

Courtdale Borough

Meeting April 18, 2023

Roll- Carl Hodorowski, Pres. Mayor Jaclyn Degnan
Joseph Rish, Vice President Debra Youngblood
Jeff Ford Jill Dietrick-Secretary/Treas.
Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor Amy Yuhas
Absent: Michael Waslin

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Read: Debra Youngblood made a motion to accept the minutes, Amy Yuhas seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: *Report read. Amy Yuhas made a motion to accept Joseph Rish seconded. All in favor. Jeff Ford made a motion to pay bills, Joseph Rish seconded. All in favor.

Mayor: *Police still have no access to a computer to print report.

Public: *Frank Kodra a resident of Courtdale Ave. attended the meeting to follow up on the properties he would like addressed. Carl said all 3 properties were looked at. BHW said there is nothing that can be done about the porch at the Simpson house, but Frank also pointed out pigeons are living in the attic. Carl will call BHW to report that as well. The police cited the other properties mentioned for the boat and garbage. Carl mentioned having landlords report who is living at their rentals. Len said, "another town he works for did something similar and landlords must report to the borough every 2 years."

Committees: * Jeff Ford recapped the meeting with the Fire Department. They currently have 10 members but only 8 that can fight. Tony Yuscavage will be retiring so he will have more time to devote to the Fire Co. They agreed to give council a roster twice a year of all its members and acknowledged that due to the recent workers comp claim no one should have been changing a light bulb by themselves. The wall damaged near the church will be repaired. It was turned into their insurance. Courtdale is willing to meet with Larksville, but Jaime keeps canceling.

Old Business: *Len reviewed the contract for the paving work. All certificates were valid. Amy Yuhas made the motion to appoint Donnie Bowers as the company for paving in the amount of \$566,586.66.

Due to not being able to pave the additional streets listed in the bid, (due to the surveys not being done on them) we will have to give back \$90,000 from the grant money received. Next round Carl recommends surveying more roads than needed. However, some enhancements can be made to roads approved. Joseph Rich seconded. All in favor. Carl will sign all documents after the meeting.

*Len reviewed the Forty Fort Mutual Aid Agreement, to a resolution. Other than a few spelling changes there were no revisions. Jeffrey Ford made a motion to pass. Debra Youngblood seconded. All in favor. A roll call vote was taken, All in favor, Len could not edit all the spelling errors so Carl told Greg to get a copy and send to Len that can be revised.

*Len reviewed the Solicitation ordinance. There can be a fee that council will have to decide on. Some boroughs give no solicitation sticker for their windows and will it will be a violation. Carl said it will be tabled until next meeting. Carl suggested the police handle the paperwork for anyone who would like to solicit. 6:00am-10:00am.

*American Water Co. will be paving curb to curb on Bryden CT. due to getting new water lines. Short St. will also be paved soon with a 2-inch top coat.

New Business:

*Carl received a quote of \$750.00 to have the floors redone in the Sewer Collectors Office. Council agreed to have the work done. Amy Yuhas made the motion to purchase. Debra Youngblood seconded. This will be paid out of Covid funds.

*Carl presented all the receipts to Jill for the work done at the Borough building. The total was \$4,166.46 There is a discrepancy on what Jill reimbursed to Carl. Jill and Carl will review.

*Jill recommended getting a credit card for the future so Carl doesn't have to use his personal card.

*Luzerne County awarded Courtdale \$475,510.00 for the park. Carl thanked Joe Rish and Tom Vest for their work in securing the grant. Scott presented a diagram of another park they worked on and a cost estimate. The equipment budget will be approximate \$300,000. And all work must be completed by June 30, 2024. Scott, Jacki and Jill will be the users for the website.

*Council agreed to accept .75cents on the dollar for the past due balance on Pemberton's sewer acct. but they must pay a lump sum. Jeff Ford made the motion, Amy Yuhas seconded. All in favor.

*Parking lot paving invoice was received. The extra \$7,000 will be paid out of Liquid Fuels. Scott will review before submitting for payment.

Amy Yuhás made a motion to adjourn, Debra Youngblood seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.