



MINUTES

Borough of Ambridge – Workshop Meeting of Borough Council

Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: Ms. DeVincent
Mr. Dunn
Mr. Gill
Ms. Gilliam
Mrs. Miller
Ms. Tessaro

Also Present: Mario Leone, Fire Chief Larrick, Police Lt. Chickos

Absent: Mayor McCoy, Mr. Cafarelli

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment on/off Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)

Marjorie DeAngelis – 1120 Lenz Avenue – Comment on Item 2 of the Agenda; is this the sidewalk from the corner towards the High School? It has been in very bad condition for years and I'm hoping that if you think it's a sensible bid that you will accept it. And if not, you'll find somebody else so that the project will at last be completed. I don't drive, so I walk. I have tried to walk on that sidewalk many times going to Church and back and it's in horrible shape. I really urge you to pass that item or find someone else for this year. Thank you. Ms. Tessaro thanked Marjorie for staying on top of this request.

IV. New Business

1. Consider Action to Approve waiving the back taxes on Tax Parcel 10-004-0616.000 a vacant lot located at 5th St & Wilson. Municipal Taxes owed are \$405.95 for 2016-2022 at the request of Tom Fedorko.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to approve waiving the back taxes on Tax Parcel 10-004-0616.000 a vacant lot located at 5th St & Wilson. Municipal Taxes owed are \$405.95 for 2016-2022 at the request of Tom Fedorko; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Comment: Mr. Gill asked if he is buying the lot. Mr. Leone stated that Mr. Fedorko would pay the County fees and costs. Mr. Fedorko is asking the Borough to exonerate the back taxes of \$405.95. He will then ask the School District. Mr. Gill also asked if Mr. Leone has a list of Borough properties on the Repository List. Mr. Leone advised that he has that list.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Gilliam	Yes

Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

2. Consider Action to award 90’ x 5’ concrete sidewalk replacement work along Duss Avenue to Avelli Construction Corp in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to award 90’ x 5’ concrete sidewalk replacement work along Duss Avenue to Avelli Construction Corp. in the amount of \$9,000.00; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Comments: Mr. Gill asked if this was put out for bid. Mr. Leone advised that this was previously bid at a higher price (during Covid) and it was decided not to move forward due to a higher cost. At this time, the bid is lower than \$11,700.00 and does not require multiple bids.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	No			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	5-1

3. Consider Action to approve adding rules and regulations for the Walter Panek Park to include “NO” Metal Detecting and “NO” Quad or off-road vehicles permitting on Park property.

Motion by Ms. DeVincent to approve adding rules and regulations for the Walter Panek Park to include “NO” Metal Detecting and “NO” Quad or off-road vehicles permitted on Park property; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Comments: Mr. Gill asked if this resulted from the recent incident. Mr. Leone stated that it was based on the recent incident that raised it to be an issue. We will now have the rule that it’s not permitted.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

4. Consider Action to authorize the Iron Horse Theater to close Maplewood Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street on Saturday, September 23rd for their annual Latin Festival from 11:30am to 4:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Gill to authorize the Iron Horse Theater to close Maplewood Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street on Saturday, September 23rd for their annual Latin Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote		Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli			Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes		Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes		Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes			
Mayor McCoy			Motion Carried	6-0

5. Consider Action to Purchase 4 SCBA Air Paks/Cylinders/facepieces and quick disconnect regulators from Pro-Am Safety, Inc. in amount \$47,265.90. *This is at CoStar pricing and County ARPA Funding will be utilized.*

Motion by Mrs. Miller to purchase 4 SCBA Air Paks/Cylinders/facepieces and quick disconnect regulators from Pro-Am Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$47,265.90; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

6. Consider Action to Purchase a SCBA DECON Washer (this unit sanitizes the SCBA's) from 3 Rivers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$31,050.00. *This is at CoStar pricing and County ARPA Funding will be utilized.*

Motion by Mrs. Miller to purchase a SCBA DECON Washer (this unit sanitizes the SCBA's) from 3 Rivers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$31,050.00; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Comments: Mr. Gill asked Chief Larrick for information about the purchase. Chief Larrick stated that it is used to sanitize the SCBA after a structure fire. When we come back, they are normally covered in dirt/soot, and the face pieces need cleaned. Not everyone has their own, so they need to be sanitized (especially with Covid). With this device they will be cleaned/sanitized within an hour. Now, we have to hand clean them, dry them inside the garage and they are out of service for a much longer time. Mrs. Miller asked that Chief Larrick describe the other items requested for the Fire Department. Chief Larrick provided information on the other items currently requested below. Mr. Gill asked if the existing equipment could be sold; Chief Larrick stated that it could be sold for scrap.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

7. Consider Action to Purchase a Cascade System (Air Tank/Bottle filling system) from 3 Rivers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$59,116.40. *This is at CoStar pricing and County ARPA Funding will be utilized.*

Motion by Mr. Gill to purchase a Cascade System (Air Tank/Bottle filling system) from 3 Rivers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$59,116.40; seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

8. Consider Action to Purchase a Fire Hose Drying Cabinet from Flashover Fire Apparatus & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$10,984.00. *County ARPA Funding will be utilized.*

Motion by Ms. DeVincent to purchase a Fire Hose Drying Cabinet from Flashover Fire Apparatus & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$10,984.00; seconded by Mr. Dunn.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

9. Consider Action to Advertise the revised Stop Sign Ordinance for Adoption.

Motion by Mrs. Miller to advertise the revised Stop Sign Ordinance for Adoption; seconded by Ms. DeVincent.

Council	Vote	Council	Vote
Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

10. Consider Action to purchase 6 Heart Smart AED's by Phillips through a grant. Cost per unit is \$1,063.61 plus shipping. This is a saving of approximately \$520.00 per unit (Total saving: \$3,120.00) *ARPA Funds will be utilized.*

Motion by Mr. Gill to purchase 6 Heart Smart AED's by Phillips through a grant. Cost per unit is \$1,063.61 plus shipping. This is a savings of approximately \$420.00 per unit; seconded by Ms. Gilliam.

Comments: Mr. Gill asked whether this will be funded solely from the ARPA Fund. Mr. Leone advised that the ARPA Funds will pay for these. Mr. Leone also wanted to give a shout out to the Fire Department. Assistant Chief Dave Gorecki submitted the grant paperwork for these AED's. This will provide an AED in each Police vehicle, Fire Station and one in the Borough building and possibly one in the Road Department vehicle.

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Mr. Cafarelli		Ms. Gilliam	Yes
Ms. DeVincent	Yes	Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Dunn	Yes	Ms. Tessaro	Yes
Mr. Gill	Yes		
Mayor McCoy		Motion Carried	6-0

11. Discuss contracting Street Sweeping for the Ambridge Regional Center.

Mr. Leone was approached by the Ambridge Regional Center Operational Manager and asked if we had an interest in possibly helping them out in sweeping their facility. We're looking, if Council approves, it can be added to our rotation once every two weeks. They have about two miles of roadway in their plan. Marty Sova and I went to the site yesterday. He didn't see any problems with it. We would be reimbursed for all of Marty's time. It would be done in the

early morning hours requiring overtime at time and a half. We are in the process of researching what is the actual hourly operational cost of utilizing our street sweeper, taking into consideration fuel, wear and tear on the machine. Once I get that amount, I will let the Council know and then also put a little markup on it so it's not a breakeven venture. They are receptive to that. A streetsweeper costs about \$300,000.00; they had one, but it broke. They are not looking to go out and spend the \$300,000.00 on a machine they don't use that frequently. Mr. Gill asked for the list of streets in Ambridge that are not being swept. Mrs. Miller and Ms. Tessaro stated that there are a variety of reasons those streets are not being swept and that the Public Works Committee may want to revisit that list. Mr. Gill expressed his opinion that streets within the Borough that are currently not be swept should be swept before contracting out to the Regional Center. Mr. Leone will provide the list to Council for review.

12. Discuss letter from Leetsdale 4th of July Committee.

Mr. Leone received a letter from the Fourth of July Committee. I don't recall receiving a letter from them last year. The letter asks us to consider donating for it. Mrs. Miller asked if they donate to our fireworks. Ms. DeVincent stated she didn't think so.

V. Other Unfinished Business

1. Glenwood Avenue fire damaged properties – need to finalize legal documentation for transfer of properties.

Mrs. Miller stated that she was recently asked when the people would be getting their money back and is not sure whether there is money they would be getting back. Mr. Leone stated that two of the property owners do have excess escrow monies in their account. The monies are tied into the legal documents being prepared.

2. Ordinances – Street Opening, Storm Water, IPMC- Ticket for Zoning/Code Violations

Mr. Leone advised that James Brunner and Steve Chesney are talking on their respective street opening and storm water ordinances, and Chief Larrick has been in communication with Solicitor Chesney as well on the property maintenance. Chief Larrick advised he has to fill in some dates for the property maintenance ordinance.

Announcements

Ms. Tessaro made the following announcements:

- The Fire Department is teaming up with the Red Cross for a Sound the Alarm event on May 13th. If you sign up, they will be installing fire alarms in houses, so if you're interested there is a flyer on the table.
- There is a tire collection event on May 6 in front of the Borough building.
- There is a community cleanup day on May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Park Road Pavilion. There will be lunch provided.
- There is an electronics recycling event on August 30. There is a cost associated with electronics items.

Mr. Gill asked about the snakes that were over in Aliquippa and some of them were brought over to Ambridge. Is there any way to restrict how many animals? We currently restrict people to two dogs/two cats. Mr. Leone advised that you could do any ordinance you want as long as it meets the Constitution. Ms. Tessaro said we will check with the Solicitor.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Miller to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Gilliam. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL: Regular Meeting: 5/9/2023 – 6:30PM
Workshop Meeting 5/23/2023 - 6:30PM