

Tuesday, September 19, 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 – ABSENT

Joseph Biniek, Jr.

Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor

Michael Waslin -ABSENT

Mayor Degnan

Loriann Monto-Secretary/Treas.ABSENT

### **MINUTES READ:**

Joseph Rish made a motion to accept the minutes, Joseph Biniek seconded. All in favor.

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

Report read by Council President. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Joseph Rish, second by Jeff Ford. All in favor.

Motion to pay the bills by Debra Youngblood. Second by Joseph Biniek. All in favor.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

No police report. Hope this is fixed in October 2023. Need a chief badge for Oct. 2023. Cost is about \$150. Current chief bought his own badge.

### **PUBLIC:**

Robert Wellnoski – 247 Courtdale Avenue, complained about pigeons at neighbor's house; BHW code enforcement will check. Also feral cat issue – nothing so far. SPCA will not help.

Frank Kodra – 249 Courtdale Avenue, complained about abandoned cars across the Avenue. Carl pointed out that 2 cars have been removed. Four still remain.

Susan French of Hoyt St., asked for a paving update. Carl said should happen last week of September. She also asked about road closures. Carl said resident will be notified. She also asked about the drainage ditches on Hoyt St. Carl said the grass swale will be removed and Hoyt St. will be widened about two feet on the right side going up Hoyt St.

### **COMMITTEES:**

Carl, Joe Rish, and the Mayor met with Aaron Kaufer and Ryan Pipan. Aaron will look for additional paving funding when the House returns to work in the last week of September. Also discussed the LSA grant process for a new police cruiser.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Window film for police room is done.

Litigation update re: American Asphalt – Len called Mike at AA and no response. Carl said this was also discussed with Kaufer regarding the contract amount subject to prevailing wage.

Police computer – program is on new computer. All is off of the old system. New programs active so Metro can do what needs to be done to complete the project.

Joe Rish and Jeff Ford along with Carl will be on the committee to pick the park equipment vendor.

HRG did do the survey on the playground and marked the parcel..

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Cochran Bankruptcy – has been dismissed. May have missed a bankruptcy required payment. Forward to Elite Revenue for action.

Morris – 81 White Rock is owed a refund for sewer payments. Motion to reimburse \$680 from sewer fund by Joe Rish, second Debra Youngblood, all in favor.

Carl was authorized to buy 3 cases of paint for crosswalks. Motion by Jeff Ford, second by Debra Youngblood, all in favor.

Paving should start end of September. Jeff suggested doing all of Hoyt to Courtdale Avenue if possible and if Tom Reilly gas like installed at that point.

Carl pointed out that taxes have not been raised for many years and that Council should think about the 2024 budget. He pointed out the following:

- Property tax millage of Courtdale [2.0] compared with Luzerne [3.6792] Larksville [3.80]; Pringel [.75]; Plymouth [7.72]
- Assessed value of property in Courtdale \$36,053,700
- 2.5 mills in Courtdale would produce about \$90,134, an \$18,000 increase for the Borough.
- Increase would be about \$70 for the average Courtdale resident.

Issue of taxes will be discussed further in the October meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Joseph Biniek, second by Jeff Ford, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm