

MEETING WEDNESDAY 12-7-16, 6:00 P.M.  
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Rearick, Southworth and Palmer, Secretary Davis, Sgt. Bish and Kathy Heilman from Armstrong Planning Department  
Citizens: Chad Evans, Carol Cecchi, Larry Cecchi, Matt Pfeil, J. Larry Rice, Jonathan Weaver of The Kittanning Paper and Jon Andreassi from the Leader Times.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rearick at 6:00P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Rearick ask for a moment of silence for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Minutes of 11/2/16 and 11/30/16 regular meetings were distributed, motion to approve by Southworth, seconded by Palmer, unanimous.

Kathy Heilman stated they put School Street out for engineering proposals and only received 1 submission. Southworth made a motion to recommend awarding the job to Senate Engineering, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

The 2016 CDBG Application for Boyd Road reconstruction will be submitted November 18, 2016.

Heilman stated there was a change order for the Boyd Road Waterline Extension, the job was cheaper than bid. Rearick made a motion to recommend paying Fouse \$13,885.70, seconded by Southworth, unanimous.

Southworth made a recommendation to pay Senate \$3,049.00 for they Boyd Road Waterline, seconded by Southworth, unanimous.

2017 Budget: estimated balance 1/1/17 \$1,006,210.52, total receipts \$1,264,095.00, total expenses \$1,278,341.00, balance 12/31/17 \$991,964.52. The budget has 6 mill of tax for general purpose, 0.39 mill for fire hydrants and per foot front on street lights, with no tax increase. Rearick made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget, seconded by Southworth, unanimous.

Rearick made a motion to sign the YIS calibration contract for 18 calibrations at a charge of \$508.50 plus 2 calibrations on the speedometers, seconded by Palmer, unanimous.

Palmer wanted to discuss allowing the fire department to bill for safety and rescue responses. Palmer stated it costs approximately \$250,000.00 a year to run the fire department. The Township gives them 1 mill of tax and must do fundraising to raise the balance. Palmer would like to allow them to bill the insurance for the amount within their policy and what isn't paid doesn't get passed on to the individual. Palmer has a copy of Bethel Township's ordinance and would like to have the solicitor review it. Palmer stated if don't find a way to help the fire department will end up raising taxes to support the fire department. Larry Cecchi stated if you give them everything they want they will ask for more. Palmer made a motion to have the solicitor review the sample ordinance, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Reorganizational meeting will be January 3, 2017 at 6:00P.M.

Auditor's meeting will be January 4, 2017 at 6:00P.M.

Rental Agreement – Rearick explained if you rent the meeting room currently there is no contract and you take your garbage with you. Davis read quotes to put a dumpster at the building. They agreed to have Sacco review the contract and charge a flat fee of \$110.00 but not to order a dumpster until all quotes are in.

Police Business:

Sgt. Bish read the police report. Rearick made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, unanimous.

Officer Petrosky's 6-month probation ended 12/6/16. Bish recommend moving him to regular status. Rearick made a motion to remove him from probation and give him the \$1.00 an hour increase, seconded by Palmer, unanimous.

Rearick made a motion to hire Paul France with a 6-month probation period, seconded by Palmer, unanimous. Bish stated this completes the 12-man roster.

January 21, 2017 from 12:00P.M. to 8:00P.M. there will be a seminar to finger print children and give child safety tips here at the Township Building.

EMC Report:

Rice stated he just came from a conference on the knowledge center and they are making improvements. Rice talked to Petrosky and they need to meet with the schools and look at their plans and ours for an active shooter event. Rice stated there needs to be an individual in charge of getting information to the media to calm the public's fears if there was an active shooter event in the area. Also, stated there has been several accidents in the area of Hawk Hollow so he ask police to look at them to see if there was any common denominator.

Fire Department Report:

Palmer read there were 13 incidents in November and most were vehicle accidents.

Other Business:

The posts for the new Township sign come in tan, khaki and white. Rearick made a motion to buy tan, after discussion Rearick rescinded his motion. Southworth made a motion to order white posts, seconded by Palmer, unanimous.

Comments:

Matt Pfeil – someone is dumping tires on Church Road. Bish will have an officer check into this.

Larry Cecchi – likes the work the police department is doing but told the Board to be careful hiring full time officers. Have Boroughs to the North and South of us that have had financial issues because of a full-time police force and we could end up in the same boat. He doesn't want to be like other communities. Stated the road workers are doing a good job also.

Jonathan Weaver – ask when the sign will be done, Davis told him no date yet but she will order tomorrow. Cecchi stated there may be a grant available to light the sign with solar lighting.

Motion to pay the bills by Rearick, seconded by Southworth, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Rearick, seconded by Southworth, unanimous.

Adjourned at 6:45P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary