

May 21, 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, Kerin Welch, Lawrence White, Dan Totten, Simon Frailey, Don Button and Mayor Scott Smith. Others in attendance were: Amy Hine, Secretary; Chuck Welch and Ted Brewster, Transcript.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Teri said we got an update from Greg. Savage's is going back to court, a letter will be sent to the owner of the house on the corner of SR 492 & SR 11, a letter will be sent to the owner of the property on Maple Street, the trailer on Delaware Street has a new court date with the County Court, 725 Main Street is almost done cleaning up, and Greg is addressing the Charlie Church property on Montrose Street. The junkyard application was sent to Cosmello's and Greg is checking on the use of the new building.

A motion was made by L. White and seconded by D. Totten to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Teri said she checked the amount of the bill from Milnes and it is for the work being done on the sidewalks and they are still within their contract amount. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by K. Welch 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 the Susquehanna County Housing/Redevelopment Authority regarding the 2020 CDBG and a supplement letter. Teri said our loss is the festival from Covid 19. Teri said she didn't know if there is some way as a borough that we can help our businesses that were affected by Covid 19. Amy was asked to talk to Bobbi Jo Turner about it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COG: There was no meeting.

Streets: Amy said she received a request for new street signs on Smith Street. **A motion was made by K. Welch and seconded by D. Totten to authorize the purchase of new signs for Smith Street. Motion carried.** The semi-final inspection was done on the Montrose Street Bridge. Chuck said that are supposed to be correcting the concerns we had.

Planning Commission: Nothing to report.

Buildings & Equipment: Teri said she spoke with Dalton about the generator and will talk with him about it more.

Park & Recreation: Teri said she thinks we should open the pool even if it can't be opened until the end of June. Teri said she feels if we keep the cover on the pool there could be more damage to it down the road. Teri said she saw on

the news that the State parks and recreation areas were going to be allowed to open their pools because the chlorine will kill the virus. Teri said she feels we need to get the pool ready to go so when we go green it's all good to go. Simon said he agrees that we should at least take the step to taking the cover off to see what needs to be done to open the pool. Don said even when we go green we are limited to allowing only 25 people in the pool at a time; we will be giving time limits and who will be monitoring it. Lawrence said he is against opening the pool because chlorine may kill the virus if you are in the pool but what about those people sitting around the pool? Kerin said we don't have a working chairlift so that will have to be replaced before we can open the pool. Dan said we are the only outdoor public pool in the county so if we open when other areas around us are closed we are going to draw more people. Kerin said she doesn't think it's a good idea to open the pool. Teri said we will get to that point where we can be open to the public. Chuck said if we are given the go ahead to open he can get the pool up and running in a few days. The council agreed to play it by ear on opening the pool.

Amy asked council what should be done with people that have already rented the pavilion. The council that we should play it by ear as well; give the people that option or issue a refund. Amy will contact those that have rented the pavilion to see what they would like to do.

Chuck said we need mulch around the trees in Midtown Park. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Totten to authorize the purchase of mulch for Midtown Park. Motion carried.**

Economic Development: Nothing to report.

Police: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Ordinance: Teri said she spoke to Mike Briechle about the IPMC and he'll do a draft ordinance for us. **A motion was made by D. Totten and seconded by K. Welch to allow Mike Briechle to draft an ordinance for the IPMC. Motion carried.** Amy was instructed to purchase a copy of the 2018 IPMC for the office.

Insurance & Fire: Nothing to report.

Finance: Nothing to report.

New Milford Beautification: Nothing to report.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Midtown Festival was canceled. Amy said the vendors have all been given a refund. Amy said all of the sponsors but one asked for their donation to be held over for next year.

Teri said everyone received a copy of the email from Mike Briechle regarding the Bradley case. He has sent an email to Southwest requesting that Mr. Bradley's gas royalty payments be made to the borough for the judgment filed against him December 5, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Teri asked council if they feel we should do an alert message reminding people to complete their Census form. The council agreed this would be a good idea. Amy was asked to post the weekly breakdown that we receive on the borough Facebook page.

Kerin said a few people have contacted her to find out if they can have garage sales. The council agreed that it is their personal choice.

Mayor Smith asked if they are planning on doing any Covid testing in Susquehanna County. Teri said she will ask the commissioners.

FYI

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

A motion was made by L. White and seconded by D. Totten to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Motion carried.