

Courtdale Borough Meeting May 17th 2022

Roll-	Carl Hodorowski, Pres. Tom Vest Jeff Ford Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor Michael Waslin Absent: Amy Yuhas	Debra Youngblood Joseph Rish, Vice President Jill Dietrick-Secretary Mayor Jacki Degnan
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Meeting called to order at 7:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Read: Michel Waslin made a motion to accept the minutes, Jeff Ford seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: *Report read. Tom Vest made a motion to accept, Joseph Rish seconded. All in favor. Debra Youngblood made a motion to pay bills, Joseph Rish seconded. All in favor.

*Jacki read the police report.

Public: *Mike Innocinti of 250 Courtdale Ave., attended the meeting to complain about his neighbors at 252 Courtdale Ave. Mike stated, "their garbage is piled high, they have 30 feral cats living under the trailer, they cut through my yard so they don't have to shovel their own walkway, they are very loud and up all night because they don't work. I have a wife and daughter who have to get up for school and work." Carl said he will have the police; code enforcement and the Mayor get involved due to being in violation of our quality of life ordinance. They were cited in the past for the abandoned car, which is still there. Carl will call BHW to check out the property. Children and Youth are also involved so I'm sure the home will be inspected before they are allowed back.

*Frank Kodra 251 Courtdale Ave., came to address concerns about 244 and 246 having multiples cars in their yards with no inspection on it. Frank said, "It's a junk yard." He also mentioned 21 Harrington St. having overgrown grass but Council told Frank it has been sold. Frank asked if a stop sign could be put up on Courtdale Ave intersection. Carl explained that council met with PennDot today to discuss speeding on Courtdale Ave., but a stop sign is not an option. Carl said, "council is aware people are speeding." Frank asked how he can see the ordinances. Carl explained that all ordinances will be on the website once it is up and running. Home at 243 Courtdale Ave. will also be looked at by BHW.

*Laura Biniek of 283 Courtdale Ave. then spoke up about people parking on her sidewalks. Carl said, police should be citing drivers parking on the sidewalks. Laura asked if rocks could be placed between the road and her sidewalk, Scott from HRG said, "it's a state road so council doesn't have any control over the ruling."

Committees:

*Joe attended the WWSA meeting. Our fund balance is at \$8,407.88 which can be used for Stormwater related repairs. Tom mentioned repairing the drain in the garage with these funds. Videos have to be watched and documented for WWSA on an annual basis by June 30th. Joe will send the link to all. Len will draft the ordinance WWSA is requiring by September of 2022. Three choices need to be made: 1-acre exemption, rule-run off volume 20 % (Scott recommended) and fine for violation need to be discussed.

*Carl and Tom met with Penn Dot to talk about the concerns to Courtdale Ave. in light of the recent deaths of two Plymouth residents. To immediately address the situation, they recommend applying for a Safety Grant to get speed signs and the rep at Penn Dot agreed to "fast track". The signs will need to be temporary so a permit isn't needed. The electronic signs cost about \$3500 each, Tom is looking to purchase 2 units that attach to poles. Police enforcement is also recommended. Carl asked Jacki to have the police get out more often. Carl will get the supplies to paint new lines for the police. Debbie made the motion to purchase, Tom Vest seconded. All in favor. If the grant does not get approved funds could be used from Liquid Fuels if necessary.

*Tom will apply for the Multimodal Grant for more paving but needs Scott to modify the map of streets to apply.

Old Business:

*Carl uploaded pictures to the Website. It should be finalized by next month.

*Under the "Quality of Life" Ordinance Carl would like to see it revised to address it so there is a daily fee. Len said, "I could revise but you will have to re-advertise or repeal and replace." Joe would like to see recommendations from Len on how to resolve some of the issue's residents have been coming to address. Len said, "Code Enforcement would have to handle, there is no easy way to resolve every town has people who do not take care of their properties and a Judge will not put someone in jail for lack of care to a property." Carl thinks increasing the fines could help. Len will take a look at how we could improve the ordinance for next month.

New Business:

- *Sales tax on all other bills have been reviewed by Jill. Jill corrected the issue with the street light tax but found no other issues with any other providers of service.
- *Jill called Service Electric on the “static line” but was told there is no other line needed. You just have to buy a new router which will give you a new IP address.
- *Jill completed the COVID Relief Funds reconciliation.
- *Len will check to see if the lien for grass cutting was filed for the home on Harrington Street.
- *Carl will order 2 Basketball nets for the park.
- *Scott (HRG) passed out the Engineering contract for the paving of roads. The roads that will get paved are Academy, Bryden, Hillside, Center, Short, and Hill Street. Jeff is concerned that not milling the streets; as based in HRG’s proposal could cause the roads to not hold up. Scott said, “we would use sub base if needed, but with the funding you have we can’t do all these roads if we mill all.” Jeff pushed to do it right now and not cut any corners. Carl thinks the engineers will assess and repair as needed. Scott said the minimum is 5 inches of base and he believes there is 5 inches of base on the roads. Jeff agreed, if that is the case he is happy with that. As long as quality is not compromised. Tom Vest made the motion to accept the retainer HRG presented. Debra Youngblood second. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor.
- *Carl will get info from the County on a paper shredding event that can be reimbursed. There is a three-box limit per resident from Paper Eaters and the rate is \$300 per hour, for 3 hours.
- *Debbie complained about smoke due to neighbors burning. Carl suggested Debbie report to 911.

Joseph Rish made a motion to adjourn, Jeffrey Ford seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:32.