

Tuesday, July 18,2023

COURTDALE COUNCIL MTG. MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Carl H.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL:

Carl Hodorowski, President
Jeff Ford
Joseph Rish, Vice President-arrived at 7:15
Debra Youngblood
Amy Yuhas
Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor
Michael Waslin -ABSENT
Mayor Degnan
Loriann Monto-Secretary/Treas.

MINUTES READ:

Amy Yuhas made a motion to accept the minutes, Debbie seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report read. Carl questioned the \$750 in the American Rescue plan, explaining it was for Matt Libby floor in sewer collectors office. Liquid Fuel breakdown of (2) invoices for spool and SM head. Motion made by Joe to accept the report and Debbie seconded the motion. Amy motioned to pay the bills with Joe seconding her motion. All in favor of accepting and paying bills.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Degnan reported that they are waiting on John in regards to the police reporting system. Also reported that the grant was denied for the police cruiser.

NOTE— Carl H made a motion to strike the agenda item regarding hiring a new police chief from the 7-18-23 agenda.the motion was seconded by Amy Y . All in favor.

PUBLIC:

Frank 251 Courtdale Ave—"junkyard" across the street from him. Carl explained that Police officer Greg Sr stopped by there several times and no one answered. Greg JR explained that citations are being handed out to the homeowners at that address. Council noted the concerns and will keep in communication with the police regarding the situation.

Bob, 247 Courtdale Ave—expressing concerns over the stray cats, pigeons, and overgrown grass at neighbors house. Len S interjected and would look into the stray/nuisance cat matter by researching what neighboring communities have done and what Courtdale, as a Borough, can do. Regarding the pigeon issue; BHW will be made aware due to it being an ordinance issue; possible code violations. Overgrowth issue is a police matter, and will be made aware of the situation.

COMMITTEES:

No committees held.

OLD BUSINESS:

Window film for the police station—quotes were discussed. Jeff received a quote from HEI window.

Another quote from Wet Paint. Council agreed to accept the original quote from Fast Signs in the amount of \$849.27 for the bottom windows to be installed. Amy Yuhas wanted to note that any time new purchases are being requested , that more than one price be submitted for consideration. Amy made a motion to accept with Debbie seconding the motion , and all in favor.

Rental ordinance will be tabled till the Fall, with the ordinances to be sent out with the sewer bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bank signatures for check signing. Jeff motioned to have Debbie Youngblood and Jill Dietrick removed from all the accounts as signers and add Loriann Monto and Joe Rish as new signers for all accounts , keeping Carl Hodorowski on all accounts as a signer. Seconded by Amy Yuhas . All in favor—roll was taken.

RFP review of bids submitted for the “Community Park” project.(3) bids received, Len assisted in reading the bid amounts. Barry Isett and Assoc. Submitted a bid in the amount of \$57,200.00, HRG submitted a bid in the amount of \$50,000.00, and KBA submitted a bid in the amount of \$35,500.00.

This business was tabled to review in committees to grade the bids.

Training video signatures were obtained by the missing council members and given to Scott Smith.

Tax Collector payments were reviewed. 15 @\$2.50, \$37.50. A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Amy, to pay tax collector.

Fire Dept. roster was received and payment will be made to Courtdale Fire Department for Jan - June 2023.

At this point of the meeting(7:35pm) there was a motion to adjourn to an executive session to discuss potential litigation with American Asphalt. Motion made by Joe and was seconded by Jeff.

Council readjourned from the executive session to the monthly council meeting.(8:05pm)

At this point a motion was made by Amy Yuhas to ratify the contract signed by council president, Carl Hodorowski, between Courtdale Borough and HRG regarding the borough parking lot paving project.

This motion was seconded by Debbie Youngblood . All members in favor, roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Debbie Yougblood to amend the minutes of the August 2022 council meeting

to reflect a vote was taken to hire HRG Engineering for Borough Parking lot paving project, the vote was unanimous in favor of hiring HRG. This motion was seconded by Jeff Ford. Roll was taken and all were in favor.

Mayor Degnan mentioned Hometown Heroes banners—she would like to pursue someone to coordinate this program, mentioning she has someone interested. She will gather information to discuss at the next council meeting.

Fire Department backup was discussed –removing Larksville and adding Luzerne. They will contact the appropriate people and pursue meetings with 911 and Larksville.

*Amy motioned to adjourn with Joe seconding her motion to adjourn.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.*