

November 19, 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, Donna Cosmello, Simon Frailey, Don Button and Mayor Scott Smith. Others in attendance were: Amy Hine, Secretary; Chuck Welch, Ted Brewster, Transcript and Eleanor Lempke.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### **CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

There is no update from Greg.

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

Check #7886 to Chuck Welch in the amount of \$285 for clothing allowance was added to the list of bills to be paid bringing the new total to \$15,777.62. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as listed including the addition of check #7886 to Chuck Welch in the amount of \$285 for clothing allowance. Motion carried.**

#### **PRESENT TO SPEAK**

None.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The council received a newsletter from the Susquehanna County Recycling Center.

The council received a letter from Little & Nelson offering their services for insurance. Donna said the committee looked in to this before and our current carrier offers us better coverage.

The council received a letter from the PUC about the Johnston Street railroad bridge. The letter stated that everything that was supposed to be done by the railroad has been taken care of so this has been closed.

The council received a letter of engagement from Joseph Collura to do the 2020 audit for \$1,350.00. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by S. Frailey to authorize the president to sign the engagement letter for the 2020 audit. Motion carried.**

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

Mayor Scott Smith thanked Eleanor and Chuck Lempke, Chuck and Ben for getting the tree for the pavilion. Scott thanked Amy for recommending the place to get the tree. Scott said Ben and Ron Kowalewski put up the holiday banners and NEP put up the Christmas lights.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COG:** Nothing to report.

**Streets:** Amy said she sent the parking ordinances on to Briechle. Amy said she's not sure if Briechle sent a letter to Forans. The council received an estimate from Ron Kowalewski to do the ditch on Church Street for \$10,400. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by S. Frailey to accept the estimate from Ron Kowalewski to do the ditch on Church Street. Motion carried.** The committee will review the Maple Street Bridge inspection and come back with a recommendation to council. Amy said she applied for a grant through our insurance company for \$5,000 for the Maple

Street Bridge. Chuck said we have a parking issue at the south end of Church Street. Chuck asked how we can stop Bronson's tenants from parking there. Teri said she will let the police chief know. Amy will talk to Briechele about adding something for no overnight parking in the ordinance.

**Planning Commission:** Nothing to report.

**Buildings & Equipment:** The back parking lot is done. Teri said the generator got squashed from next year's budget. The council received another estimate from McKeens Construction for the gutters on the concession stand, \$1,164.75. The other estimate was from The Gutterman for \$1,236.00. **A motion was made by D. Cosmello and seconded by K. Welch to accept the estimate from McKeens Construction for the gutters on the concession stand. Motion carried.** Chuck said the cinder bay is falling down and the back corner of the garage is crumbling. Chuck said they will last a few more years but something needs to be done. Don said he will have Tim Welch look at them. Chuck said Montrose got a grant for their cinder bay. Amy will contact Lillian. Amy will check with Greg about the criteria for building in a floodplain.

**Parks & Recreation:** Donna said she spoke to a lady at DCNR about our parks and pool. Donna said there are grants available. The committee should schedule a meeting with her. Donna will forward the information to Simon.

**Economic Development:** The new grant application was submitted for sidewalks. Donna said the SR 492/SR11 project is on the TIP program with PennDOT.

**Police:** We are waiting on a signed copy of the new contract.

**Personnel:** The committee needs to do annual reviews.

**Ordinance:** Teri asked council to review the IPMC and document any questions and get them to Amy.

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

**Finance:** The tentative 2021 budget was presented to council. Don asked if there was money budgeted for the Municipal Authority under Act 13. **A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to advertise the tentative 2021 budget for public inspection and to be adopted at the December 10, 2020 meeting. Motion carried with D. Button voting no.** Don said we just earmark money for the Municipal Authority if it's needed. The council agreed that \$3,000 will be earmarked under the capital reserve fund for the Municipal Authority if they need it.

**New Milford Beautification:** Eleanor said the lights will be put on the tree in the gazebo tomorrow. Eleanor thanked Amy for calling her to let her know that Santa in the Park was canceled.

**Zoning:** Nothing to report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The park project will be done in the spring.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Santa in the Park got canceled this year. Teri said she and Tom are donating the money to pay for the new Santa suit. Teri said the candy bags that she and Tom donated will be given to the New Milford Senior Housing.

The Borough office will be closed November 24 to November 27 for vacation and the holiday.

**FYI**

None.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**A motion was made by S. Frailey and seconded by D. Cosmello to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion carried.**