

# Courtdale Borough Meeting

## April 19, 2022

Roll - Carl Hodorowski, President  
Tom Vest - Absent  
Jeff Ford  
Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor  
Michael Waslin

Debra Youngblood  
Joseph Rish, Vice President  
Amy Yuhas  
Jill Dettrick – Absent

Office of Mayor – Vacant

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm  
Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Read: Debra Youngblood made a motion to accept the minutes, Joseph Rish  
Seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report read. Carl reported that UGI has given the borough the Sales  
Tax exemption and Jill will review prior year's bills. Motion to accept Treasurer's  
report by Amy Yuhas, Second by Jeff Ford, all in favor.

Motion to pay the bills by Debra Youngblood, second by Michael Waslin, all in  
Favor.

Public Response: None

### Committees:

\*Carl and Amy met with Aaron Kaufer. There is an LSA and a DCED Greenway grant for  
park/playground. Up to \$10,000 for park equipment. May 5, 2022 deadline. The head of  
Greenway will look at the Park and make recommendations for upgrade.

\*Aaron also called Andy Reilly of Community Development re: Valley View. Did not  
connect but Ryan of Aaron's office followed up to see if the CDBG can be increased to  
\$450,000. Borough probably won't see the funds until July.

\*Aaron on chicken issue. No chickens allowed in Courtdale.

\*Aaron also said that the borough might get another \$250,000 for roads in 2023.

\*Police report was read by Debra Youngblood

### Old Business:

\*Jeff reported that Dave told him that 63% of residents have paid the 2022 sewer maintenance fee.

\*Xfinity contract was discussed. Savings not really there and Jill is working with Service Electric to see cost of an additional static line for the police. Council will deal with the Xfinity issue at the May meeting.

### New Business:

\*Quality of life ordinance. Chief of police has cited under the ordinance for the yard sale on Courtdale Avenue and also other locations for garbage. Council intends to enforce this ordinance. Ordinance prohibits yard sales which last more than 3 days and limits them to four times per year. Joseph Rish thanked the Chief for checking on the yard sale at Courtdale Avenue and delivering a copy of the ordinance. Police Chief also asked how far will Council go in enforcement and mentioned unwillingness of the magistrate to issue warrants when thousands of dollars of citations go unpaid. Solicitor said he will look into the issue and report back to Council.

\*Appointment of Mayor of Courtdale. Jaclyn Degnan was introduced by Carl Hodorowski. Carl said Jaclyn had agreed to fill in for the late Mayor Duesler. Motion to appoint Jaclyn Degnan as Mayor of Courtdale for a term ending on January 2, 2024, made by Amy Yuhas. Second to the Motion by Debra Youngblood. Roll Call Vote – All Council members present voted Yes. Tom Vest Absent and not voting. Solicitor read the Resolution appointing Mayor Degnan and stated her term will commence upon taking the Oath of Office and end on January 2, 2024. The newly designated mayor was acknowledged by a round of applause and congratulations.

\*Borough cleanup is Saturday April 23, 2022, beginning at 9 am with a rain date of Sunday, April 24, 2022.

\*Carl reported on another Center Street cave-in on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Carl and Mark filled in hole by hand. Water company has checked for leaks. No leak. Sewer line was videoed and no sewer problems. May be a mine subsidence. Carl will call Dept of Mines on April 20. If it is not a mine subsidence, then Carl will call Krasavage Construction to dig up and fix Center St. Payment will be out of Liquid Fuels.

\*Street paving. Streets on Community Development Grant are Hoyt, Corby, Valley View. Council must pick other streets as part of the \$250,000 grant from the state through Kaufer. Council identified the following streets in alphabetical order: Academy; Bryden Court; Center; Hillside; Short; and Helen Court.

\*Home construction on Helen Court. Homeowner paid connection fee of \$500, \$460 pave cut and engineering fee and \$50 yearly sewer fee for a total of \$1,010.

\*UGI will be replacing street lights with LEDs. They should be replaced on Courtdale Avenue first.

\*Jeff asked that the water company be contacted to see if the Borough is paying PA sales tax on the hydrants. Jill will be asked to check.

\*Question about status of tax sale on Harrington by Jeff. Solicitor looked up the current tax sale. Its not on the list. Only the property [trailer] at 1 Hillside is on the list.

\*Carl and Scott Smith checked the sewer meter on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Showed a flow of 951,231 gallons for the month which is well below the standard of about 350 gallons a day per household. The standard would show a flow of 3 million gallons a month.

\*Jill is working on COVID funds audit which is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Debra Youngblood to adjourn, second by Amy Yuhas. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Rish