

Borough of Susquehanna Depot
Minutes January 4, 2016

Present: Sue Crawford, John Hendrickson, Barbara Larsen, Dana Rockwell Roy Williams, Joseph Varsik and Deborah Zayas

Also Present: Margaret Biegert, Mayor Nancy Hurley, Bob Sweet

Guests: Damian, Tonya and David Scales, Kerri Ellen Wilder

MOTION: By Roy Williams seconded by John Hendrickson to appoint Joe Varsik as council president. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Roy Williams seconded by Joe Varsik to appoint Deborah Zayas as council vice-president. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Joe Varsik seconded by Deborah Zayas to appoint Roy Williams council president pro tempore. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By John Hendrickson seconded by Roy Williams to set the 2016 council meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: Roy Williams seconded by Sue Crawford to Appoint Barbara Larsen, Deborah Zayas and Margaret Biegert to the finance committee. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Barbara Larsen seconded by Deborah Zayas to appoint Sue Crawford, Dana Rockwell and Margaret Biegert to the Park committee. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Deborah Zayas seconded by Barbara Larsen to appoint Roy Williams and John Hendrickson to the DPW Committee. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By John Hendrickson seconded by Deborah Zayas to approve the purchase of a blade for the western plow At \$175.00. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Roy Williams seconded by Sue Crawford to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015 as amended. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Barbara Larsen seconded by Sue Crawford to approve the purchase of floor liners for the GMC and Ford pick up at \$195.00. Sue Crawford, Barbara Larsen, Dana Rockwell Roy Williams, Joseph Varsik and Deborah Zayas voted yes. John Hendrickson voted no. Motion carried

MOTION: By John Hendrickson seconded by Barb Larsen to approve the bill list. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Roy Williams seconded by Deborah Zayas to approve the following 1/1/16 Capital Reserve Line Item balances: Legal Fee Reserve to \$10,000., Concession Stand \$3,185.31; River Park from \$5,083.88. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Nancy Hurley opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Newly elected council members Larsen, Rockwell, Williams, Varsik and Zayas and constable Damian Scales read the oath of office. The mayor asked for motions to elect the President Vice President and President Pro Tempe. The Mayor turned the meeting over to Joe Varsik. Council appointed a finance, Parks and DWP committee. Committee schedules to be determined.

Regular Business: Council approved the agenda for the regular business portion of the meeting.

Public Comment: None

DPW: Council reviewed the DPW report and discussed purchase requests. Joe Varsik asked that the DPW get a list of needs together for the year. Council tabled a request for a new truck radio. The DPW requested blades for the western plow at \$175. and the boss plow at \$200. Council approved purchase of the blade for the western plow to see how it works. DPW requested Weather Tec or husky liners for the ford pickup and GMC at \$195.00. Prices were

compared at TJ's and J&R Upholstery. John thought the DPW should look for used ones at "Gary's U-pull It" first. Other council members felt the Weather Tec liners were fitted specifically to the truck, would offer good protection and should be purchased right away considering the time of year. Council approved purchase of liners.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Council approved the bill list. Council reviewed minutes of December 9, 2016. After a few minor corrections council approved amended minutes. Council reviewed the treasurer's report. Margaret asked council to approve line item changes in 2016 Capital Reserve budget to include the concession stand. Council was given an outline of a comprehensive blight removal grant proposal with a \$71,000 match from the borough. Margaret explained that the funding is very competitive and priority will be given to low income communities with sewer issues. She was advised that a blight removal will be a priority to community development in the proposed state budget. If the borough is unable to obtain funding through this grant it will be ready to submit for other funding sources once the state budget is passed. There was discussion as to the land reuse, liens, owner's responsibility, bidding process and the borough's commitment with this grant. Council decided to proceed with the application process.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor thanked the police department for the great job they did in 2015. They have been tough and compassionate. They ticketed many vehicles during the last ice storm.

Emergency Management: John Hendrickson completed suspicious activity reporting training.

Codes: Council reviewed the codes report. The codes department has been very active and has been seeing results. He advised council that few municipalities in the county are aggressively going after codes and blight the way Susquehanna has been. He has a good working relationship with the District Magistrate and the Attorney for this process. The process is lengthy but the department will continue to move forward. He reminded residents of 911 address requirements and advised they will be enforced. He asked if all personnel who are required to have their NIMS certifications become compliant. He plans on addressing parking near intersections to have it moved from 30 to 50 feet to accommodate emergency response vehicles.

Business: SCHRA still does not have reuse information for the sale of Euclid Ave. Roy Williams felt the steps on W. Main St was the responsibility of the property owner and the rail should be the boroughs. Joe Varsik will get more information about the community board. Joe and Roy will meet with a representative the camera system company. Deb Zayas hoped Erie Ave and Front St. could be targeted for Dumping. Dana had advised council that the PA Environmental Agency has a camera loan program specifically intended for littering. Kerri Wilder asked if there was any more information about the ward system ordinance. Margaret had contacted voter's registration to find out how they handle the elected poll workers. They referred her to the borough solicitor. She has not heard back yet.

Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:23

Council Reconvened 8:23

Meeting adjourned 8:24