

June 17, 2021

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, Kerin Welch, Lawrence White, Simon Frailey, Don Button and Mayor Scott Smith. Others in attendance were: Amy Hine, Secretary; June and Robin Huston, Chuck Welch and Ted Brewster, Transcript.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Teri introduced June and Robin Huston, who were in attendance to present a check for \$10,000 to the borough for the parks and pool. Robin said they plan on keeping this commitment every year.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Teri said she spoke to Greg and he was supposed to submit a report to council but didn't. Teri said he is working on everything. He is working on getting 1094 Main Street cleaned up, the crematorium was denied and a letter was sent about 262 Johnston Street. Scott Smith said a resident contacted him with concerns about burning garbage. Teri said if Scott has the specifics of the complaint, she can pass it on to Greg.

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

A motion was made by L. White and seconded by S. Frailey to accept the treasurer's report as presented and pay t bills as listed. Motion carried.

PRESENT TO SPEAK

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

The council received a resignation letter from Dan Totten as council member effective immediately. Dan will still be our emergency management coordinator. **A motion was made by L. White and seconded by S. Frailey to accept the resignation from Dan Totten with regret. Motion carried.**

The council received a flyer about the Tioga-Bradford Equipment Show on August 12 at the Troy fair grounds.

The council received a letter from the Susquehanna County Assessment office that they will be sending change notices from now on for any changes in assessment. The assessment for John and Sue Abbott has changed; it was in clean & green but no longer is.

The council received a thank-you letter from the Susquehanna County Conservation for our donation to the Envirothon along with a certificate of appreciation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Scott Smith thanked everyone for their help with the Midtown Festival. Teri said the vendors were thrilled with the outcome. Teri said our profit for this year is \$7,460.94.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COG: The council received an email from Tina that they need more members to attend meetings and need positions filled on the boards. Their next meeting is July 20.

Streets: Kerin is working on the parking ordinance. Teri said she spoke with Mike Briechle about Forans catch basin. Teri said there is nothing recorded for that street. Chuck said the catch basin on the other side of the street has no where to go. Teri said there is really nothing we can do about it. Kerin said they will be doing a walk-thru this week on the Maple Street Bridge. The council opened the paving bids and the results were as follows:

New Enterprise	\$63,780.00
Wayco	\$59,145.74
Fahs	\$69,300.00

A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by K. Welch to accept the bid from Wayco Inc., \$59,145.74, contingent upon streets committee approval. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Nothing to report.

Buildings & Equipment: Teri gave Amy the information for the place that the county got the carpet tiles. Simon said Lowe's sells carpet tiles but they don't install them. Amy said Mark Roberts will be here in a few weeks to fix the damage in the COG office. Chuck said the truck is going to the garage to repair a rusted transmission pan.

Parks & Recreation: Simon said Nichole Whitney and Holly Scott Sherwood have agreed to help out with things. Simon said they will have a meeting before the next council meeting. Amy said Bobbi Jo said CDBG grant money can't be used for parks. Amy said the resin picnic tables and benches that need to be replaced in Midtown Park will be paid for by Jan Glatzel. Chuck said he doesn't want to be the contact person for the pool/pavilion anymore; at least not on Saturday's and Sunday's. Simon said he will be the contact person. Amy said Michelle Heeman asked about putting a sign in memory of Riley Fekette on the backstop. **A motion was made by D. Button and seconded by S. Frailey to authorize the installation of the sign. Motion carried.** Amy said Becky Fekette would like to purchase a bench for Riley Fekette. Chuck said it can be placed right behind the backstop. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by K. Welch to approve Becky Fekette's request to purchase a stone bench and place it in Blue Ridge Park. Motion carried.** Donnie said all of the benches need to have a gravel base put underneath them.

Economic Development: Nothing to report.

Police: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Don said the committee would like to recommend hiring D. David Tyler Hill as a part time as needed employee at a rate of \$10 an hour. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by K. Welch to hire D. David Tyler Hill as a part time as needed employee at a rate of \$10 an hour. Motion carried.**

Ordinance: Teri said she spoke to Mike Briechele about the IPMC. He would like to have a work session with council and Greg to discuss it. Amy will contact Briechele and Greg for availability.

Finance: Nothing to report.

New Milford Beautification: Scott said he's received many comments about our wonderful parks. Amy said Jim Carpenetti's banner will be going up next week. Teri said she contacted Veteran's Affairs about properly disposing of old flags and they don't do it anymore. Amy will contact Hallstead Borough to see how they dispose of theirs and Kerin will ask the Boy Scouts. Simon said the Girl Scouts, of which his daughter is a member, did a lesson about potted plants. Simon said they would like to be to plant them in the park. Simon will get more information on it.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Amy said she's waiting to hear from Cooper about the park project.

Teri said we covered the Midtown Festival earlier.

Amy said she asked Bobbi Jo if CDBG grant money can be used for the purchase and installation of new water meter pits. Amy said Bobbi Jo will let her know.

Amy said she is in the process of applying for the American Rescue Plan.

Teri said PennDOT finally moved the speed limit signs at the south end of town thanks to New Milford Township for their help.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by K. Welch and seconded by S. Frailey to advertise the change in the July meeting date to July 8th instead of July 15th. Motion carried.

Amy asked if it would be okay to redo the mask wearing sign on the door. The council agreed to change it to masks recommended not required.

FYI

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

Lawrence said he would like to go in to executive session to discuss personnel. Lawrence said no decisions would have to be made.

A motion was made by K. Welch and seconded by S. Frailey to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Motion carried.