

Approved minutes – Regular Meeting _____

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Special/Workshop Meeting
February 22, 2023
7:00 P.M.

A Special/Workshop Meeting was called to order by President Folk, February 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Baker, Mr. Boyce, Mr. Folk, Mrs. Gnagey and Mayor Smith were present. Mr. Parisi and Solicitor Valentine were present via telephone. Mr. Baer was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct general business.

GUESTS:

A.) Mr. Tony Mostoller was present as an observer.

AGENDA BUSINESS:

Loan for police vehicle purchase

A spreadsheet was presented showing interest rates and monthly payment amounts (see attached) Mr. Ackerman reported that First National Bank interest rate was .50% higher than First Peoples for a 6 year term. With a six year loan from First National Bank the Borough would be paying a total of \$446.40 more than First Peoples over the life of the loan. Mr. Ackerman suggested that due to the fact that First National Bank is located within the Borough and that they support the community, the Council should give them consideration even though they don't have the lowest rate. After some discussion, Mr. Ackerman made the motion to accept a six year (72 month) loan from First National Bank in the amount of \$32,000.00 at an interest rate of \$4.94% for the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango police vehicle with an upfit package. Mr. Boyce seconded. Motion passed.

Written Goals for 2023

Mrs. Gnagey asked to have written goals for 2023 to be added to the monthly Agenda. Goals suggested were as follows:

Mrs. Gnagey:

1. Ordinance review
2. Zoning review
3. New building

Mr. Parisi:

1. Emergency access road to Meyers Avenue
2. Complete demolition of 618 Grant St.

Mr. Ackerman:

1. Control foolish spending and be careful not to repeat mistakes made by previous Councils which resulted in employee layoffs and budget cuts. Mr. Folk agreed and reported that over the last 8 years of his involvement with Council, steps were taken to build up the Borough funds, keeping a close watch over spending and making frugal investment decisions for the community.

Mr. Baker:

1. Complete the Flood Control Rip Rap project
After some discussion Council decided to reach out to Garlitz Excavating and give Mr. Gregory Garlitz

until April for activity to either begin or be completed. Mr. Parisi contacted Mr. Garlitz while discussion was taking place and confirmed that Mr. Garlitz is willing to complete the project and comply with the deadline.

The Secretary was asked to add the list of goals for 2023 to the Agenda.

Communication to the school

Mrs. Gnagey asked that this item be tabled.

Meeting material distribution

Mrs. Gnagey suggested that the meeting packet material be distributed via e-mail rather than being delivered by the Secretary to each Council Members home. She felt that there is a liability issue with the Secretary using her personal vehicle to deliver the packets. Solicitor Valentine reported that Mrs. Ackerman would be covered under the Borough insurance. After some discussion, it was decided that the monthly packets would be distributed in person or by e-mail, whichever each board member chooses. It was noted that if e-mail is chosen, the board member will be responsible for printing a hard copy.

Other Items for discussion:

Mr. Boyce made the motion to amend the Agenda by adding discussion regarding the Parks & Recreation budget for 2023. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gnagey reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee is requesting a total of \$7,100.00 for the 2023 activities. (See attached) Mr. Ackerman reported that in 2022 a total of \$4,046.00 was spent on activities and questioned why there is a need for an additional \$3,100.00 in 2023. Mr. Ackerman suggested approving \$4,500.00 - \$5,000.00. There was some discussion on how Parks & Recreation could have fundraisers. Solicitor Valentine pointed out that the Small Games of Chance rules and regulations must be adhered to. A group that holds a Small Games of Chance license can sponsor an event for Parks & Recreation, however the sponsoring group must handle the entire fundraiser; Parks & Recreation cannot take part in the fundraising other than volunteering to help. Mr. Ackerman made the motion to approve \$5,000.00 for Parks & Recreation expenditures for the 2023 season and to consider a reallocation at a later date if the need arises and if funds are available. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed. Fundraising for the Parks & Recreation was to be listed as a goal for 2023.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to amend the Agenda by adding discussion regarding the Football team. Mr. Boyce seconded. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to grant the football team permission to hold a cleanup on April 15, 2023. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed. The cleanup will consist of sweeping streets, etc. Mr. Ackerman volunteered to speak to the Borough workers to confirm that they do not have an issue with the same due to the union contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Boyce made the motion to amend the Agenda by adding an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Boyce made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:40 P.M. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.


Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to return to regular session at 8:00 PM. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

MOTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Boyce made the motion to authorize the payment of an invoice from Summit Risk Services in the amount of \$2,500.00 relative to the reimbursement of the deductible obligation to Selective Insurance on the claim involving Neil Berkley. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Mr. Boyce seconded. Motion passed.


Patricia C. Ackerman
Borough Secretary

2023 Meyersdale Parks & Rec Budget Allocation			
Budget Line Item	Proposed Date of Event	Cost	Comments
Item A3:D12A1A3:DA3:D19			
Easter	April 1 @ 11 AM	\$700	Candy; many other items donated by community, committee, and Meyersdale Moose
Maple Festival Parade Float	April 29, 2023	\$200	Candy to toss; IF WE DO IT.
Memorial Day Weekend Luminaries	May 28 @ 6 PM	\$1,000	Brief "ceremony" with music by senior chorus members; flags around uptown park; luminaries set out and on at dusk by Relay for Life; all proceeds to Relay for Life; band????
Independence Day Celebration	July 2 afternoon/evening	1000	Community band (\$100 donation?); Prizes for horseshoes (\$100); DJ (\$500); (Do we need a band and a DJ? If so, up the \$); Master of ceremonies (\$75); Misc. for the kids (\$100); car cruise/show
Summer Bands (4)	Dates TBD based on availability	\$2,000	Sat/Sunday evenings at the gazebo
Homecoming Bonfire	October 1, 2023	200	See notes: Gindy and Brion pretty much coordinate
Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat	October 28 @ 3:00 ???	500	Need flatbed for judge's seating at square; permits to block Main Street via PennDot; prizes for children; Michael Mishler offered some \$1 coins for all children
Light Up Night	November 24 @ 7:00	1000	Candy for the kids; Mr. and Mrs. Claus come in on firetruck; Martha Albright to organize some singing; DJ to play Christmas music; work with Jody Saler at GI for refreshments; Studio 7 will perform; coordinating with Maple Festival to open up Maple Manor and have a children's activity.
Other:			
Donations for musical, athletic boosters, veterans lunch, etc.		500	
		\$7,100	

2023 DODGE DURANGO and UFFIT PKG.

Bank Name	60 Mo. (5 Years)	Int. rate	72 mo. (6 Yrs.)	Int. Rate	Notes	Contact Information
First Peoples Federal Credit Union	\$589.15	3.99%	\$507.80	4.49%		Holly Rugg 814-655-8335
First National Bank	\$604.42	5.04%	\$514.00	4.94%	No processing fees	Diamond Pyle 814-634-8337
Somerset Trust Company	\$608.00	5.20%	\$520.00	5.25%	\$100 processing fee	Emaline Deal 814-443-9256
Ameriserv	\$623.46	6.24%	\$535.24	6.24%		Tom Boyd 814-533-5435 Extension 5170

Rates are subject to change

Purchase price (per Matt Wright 2/14/2)	\$43,592.00
Less COVID funds	-25,000.00
Balance	\$18,592.00
Plus upfit from Bluekout Tinting	\$13,639.00
Estimate to be borrowed	\$32,231.00

Loan quotes - Police vehicle