

MINUTES  
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN BOROUGH

DATE: July 18, 2018

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: 250 Parkway, Council Chambers

ATTENDING: Kurt Montz, President, Jerry Bowman, Vice President, Council Members Bedway, Williams, Spotts, Roeder and Gordon. Also present were Mayor Devlin, Administrator Graver, Solicitor Semanchik, JCP Rossi and Secretary Killian.

CALL TO ORDER: President Montz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the pledge of allegiance followed by a prayer.

WEST NILE: Administrator Graver introduced Kyle Schutt who is a Mosquito Control Technician with Schuylkill Conservation District. He spoke to Council and the public on mosquitos and how to control them. He has detected West Nile Virus in the Borough

2017 AUDIT: Ed Ebling, from Jones & Company presented Council with the 2017 Audit report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Mary Achenbach of Center Avenue stated that the trucks and cars are still speeding on Center Avenue (Route 61).

George Krell and Christine Ellex from North Garfield Avenue were present to speak to Council about the problem property at 731 North Garfield Avenue. They feel it is a shame that they had to spend \$300 to install cameras because of a problem tenant that lives in this property. They want to know why the landlord has not been fined for the amount of times the police department has had to respond to complaints at this address. The Solicitor stated that he and the Chief of Police will meet with the landlord. The Solicitor states he will have a report back to Council on this situation next month.

Bob Reedy of 122 Dock Street is once again complaining about the property at 208 Dock Street. He feels that this property is being used as a Hotel/Motel business, which is in violation of the Borough's zoning ordinance. He was told to file a complaint with the Zoning Hearing Board for a determination.

Jeff Kuehn of 309 Ranch Road questioned council on their decision to lease the Borough's Tumbling Run property for hunting. He feels that this will jeopardize the Borough's watershed. The Solicitor told Council that the negotiations on the leasing of this property for hunting have broken down.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved on motion of Roeder/Gordon.

**TAX COLLECTOR:** The Tax Collector's report in the amount of \$16,367 was approved on motion of Bowman/Roeder.

**TREASURER'S REPT:** Gloria Ebling, Treasurer, presented Council with the June Treasurer's report. On motion of Bowman/Gordon this report was approved.

**BILLS:** The following bills were approved for payment on motion of Williams/Bedway: General \$243,642.22; Electric \$493,500.99; Water \$114,887.12; Sewer \$131,030.53 for a total of \$983,060.86.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADMINISTRATION:** Administrator Graver told Council that there are vacancies on the Zoning Hearing Board and the Municipal Authority. This is due to a member on both these committees has passed away. Mayor Devlin stated he serves on the Municipal Authority as a citizen of the Borough. He feels a Council member should sit on this Board to represent the Borough. President Montz stated he will consider this matter. Also Council was asked to pursue names of residents willing to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board.

On motion of Roeder/Bedway Council approved the payment of \$7,903 to TB Landscaping for work down at the Island and Brubeck Park.

On motion of Gordon/Spotts Council approved the June transfers.

On motion of Williams/Spotts Council approved the request from Pine Grove for fire police assistance for the 2018 Firemen's Convention.

On motion of Roeder/Gordon Council approved Kathy Killian's retirement letter with a retirement date of June 30, 2019.

**FINANCE:** President Montz asked if the Borough could look at interest rates from different banks to use as the Borough's depository. Administrator Graver stated that he could do this for next year.

**PROPERTY:** Council member Williams stated that Our Haven Foundation is looking to place a gazebo on Parkway. His Committee feels that the walkway, path lights and benches are a great idea, but not the gazebo. All of Council was in agreement.

**CODE ENF:** President Montz stated that there are several properties on Dock Street (by the old St. Ambrose) that are in bad shape.

**RECREATION:** Council member Williams stated that the sign at the Senior Citizen/Recreation Center is up and operating. This sign was donated by North Ward Social Club.

CABLE TV: The Solicitor stated he is trying to get in touch with Comcast's new person in charge of negotiations. He will call the Committee members when he has set up a meeting.

REVENUE GEN: Council member Gordon stated that as the Solicitor stated earlier, there were issues in closing the lease at Tumbling Run. His committee will have to search for additional ways to generate revenue.

OTHER BUSINESS: Council member Bowman stated that the parking lot at the Railroad is looking good. He also reminded everyone of the Business Association's crab fest on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$45.00.

Council member Roeder stated that the Legion golf tournament is on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Hidden Valley at a cost of \$65.00.

Council member Spotts reported that the Library's air conditioner has been repaired.

Mayor Devlin reminded everyone about Haven Day at the Phillies on August 4<sup>th</sup> and Island Fest on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

JCP Rossi stated that school starts on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Graver stated that the Borough will begin to give residents warnings for high grass and weeds.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm on motion of Roeder/Gordon.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy J. Killian  
Borough Secretary