

A regular meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium at the Myerstown Community Center, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present were: President Bryan L. Rittle, Vice President Park W. Haverstick, II, President Pro Tem Dana Reich, Council Members Ronald L. Ream, Stacey A. Hackman, Jeffrey L. Thomas, and Dane W. Bicher, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Assistant Manager Barry A. Ludwig, Solicitor Amy B. Leonard, Treasurer Gale Edwards, and Manager Michael R. McKenna.

The President opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Dana Reich moved, and Stacey A. Hackman seconded, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 8, 2020. Motion carried.

The President opened the floor for citizens' and visitors' comments.

James Rittle of 201 South Railroad St was in attendance representing the local Groundhog Lodge. He announced that the Groundhog Lodge would be cancelling their 2021 Groundhog Day event and festivities due to difficulties that have arisen as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. He asked the Borough to post this information on its website and at the borough office.

Matthew Bartal was in attendance to present a consulting agreement to assist the Borough in the creation of a police department. He asked for the opportunity to speak with the Public Safety Committee to discuss consulting with the Borough, and to express his concerns about contracting with an outside police department. Mr. Bartal was instructed to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

The following reports were presented to Council for review and discussion: Mayor's Report, Code Enforcement and Zoning Report, Myerstown Vitality Partnership Report, Solicitor's Report, Assistant Manager's Report, and Manager's Report.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Dana Reich seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2020 as submitted and have it placed on file for audit. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Stacey A. Hackman seconded, to approve the payment of bills as submitted by the Treasurer. Motion unanimously carried.

The Communications were reviewed.

Council reviewed Resolution 2021-01 to update the fee schedule with a \$50.00 registration fee for new on-street handicap parking spaces in accordance with Ordinance 857. Stacey A. Hackman moved, and Ronald L. Ream seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-01 – Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a request from Brian Saul of Brian's Model Trains for no parking in front of his store during a sidewalk sale event. Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Dana Reich seconded, to approve the request from Brian Saul of Brian's Model Trains for no parking in front of his store at 109 West Main Avenue on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a proposal from Zinn Insurance for the renewal of its pollution liability insurance for the wastewater treatment facility and the community pool. Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dane W. Bicher seconded to approve the proposal from Zinn Insurance for the renewal of the Borough's pollution

liability insurance for the wastewater treatment facility and the community pool for 2021. Motion carried.

Council recessed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:44 p.m., reconvening the regular session.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Dana Reich seconded, to approve a wage rate increase of \$1.00 per hour, effective today, for Wastewater Operator David Schmidt for earning his Class A Wastewater certification. Motion carried.

The President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Dana Reich seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. McKenna, MPA
Manager/Secretary