

JANUARY 18, 2022
SECOND MONTHLY MEETING
HONEY BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL

The second monthly meeting of Honey Brook Council was held at Borough Hall and all members answered Roll Call. Also participating in the meeting were Chief Calvin Wilson; Joe Boulanger, Code/Zoning/Building Office; and Tricia Swinty, Borough Clerk.

Citizens Comment on Agenda Items – none.

Public Presentations

Mr. Ted Ford, 541 Maple Street, stated he represents three landlords in the Borough owning rental properties who feel they are being singled out regarding safety inspections. Mr. Ford stated there are Borough properties who have not cleaned their sidewalks after the recent snow storm on Friday and Sunday; the Borough Park has many safety violations including electrical outlets without covers, unlocked propane tanks, loose wires; Borough Hall is not ADA compliant. Mr. Bill Ford informed everyone that the electricity to the park is turned off and turned on when needed. Mr. Ted Ford also stated that scaling paint on the outside of a building should not be a safety violation when inspections are done. Mr. Boulanger stated that the Borough Rental Ordinance is followed to ensure rental units are being maintained properly for the safety of the resident. Mayor Downey suggested a committee be formed to address the Borough building issues and work on fixing them. Ms. Jenzano, Mr. Bill Ford, Mr. Joe Boulanger and Mr. Ted Ford volunteered for the committee. Mr. Boulanger said he will have his office pull the rental inspections where “scaling paint on exterior of building” is mentioned for review.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Florio stated a correction to be made to page 2 of the Reorganization Meeting Minutes under Ratification of 2020 Budget (as printed), should be 2022 Budget and December 6, 2019 should be changed to December 6, 2021. Mr. Ford stated a correct to the First Monthly Meeting Minutes on page 3 – Public Presentations, resident’s name to be changed from Joe Shoemaker to Bob Shoemaker. Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Florio, to approve the Reorganization minutes and First Monthly minutes from the January 3, 2022 meeting with above mentioned changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Ford questioned if the Borough was charged by Kraft Code Services for 12/28/2021, Mr. Boulanger stated he would look into this. Ms. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ott, to approve the bills presented for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications/Secretary's Report – No Report

President's Report

Ms. Curtis reported that a meeting with several other municipalities was held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 to discuss the Elverson/Honey Brook EMS. Ms. Curtis received a report with a breakdown of each municipality's monetary contribution to the EMS organization, some of which do not contribute the amount suggested, and will talk to these municipalities regarding contributing their fair share. Ms. Curtis said the EMS are paid \$15/hour and would like to see that raised to \$18/hour with hazard pay and to also afford another floating crew. The crews are now burned out.

Ms. Curtis informed Council that Chester County Commissioner Michelle Kichline said that Jennersville Hospital may be "saved". At this time, Tower Health has stripped the Hospital of all equipment. More information will be distributed as it comes in.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Downey informed Council that she attended the Fire Company reorganization to swear in the 2022 Officers. She also had an introductory meeting with the Police Chief on communication. The Snow Emergency Declaration was re-worded and will be "tweaked" if necessary.

Monthly Reports

Treasurer's & Tax Collector's Report – No Report

Police Report – Chief Wilson's report was reviewed. He informed Council that the Toy Drive was very successful and this year they expanded the distribution to Honey Brook Township.

Public Works – Mr. Ford's report was reviewed. Mr. Ford informed Council that he salted Rt. 10 during the last snow storm due to icy conditions. He contacted PennDot of this and they will send salt to the Borough.

Code/Building/Zoning Officer's Report – Mr. Boulanger rode through the Borough prior to tonight's meeting and posted notices for sidewalks needing to be cleared of snow. The Grenda properties will be posted with new NOV's this week. He said 4485 Horseshoe Pike will be notified that a dumpster is required for this property and 4477 Horseshoe Pike was demolished but did not notify Kraft Codes to follow up on inspections, Mr. Boulanger will follow up on this.

Planning Commission Report – a meeting will be held on January 19, 2022.

Old Business

The 2022 Fee Schedule was tabled till the next meeting. The Borough Fee portion needs to be reviewed/revised prior to approval. On page 7 of the 2022 Fee Schedule the "Permit Renewals, \$60" is missing and needs to be added. Mr. Florio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to table adoption of the 2022 Fee Schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was passed to add Act of Terrorism insurance, as long as it is less than \$300, by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Ott. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Curtis passed out the list of Committee members for 2022. The Military Banner Committee has been removed since it now implemented.

Mr. Ott asked Mr. Ford about several street lights out in the Borough. Mr. Ford said he is working with PPL to have them fixed.

Ms. Jenzano stated that Donna Horvath from the Honey Brook Community Partnership contacted her regarding the banners along Horseshoe Pike. Ms. Horvath is going to contact the Women's Club and Lions Club regarding a financial commitment to replace banners. It was suggested to contact Verizon to allow banners on the poles they own. Mr. Ford suggested using seasonal banners rather than holiday banners so they do not have to be changed as often.

Ms. Matlock requested that a Borough Council member be present at the COG gathering to be held next week. Ms. Curtis said she will be attending. Ms. Matlock informed Council that the Grant Writing class she was to attend is cancelled indefinitely.

New Business

Consideration to set Conditional Use Hearing for 2536 Conestoga Avenue – Mr. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Florio, to set the Conditional Use Hearing for 2536 Conestoga Avenue (applicants Angela & Allen Dove) at 6:00 p.m. on February 22, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Presentations

None

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Council went into Executive Session at this time.

Notes recorded by Tricia Swinty
Janis A. Rambo, Borough Secretary