

Borough Council Regular Meeting March 10, 2020

The regular meeting of Windber Borough Council was called to order by Windber Borough Council Vice President, James Spinosa at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council Members were present: Pino Gallina, John Holden, Dr. Doug Ledney, Ron Mash, Joe Pallo, and James Spinosa. Mike Bryan was on speaker phone, James Furmanchik, Borough Manager was available through telecommunications. Mayor, Mike Thomas was present. Attorney, Joe Green was absent.

Approval Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Recognition Visitors Mr. Kiss from 205 Lauren Lane said he was frustrated along with neighbors over the noise created by jake brakes used by local coal truck drivers early in the morning.

Lou Kiss Mr. Kiss asked council what had to be done to change the law. He said he knows the law and any 55-mph highway you cannot put up a jake brake sign. There are two red lights there and an intersection on 19th Street. They are within a quarter of a mile of each other and he has seen people die at that intersection.

Mr. Kiss said he called the state representative to know avail. He gave him no satisfaction and didn't even return his call. He also called the state senator in Somerset and same thing, noone returned his call. Mr. Kiss passed out articles about the jake brake complaints that have been made over the years.

Mr. Kiss asked how we get the law changed as the borough council here. Mr. Furmanchik said back in the day when we first started to talk about this, we spoke to PennDot and they did their survey. We asked them about lowering the speed limit to 40 mph and they said they would not. He asked if there was anything they could do to appeal the jake brake law they uphold and they said they would never consider that because it would set a precedent for other communities. Mr. Kiss we want to set a precedent. He is sure there are other communities with the same problems.

Mr. Furmanchik said he would talk to the plant manager at Rosebud and contact Representative Carl Metzgar and Senator Pat Stefano. Mr. Kiss said there are other districts in Pennsylvania that have "no jake brake" signs and lower speed limits, so why is that allowed in those districts. Mr. Spinosa said we do not know that is not our regulations. Mr. Kiss said he just wants council to back him and stand behind them. Mr. Spinosa said they would try to reach our representative and senator and ask them to meet with Mr. Kiss and the other residents. Mr. Spinosa said council agrees with Mr. Kiss that there is a problem there, but it is also not our road or regulations.

Mr. Furmanchik said if you have an issue with jake brakes, you must follow the flow chart and if it doesn't meet PennDOT's criteria it isn't even on the table. Mr. Kiss asked what they must do to meet that criteria. He said we should have a decibel level in this state.

If you travel 219, they have a sound barrier wall. Why can't we get a sound barrier wall? Mr. Spinos said you are asking us questions we cannot answer. Our suggestion is to contact our representative and have him come here and address your issues.

Mr. Kiss said this is not just about him, there are others and Ron Mash who is here tonight also complains about this. Mr. Lehman asked why 12th Street has a flashing light. Why isn't there a light there? Mr. Spinos said we have tried several times to get and keep a permanent light there, but they will not let us. Mr. Mash said they are using the jake brake because it is easy to shift. That's all they are doing. If you get someone else coming down, there is no noise. He said they are even jake braking coming up to get back on the highway.

Mr. Spinos said it is also helping to smoke their brakes coming down. Mr. Mash disagreed. Mr. Spinos said he is agreeing with Mr. Mash, but they should be using it coming down 40 Hill and that's it. Once they get down 40 Hill their brakes aren't hot so they should be required to use them. Mr. Mash agreed in an emergency they should use them.

Mr. Furmanchik said the chances of PennDot putting a wall up there is slim to none. The chances of changing the speed limit is a way more reasonable request. Mr. Spinos said if you lower the speed limit then they will really be hitting their brakes to slow down.

Mayor Thomas said it is easy to say ticket those people but when you go out there the word spreads and we cannot be there all the time. Mr. Kiss said they do not stop at the intersection at all and to turn in the passing lane left into Baumgardner you better make sure there is no one behind you.

Mr. Furmanchik asked Mr. Kiss if it would be okay for him to give the Senator and Representative Metzgar his phone number and Mr. Kiss said yes. Mr. Furmanchik said everyone here understands your plight. He said we can't sit here all night and talk about what already happened, but all we can do is move forward and he will make those phone calls tomorrow.

**Ron
Mash**

Mr. Mash said we have school buses coming down the highway and our real estate values are sinking. Who wants to buy his house with all that noise. Nothing has been done about the noise. He is tired of it. He can't sleep and has had enough. Mr. Spinos said we will do what we can to get the representatives here and address this.

**Dave
Palko**

Mr. Palko said the minutes are online on your website. He said every place he has gone to the minutes are read not only by council but to everyone else. We have a right to know what is going on. What if you can't get on the internet? Mr. Spinos said we would be here an hour and a half if we had to read the minutes to everyone during the meeting. We receive them days ahead of time so every council member can go through the minutes and are prepared to approve them.

Mr. Palko said he can't be here every week. He has a right to see what is going on. His understanding is on 17th Street some stuff is going to be taken care of and other stuff is going to be pushed aside.

Mr. Palko asked about the budget? We should know what is going on. Mrs. Gates said the budget is tentatively adopted by council once it is completed during budget sessions, then advertised for public display for two weeks before it is adopted.

Mr. Palko said if you're saying he can come in and look at it why don't you make copies for us. Mrs. Gates said you are free to ask for a copy of that information at any time. He said I shouldn't have too. Mrs. Gates said we do everything according to code.

Mr. Lehman said he thinks Mr. Palko is talking about monthly bills. Mrs. Gates said minutes are always a month behind because they must be approved by council before we can put them online.

Mr. Palko said he said he goes to state meetings, and everything is online, but they still go over it. Where is the money going, we have the right to know? Mrs. Gates said we cannot go over our treasurer's report during the meeting. Our cash balance and treasurer's report are very detailed, it is not something you can go over in five minutes. She said you can come into this office at any time and ask for a copy, we have an open-door policy. Mr. Holden gave Mr. Palko his copy of the minutes and treasurer's report. Mr. Furmanchik said that is also why you elect a council and a mayor to operate a budget for the borough. Mr. Holden said the information is readily accessible, just come into the office and ask.

Mr. Palko asked what is going on with the blight in the borough? He said there is a house on Hillside Avenue that has been vacant for 10 years. He said he has seen other ones that are marked. Mr. Furmanchik said over the past four years this community has had more advancement regarding eliminating blight than within the last 30 years. He said if you have a problem with a property next to you or within the borough, you need to bring that to the attention of the code's enforcement officer. Before you respond to that a lot of times these situations are tied up in the legal system. There are houses in the borough that have been tied up in the court system for over two years. Residents don't know, but that is just the way it takes place within the judicial system. In too many cases with controlling blight or property maintenance issues, the judicial system does not move as fast as we would like them to.

Mr. Furmanchik said something you think isn't being looked at may already be in the making. The only people that can answer that is a member of council, himself or most particularly Anson, our Codes Enforcement Officer.

Mrs. Gates said the house Mr. Palko is referring to has a condemnation notice on it. She said once the house is condemned it is two years before we can do anything with it. Mr. Spinosa said you must give them two years to improve it or demolish it.

Mr. Furmanchik said we are doing everything we can to the letter of the law. Mrs. Gates said when they go up for sheriff sale it is because they are not paying tax on the property and most carry liens.

Mr. Palko said you have storms coming through and shingles flying off and he has looked in the house next to his and it is pretty messed up. Mrs. Gates said our hands are tied once they are condemned for two years. We can take them to court and fine them every month. Some of these people do not even live in this state. This is not a quick fix. We have been dealing with this for years.

Mr. Spinosa said we are the only town in the state of Pennsylvania that have residents take us to the Superior Court. Do you realize how much that costs? This is what we are facing. Mrs. Gates said we had one guy who lived in New York and we had to pay someone to track him down and serve him papers.

Mr. Furmanchik said to try and get monies for demolition of blight is very difficult. In the last few years, we had approximately 13 properties that were taken down. The landowners were convinced and saw what direction it was going and spent their own money to demolish the buildings. We have a situation on Graham Avenue 710/712. The resident ended up turning the property over to the borough in an agreement with the magistrate, in order to get out from under the citations. Demolition is to start this week and once it is demolished, we will put the property out for bid, to try and recoup some of our money for demolition.

Mr. Spinosa said we get block grant monies and we are hoping that people in town fill out the census information, because once you drop below 4,000 residents you will no longer be eligible for the money. Also, when using Community Development Block Grant monies, you cannot sell the property for 10 years once they demolish the building. In the meantime, we must cut the grass and maintain the property and that costs us money.

**Bob
Lehman**

Mr. Lehman said he wants to talk about blight. He thought Governor Wolf passed a bill a few years ago so it doesn't take two years to demolish a building. He said the reason he is mentioning this is because he walks with his granddaughter a lot and he sees a lot of these houses boarded up with signs on. A lot of them are dated 2018.

Mr. Lehman said we have spring clean up coming up, can we start a committee to help these people clean up their yards and houses. He said he is willing to donate money and time. Mrs. Gates said that is why we have spring clean-up.

Mrs. Lehman said as far as the noise on Hillside, it makes our property values go down. No one wants to buy a house with all that noise. We pay our taxes. Some people don't pay their taxes and we all know that.

Mr. Spinosa said we have gone to the commissioners and explained to them how they are losing money. We are losing money and the school is losing money because we need better laws and enforcement. Mr. Lehman said they used to put that information in the paper of those who owe taxes. Mr. Spinosa said we asked them to do that, but they do not want to spend the money.

Mr. Holden said maybe Dr. Ledney can check with the service club at the school, to see if they can help with clean up. He said there may be liability issues with that though.

Mr. Lehman said when walking with his grandchildren he sees these problems. He has seen old cars over on Jackson and the stickers say 2017 and 2018. Mr. Spinosa said the thing is do they have current registration. Mr. Lehman said doesn't the ordinance say inspection sticker and registration? Mr. Spinosa said its "or". He said if it is on private property, we handle it, if it is on the street the police handle it. You need to let the office know if you see something or have a question about a vehicle.

Mr. Furmanchik said for the past two years we did a junk car round up. We have fielded over 100 vehicles on private property that were in violation. All those vehicles were removed, or the inspection was in place. If you see any vehicles, just notify the borough so we can check it out.

Mr. Furmanchik said the driver behind spring clean up years ago was to make an attractive amount to citizens so they can get rid of the junk, to not be cited for property maintenance. The last two years we have broken records with the amount of permits we have sold.

EADS

STORM SEWER SYSTEM

I. 2019 Storm System Improvements Project - Improvements to the storm sewer system on 17th Street near Baumgardner Avenue and on 29th Street.

- a. **17th Street Area Project Description** - Replacement of four (4) inlets at the intersection of Baumgardner Avenue and 17th Street and installation of one (1) new inlet on Baumgardner Avenue, including installation of 185 lineal feet (LF) of 18" storm sewer and 141 LF of 15" storm sewer. Roughly 215 LF of old storm sewer ranging in size from 6" to 15" will be replaced.
- b. **29th Street Area Project Description** - Replacement of the outfall structure into Seese Run at the bottom of 29th Street, replacement of three (3) inlets and installation of one (1) new manhole at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and 29th, Street, installation of three (3) new inlets at the intersection of the alley between Graham Avenue and Jackson Avenue and 29th Street, and installation of one new inlet on the west side of 29th Street below Graham Avenue, including installation of 308 LF of 24" storm sewer, 120 LF of 18" storm sewer, and 58 LF of 15" storm sewer. Curbing will be added on the west side of 29th Street. Roughly 460 LF of old storm sewer ranging in size from 6" to 18" will be replaced.
- c. **Bidding** - Bids were received on March 5th. James Excavating was the low bidder at \$160,011.25. A total of six bids were received that ranged from \$160,011.25 to \$224,629.00 The average bid price was \$191,606.29. We recommended proceeding with submitting a Notice of Award to James Excavating.
- d. **Project Budget** - The total project budget has been updated to roughly \$198,000. This includes an estimated construction cost of roughly \$160,000, a design cost of \$22,500, an estimated permitting cost of \$3,500, and an estimated inspection cost of \$12,000.
- e. **Permits-A** DEP General Permit Application submitted in December 2019. Comments received from DEP on January 7, 2020. Revised application submitted on January 10, 2020. The permit was approved on January 27, 2020.
- f. **Timeline/Status** - A updated anticipated project schedule is as follows:
 - i. Council Approval: March 10
 - li. Notice of Award: March 11
 - iii. Pre-Construction Meeting: March 24
 - iv. Execute Contract: March 24
 - v. Notice to Proceed: March 24

- VI. Substantial Completion Deadline: May23
- vii. Final Contract Deadline: June 22

A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Dr. Ledney to issue notice of award contingent upon the bonds coming back from the contractor James Excavating whose bid was in the amount of \$160,011.25, and the bonds are reviewed and okayed. EADS will then proceed with the notice to proceed in awarding the agreement upon March 24, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

2. **Asset Management Plan** - Public Works has reviewed the mapping and revisions are in progress.
3. **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit** - Expires on March 15, 2023.
 - a. **Stormwater Management Program Manual** - Revisions to the SWMP Manual, as required by the MS4 Permit, should be completed after completion of the Storm Sewer System AMP.
 - b. **Pollution Reduction Plan Implementation** -Implementation of the PRP is ongoing.
 - c. **2019 Annual Status Report** - Submitted to PA DEP on September 27, 2019.

SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

Jackson Avenue Area Sanitary Sewer Project-A PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Application was submitted in December 2019 for this project. After completion of conceptual design, the total project cost is estimated at \$348,950. If awarded, the program would cover 85% of the total project cost, resulting in a grant of \$296,607.50 and local match requirement of \$52,342.50. Award announcements expected in July 2020.

Asset Management Plan - Public Works has reviewed the mapping and revisions are in progress.

FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

1. **Flood Protection Project Improvements-An** application for an H2O PA Grant in the amount of 562,362.50 was submitted in December 2019 for this project. The grant would cover all project expenses, except the estimated \$5,000 budgeted for easements. Award announcements expected in July 2020. We received one comment requesting documentation of the necessary easement to access the debris basin.
2. **Army Corps Inspection** - The USACOE inspection of the FPP took place on September 4, 2019. We are now awaiting a determination as to whether the current "U" rating can be removed.

MUNICIPAL BRIDGES

1. **24th Street Bridge Improvement Project** - Replacement of the 24th Street Bridge. Waiting for approval of scope of work from PennDOT. We are in discussion with the Commonwealth Financing Authority about submitting a Multimodal Grant Application to cover any matching fund requirements for this project.
2. **South 22nd Street Bridge Improvement Project** - Rehabilitation of the 22nd Street Bridge. Waiting for approval of scope of work from PennDOT.

**Mike
Kovatich**

Mr. Kovatich said he was asked to bring a sample of his proposal for the borough office restroom floors of Earth Works “Santos” Planks. Mr. Spinos said the question they had at the last meeting and the reason we wanted to see a sample of it, was because a lot of us are not familiar with it.

Mr. Spinos asked if you have to put a subfloor down with it. Mr. Kovatich said no. In this case we would remove the tile and do a flash patch repair for the floor. It is epoxy like and is troweled across that rough existing subfloor and then the tile is applied directly to that. Mr. Spinos said so that basically snaps together so there are no seams? Mr. Kovatich said this material does not have a snap together seam. These have butted joints, just like the tiles that exist in those spaces already. They go down upon a trowel applied adhesive. These have a wear warranty that applies from edge to edge.

Mr. Spinos asked if this stuff becomes slippery if it gets wet. Mr. Kovatich said it does not any more than you would expect from any other flooring. It has a textured finish and has so much more traction control than the standard tile. Mr. Spinos asked what the standard size is? Mr. Kovatich said this comes in an 8 x 24 and 36 and a 48. It is better in the case of a smaller room to use a smaller format tile.

Mr. Spinos asked if the toilets would have to be raised up at all. Mr. Kovatich said it is on a case by case basis, but it does not seem that would be the case here. The product that is already on the floor here is very similar in thickness as this. We would remove that use the same flooring and do the repairs to the subflooring. We would remove any fixtures that would have to be removed at that time. Mr. Spinos said he noticed there would be a transitional piece in there from the floor to the carpet. Mr. Kovatich said yes. In this case because of the carpet and space, we would use an inch and a quarter of transition.

Mr. Furmanchik said on the quote from Mr. Kovatich it says a cove base trim will be installed. Mr. Kovatch said yes.

Mr. Furmanchik reminded council of the quotes we received.

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| 1. Joe Constantino | \$2,175 |
| 2. IHG | \$1,244 |
| 3. Birkheimer Bros. Inc. | \$2,382 |

A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve a quote from IHG in the amount of \$1,244 for the restroom floors in the borough office. Money to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Pallo, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Spinos, yes. Motion carried.

**Lou
Kiss**

Mr. Kiss expressed his concern with the number of trees grown up in the stream along Route 56 by the old Bestform building. Mr. Spinos said we are not allowed to touch them. Mr. Furmanchik said in order to remove those trees you must get into the water. Every year the banks towards the Bestform building are cut back. In order to do the other side, you would have to go through the water which requires special DEP Permitting. Every year the levee is inspected by the Army of Corp of Engineers or the Department of Environmental Projection. Once again, we play by their rules and that has never been an issue.

Mr. Kiss said he has lived through the “77” Flood and if you don’t get some of those trees removed, you’re going to have a dam down there. Mr. Furmanchik said he agrees, and it all comes down to permitting, what we’re allowed to do and money.

Correspondence

1. Windber Area Authority Minutes of January 8, 2020.
2. Windber Municipal Authorities Report of January 21, 2020.
3. Codes Enforcement Officer Report.
4. PSAB Legislative Update.
5. Somerset County Borough Association Dinner Meeting, Jennerstown, PA Tuesday, March 19, 2020.

Mrs. Gates said for anyone who would like to attend the county dinner please let her know asap. Also, if you have not please read the PSAB Update about Governor Wolf proposing all communities pay a fee to the Pennsylvania State Police, regardless of whether you have your own police department. Mr. Spinos said we assist the PSP with our department. Mrs. Gates said she would ask that council write a letter to PSAB against this proposal. PSAB fights for borough’s like us and will include it in their legislation.

Mayor Thomas said he is attending their conference in June. They have a meeting at the end and a vote is taken of what we want them to lobby for. Mayor Thomas asked council to support being against that proposed legislation. Council agreed they were against the proposed legislation.

**Approval
Payroll**

A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve payroll for February 14 and 28, 2020. Motion carried.

**Approval
Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve bills for February 2020. Motion carried.

**Bids
Impala**

Mr. Spinosa opened bids for the Chevrolet Impala

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Ricky Dicken Imler, PA 16655	\$2,325.00
2. Ray Zimmerman Windber, PA 15963	\$1,101.99
3. Daniel S. Oreng Culpeper, WV 22701	\$1,996.00
4. Earl Jones Johnstown, PA 15902	\$1,235.56
5. Mark Zubek Central City, PA 15926	\$2,003.33
6. Robert Spongross Johnstown, PA 15909	\$1,033.99

A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve the bid from Ricky Dicken in the amount of \$2,325.00 for the Chevrolet Impala. Motion carried.

**Cash Bal./
Treasurer
Report**

Mrs. Gates said council has a copy of the audit report in front of them. It has been completed they can review it and contact her with any questions.

Council Liaison Reports

Pallo/WMA Mr. Pallo said the splash pad looks like it will be going in earlier than anticipated.

**Mayor's
Report**

On Friday, March 21, myself, Mrs. Gates, and Josh Miller from Somerset Trust Co. met with Dr. Steve Nunez, the new President of Penn Highlands Community College. The purpose of the meeting was to welcome Dr. Nunez to the area and give him an overview of Windber and some of things that we are doing. Dr. Nunez was very receptive to us and is looking forward to working with us for the common good of both the college and the area. We extended an invitation to him to attend our next Economic Development meeting.

I participated in the Ribbon Cutting and grand opening ceremony for Creating Balance Behavioral Health Services on 14th St. I met with the owners who are providing a much-needed service to the area. They are happy to be in Windber and are looking forward to participating in events in the community and being seen in the borough.

I participated in a Webinar presented by PSAB, last Thursday regarding the borough's role in the Coronas virus situation.

Currently we are to follow the information presented by the PA. Governor. We would not be involved until it would reach a pandemic on a local level. We would then have the ability to declare a state of emergency in the borough. They did pass along information regarding employees affected by the virus, and those that have traveled outside the country. I have printed out the slide presentation. The PSAB will be posting any updated information on their website.

I attended a Fraud Prevention seminar presented by Somerset Trust last Friday evening. The seminar dealt with preventing fraud both in your business and in your personal life. The presenters did a good job in making people aware of the ways that hackers steal your information and use it for criminal purposes. I have brought back some information to share with the staff.

Manager's Report

Jackson Avenue / Baumgardner Heights Storm Water Project – The project is moving along at good pace. There was a pre-bid meeting at the Borough office on Thursday, February 27th at 10:00 AM. Sealed Bids are to be open, at our office, at 2:00 PM on March 5th. EADS will forward information to our solicitor to verify that all the bid documents are adequate, and council will need to approve the contractor at our meeting.

New Police Vehicle – The new Dodge Durango was delivered on March 4th. We are in the process of having the doors painted, vehicle upfitted and lettered.

2009 Chevrolet Impala – The vehicle has been advertised for bid, with openings to take place at our March 10th meeting. As of this writing, there are four sealed bids.

710/712 Graham Avenue – The deed for the property has been properly signed and notarized. Attorney Green has filed the document with the Somerset County Recorder of Deeds. Roaring Fork Excavating plans to begin demolition in mid to late March. I feel that we should advertise the property for bid immediately following demolition. Council will need to waive the delinquent taxes on the property, and I will ask the County and the School District to do the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve forgiving the taxes owed to Windber Borough for the property located at 710/712 Graham Avenue. Roll call vote: Mr. Pallo, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Spinos, yes. Motion carried.

Flood Control Levee – Since our last meeting, I have had two conversations with the Army Corp of Engineers. EADS has submitted a report for our televised inspection of the storm water management system, that is part of the flood control project, which took place on May 16, 2019. We are again assured that our unsatisfactory status is removed, and we will continue to work in a direction where we are confident that we will not be in that position, in the future.

Grievance from Former Officer Jason Knipple – There have been no new developments.

2020 Street Paving – I planned for our PennDOT Liquid Fuels representative to be in town on February 24th to measure possible paving projects, that our Public Works Foreman and myself had discussed. I will have options for you at our March meeting and then we can advertise our paving projects and hopefully open bids at our April 14th meeting.

Capital Improvement Projects - New garage doors, for our Public Works facility, have been ordered from Thermador, with installation to take place in March. A representative from IHG Contracting will be at our March meeting to discuss possible improvements to the floors, in the Borough office restrooms.

Somerset County Emergency Management Agency – I have been working with this group to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan, if the unfortunate would happen.

Police Department Vehicle Care and Maintenance – I have developed a list of regulations, regarding care and maintenance to police vehicles. My conversations with the Mayor, Chief of Police and the Police Lieutenant, lead me to believe that we are all in total agreement of the necessity of these regulations. Chief Frear will make sure it is brought to all officer’s attention, along with being accompanied by a sign-up sheet. Officer’s signatures may prove to be beneficial if any disciplinary action would be sought in the future.

Annual Audit – Our annual audit, through Kotzan CPA and Associates, has been successfully completed. Kudos to Robin for keeping our financials in order.

Ballroom Feasibility Study – Requests for proposals, for the study, has been advertised. Ten firms have shown interest in its preparation. Sealed bids must be turned in by April 10th. Depending on how many bids we receive, we may have to consider having our second meeting in April.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Anson completed a training session the week of February 3rd and was notified by mail, that he had successfully passed the exam. He has sent the necessary documents to the Department of Labor and Industry and is awaiting certification as a Building Code Official.

I have contacted Clem Merlot, President of Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance and advised him of our intention to eventually bring building permit application and inspection back in house. Once Anson is certified by L & I, Mr. Merlot will meet with Anson, Robin and I to plan our strategy for the future.

Solicitor’s Report Attorney Green was absent, so there was no report at this time.

Council convened to an executive session at 8:26 p.m. for personnel matters.

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:48 p.m.

Approval Paving Options	<u>Option #1</u>		
	Stockholm Ave.	19 th Street – 21 st Street	\$50,057.00
	21 st Street	Graham Ave. – Somerset Ave.	\$16,127.00
	12 th Street	Jefferson Ave.- Jackson Ave.	<u>\$28,543.00</u>
			\$94,727.00
	<u>Option #2</u>		
	Stockholm Avenue	19 th Street – 21 st Street	\$50,000.00
	21 st Street	Graham Ave. – Somerset Ave.	\$16,127.00

13 th Street	Graham Ave. – Somerset Ave.	\$19,600.00
7 th Street	Jefferson Ave. – Lincoln Ave.	<u>\$14,513.00</u>
		\$100,297.00
<u>Option #3</u>		
21 st Street	Graham Ave. – Somerset Ave.	\$16,127.00
12 th Street	Jefferson Ave. – Jackson Ave.	\$28,543.00
13 th Street	Graham Ave. - Somerset Ave.	\$19,600.00
10 th Street	Graham Ave. – to R. R. Tracks	<u>\$29,948.00</u>
		\$94,218.00

Total amount of liquid fuels funds available for paving \$100,000.00. These figures are derived from measurements and current unit pricing form our PennDot Liquid Fuels Representative.

After council discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Mr. Gallina to approve option one and advertise for paving bids. Roll call vote: Mr. Pallo, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Spinos, yes. Motion carried.

Approval Miner’s Day A motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve Miner’s Day Weekend Event June 18-21, 2020 and road closings for the event. Motion carried.

Approval Donation A motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve a donation to Miner’s Day for \$500 as budgeted. Motion carried.

Easter Donation A motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve a donation of \$100 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2020. Motion carried.

Whalley Run A motion was made by Dr. Ledney and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve the Whalley Run/ 1.5 Walk. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Next Council Meeting will be April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting Meeting was adjourned by Council Vice President, Jim Spinos at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Robin S. Gates
Administrative Assistant