

Tuesday, October 17,2023

## **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-  
Debra Youngblood  
Amy Yuhas  
Michael Waslin  
Joe Biniek  
Mayor Degnan  
Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor  
Loriann Monto-Secretary/Treas.

### **MINUTES READ:**

Joe B made a motion to accept the minutes, Michael seconded. All in favor.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report read. Amy motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Debbie seconded. All in favor of accepting and paying bills. Jeff motioned to pay the bills, Michael seconded the motion.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Degnan read the police report—totaling 27 calls.  
Mike Handley will be in to assist with the 911 download.

### **PUBLIC:**

Frank Kodora –provided pictures of neighbors who are not keeping up with their properties. Other neighbors are complaining as well. Will be a police issue, the council will make police aware.

### **COMMITTEES:**

Committee of council members( Joe, Carl, Jeff, and Jacki) met with Scott over preliminary designs/drawings.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Window film has been installed and paid for.

American Asphalt litigation update—Len emailed American Asphalt, 7/21/23, and —nothing has been paid as of the time of the meeting. Carl will give Len the contact info for the contact at American Asphalt. Len agreed to research and contact again. \* note; this issue will affect the police cruiser grant application if not closed in the very near future.

Mike Handley will be in on Oct 25 to install software for the 911 system to be in the police vehicles.

Crosswalk paint was purchased and a day will be scheduled to paint.

Raising tax millage was discussed, and will need an ordinance at the next council meeting once percentage is agreed upon.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief of Police John Piezala's Letter of resignation was read by Carl, effective 10/22/23. Dan Duffy was at the meeting, made a few remarks, and was accepted as new Chief of Police of Courtdale Borough. Motion was made by Carl to accept Dan Duffy as new Chief of Police effective 10/22/2023. Seconded by Jeff Ford, Roll was taken—all members agreed.

Borough Engineer Scott Smith provided an update on the progress of the projects in the borough. PAVING ISSUES -on Valley View and Hoyt , mainly resulting with a spring on Hoyt as well as Valley View Drive. Because of the wet condition and unforeseen circumstances while paving—there will be a change order request submitted. Also a request will be made to the contractor to try to complete from the intersection of Wood and up to be completed by 11/10/23, which is the cut off for seasonal paving.

A motion was made by Amy to add Engineer's update to the meeting and seconded by Joe B.(this was added because of last minute knowledge with the issues, it only came to the attention on the day of the meeting, 10/17/23).All in favor.

A motion was made by Debbie to approve the change order # 1 contract 23-1, and seconded by Joe Rish. All in favor.

The application for payment will be submitted to the County —A motion was made by Debbie to submit the payment request of \$96,602.26 , with Mike seconding. All in favor

A motion was made by Jeff to have Carl sign the request for payment from the Community Development grant, with Mike seconding the motion. All in favor.

Valley View Drive has a request from the gas company to install new lines. This issue will initiate a request for a change to the Courtdale Borough pave cut ordinance, placing a moratorium for 3 years on pave cuts. Discussion to amend the current pave cut ordinance and change the fee schedule. Len will draft an ordinance to update the current ordinance and fee schedule.

Courtdale Borough will sign up for 811 PA ONE Call to make the borough aware of any requests todig.

A motion was made by Amy to pay tax collector Carol Zabloney for (5) transactions,\$12.50, Joe seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Scott discussed the park project--for the equipment at the new park, they will meet with the designer/contractor. They will design the park based on the specifics provided by the engineers. Discussion about removing or replacing the basketball court poles. Concern about safety surfaces was discussed. Scott will request the specifications from the manufacturer. Also, safety concerns with sidewalks in the park. Fence covering("screening") for the chain link fence in the park will be researched. (joe,jeff,jacki,carl will have a committee mtg before the next council mtg).

92 Whiterock has till Nov 9th to remove the chicken from their property.(Luzerne County)

UGI tagged a dryer at 319 courtdale Ave.

A motion was made by Jeff to purchase a drill kit for the street dept from Lowe's, Amy seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Amy to adjourn with Joe B seconding. All in favor.

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.*