

MINUTES
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN BOROUGH

DATE: July 19, 2017

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, 250 Parkway

ATTENDING: President Marlin W. Berger, Jr., Vice President Roger Spotts, Council members Bowman, Montz, Gordon, Bedway and Williams. Also present were Mayor Devlin, Solicitor Semanchick, Administrator Graver, JCP McGovern and Secretary Killian.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Star Emery of 512 Fernwood was a spokesman for all other Senior Citizen Group members in the audience. She wanted to know why the Senior Citizen's Group cannot use the Rec Center building for banquets. She felt that this building was built with grant money for seniors and now they feel they are being pushed out of the building. Also, they cannot have entertainment at their meetings due to the piano not being allowed on the gym floor. It was explained to her that with the new gym floor installed, that Council feels that no food or drinks be permitted on this floor. Council offered to buy a new keyboard for their use, but now the seniors are requesting a \$1,500 better keyboard. It was explained that Council is looking into other options. Such as knocking down a wall and expanding the building. Council will have to discuss this further.

Nancy Thomas also stated that Diakon is also not happy with the situation. They feel they are being pushed around and they pay the Borough a monthly fee to use this building. Recreation Director, BJ Folk stated that this is not true. Diakon has no problem with the new rules.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 7th and June 21st meetings were approved on motion of Montz/Gordon.

TAX COLLECTOR: On motion of Montz/Gordon Council approved the Tax Collector's report in the amount of \$18,608.

TREASURER'S RPT: Gloria Ebling presented Council with the June Treasurer's report. On motion of Bowman/Spotts Council approved this report.

BILLS: The following bills were approved for payment on motion of Montz/Gordon: General \$261,447.48; Electric \$498,712.47; Water \$115,937.78; Sewer \$107,310.27 for a total of \$983,408.00.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADMINISTRATION: On motion of Montz/Bowman Council approved the June transfers.

On motion of Bowman/Bedway Council approved a Bad Debt Policy.

Council approved the bids for the sale of the following used equipment items:
David Osatchcuk- 1999 John Deere at a cost of \$250.00 Montz/Gordon
Wayne Merkel- 8 ft. Utility Body at a cost of \$800.00 Williams/Montz

On motion of Bowman/Montz Council rejected the bid for 1990 Dodge flatbed.

On motion of Montz/Gordon Council approved the retroactive request from East Norwegian Township for the use of the Borough's fire police assistance at an event held on July 15th.

On motion of Montz/Spotts Council approved the letter from the Schuylkill Hose requesting assistance from the Borough's fire police and surrounding town's fire police for the Firefighters Convention/parade on September 16th.

SEWER: On motion of Williams/Bedway Council approved the bid for a new roof at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Spotts Brothers, Inc at a bid price of \$118,460.00. On voice vote Spotts abstained.

FINANCE: Council member Bowman reported that Council held a meeting before tonight's Council meeting and the finances are looking good.

EMERGENCY MNGMT: Mayor Devlin stated that the police are still monitoring Route 61. In June they issued 32 traffic violations.

HIGHWAY: Council member Montz complained about the tar and chip job Penn DOT did on Main Street. He feels that the Borough should contact our State Representatives about putting tar & chip on Main Street. This is a main street in the Borough and creates many stones being thrown up on cars and homes.

RECREATION: Council thanked Recreation Director for the great job he did on firework/safety night and the summer day camp program.

OLD BUSINESS: Solicitor Semanchick stated that the property at 306 Caldwell Street has been placed in the Borough's name and they are receiving funds from the County for demolition. He asked for permission to attempt to get all the delinquent taxes exonerated. On motion of Montz/Gordon Council approved the Solicitor to have all taxes exonerated for 306 Caldwell Street.

Council member Williams asked if a floor covering could be purchased for the gym floor. Then the seniors could use this area. He was told that storage for this covering is not available.

OTHER BUSINESS: Council member Bowman thanked BJ Folk for all his work on creating and revamping things for the Recreation Department.

He also introduced Herb Schlegal of 629 Leonard Street who stated that cars are parking too close to the intersection of Leonard and Taft Streets. This is creating a problem for delivery trucks or any emergency vehicles. He asked Council to please paint the curbing yellow at this intersection. The police will look into this matter and recommend something to Council.

JCP McGovern stated they are excited about the new School Superintendent.

Mayor Devlin reminded Council of the following upcoming activities:
Sunday, July 23rd at 10:30 am the Church of Nazarene celebrates its 75th anniversary.

July 29th is Haven Night at the Phillies

August 11th Crab Fest on the Island

August 19th Island Fest

President Berger also noted that the Recreation Department's report stated that there were 375 rentals for the month of June. He feels that the Recreation Director is doing a fantastic job.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on motion of Bowman/Montz

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy J. Killian
Borough Secretary