. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by L. White to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.**

**Ordinance:** Amy reminded council to review the proposed IPMC ordinance that Briechle emailed.

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

**Finance:** Nothing to report.

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

**Zoning:** Nothing to report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Amy is working with Cooper on the park project.

The dry hydrant has been put on the back burner for now.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lawrence said the concession stand at Blue Ridge Park needs gutters. Lawrence said he will be getting estimates.

#### **FYI**

None.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Eleanor Lempke said she had to clean up 2 dead rats in her yard since our last meeting. Amy said she will check with Greg on the complaint filed last month on the property at 1022 Main Street.

**A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Button to adjourn at 6:57 pm. Motion carried.**