

Borough of Susquehanna Depot

Minutes – August 14, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President William Bremenour, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Bill Bremenour, Sue Crawford, Albert Cuevas, Rose Hendrickson, Terry Tingley, Chrissy Vinsko, Mayor Roy Williams

ABSENT: Barb Larsen, JCP Molly Griga, Secretary Ann Stewart

GUESTS: Kevin McKee/DPW, Butch Kelsey/DPW, Dan Vinsko/EMA, Peter Bauman, Andreas Plonka, Mr. Plonka, Susan Kay Walker, Sue Evans, Troy Roberts, Beth Tingley, Molly Mroz, Devan Sieban, Dani-Lynn Bettell

MOTION: By Chrissy Vinsko, second by Al Cuevas to approve the agenda. All were in favor, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Molly Mroz voiced concerns re: flooding on High Street and the extent of damage and expenses. Kevin explained all the work that was done three weeks ago with the drain on East and High Streets. 4” of rain in less than an hour caused major damage throughout the town. Following the storm, Kevin and the DPW employees, along with Butch and Dan Vinsko all worked on the problem areas immediately. Discussion if another catch basin could be put in.

Troy Roberts questioned council of the former Mayor’s resignation and the community not knowing about it. He continued to question why Mayor Roy Williams is stepping down and why there is no police. He had code issues complaint. Butch explained that steps were being taken, and all permits are in order.

Dani-Lynn Bettell had complaints on people parking on sidewalks.

MOTION: By Chrissy Vinsko, second by Rose Hendrickson, to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2024, as read. All were in favor, Motion carried.

MOTION: By Sue Crawford, second by Terry Tingley to approve the Bill List of August 14, 2024. All were in favor, Motion carried.

MOTION: By Al Cuevas, second by Sue Crawford to approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$0.00. All were in favor, Motion carried.

MOTION: By Al Cuevas, second by Chrissy Vinsko to approve Ordinance #824 – Eminent Domain. Roll Call: Bill Bremenour, aye; Sue Crawford, aye; Al Cuevas, aye; Rose Hendrickson, aye; Terry Tingley, aye; Chrissy Vinsko, aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Chrissy Vinsko, second by Al Cuevas to approve Resolution appointing Bobbi Jo Turner and Sarah Van Scoten as administrators of the Park Entrance grant. All were in favor, Motion carried.

MOTION: Consider appointing the following members to the borough’s Planning Commission:

By Al Cuevas, second by Terry Tingley: William Perry – 4 year

By Rose Hendrickson, second by Al Cuevas: Beth Tingley – 3 year

By Sue Crawford, second by Al Cuevas: Susan Walker – 2 year

All were in favor for all appointments, Motion carried. Planning Commission will be meeting with solicitor, Michael Briechele for further instructions.

Department reports were reviewed.

DPW/Emergency Management gave updates on the storm damage from August 9th in which Governor Shapiro declared Susquehanna County a Disaster Emergency area. Susquehanna Borough submitted an application for a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. The following are the specific areas for damage:

Retaining wall on Willow Ave at the Viaduct Pocket Park.

Sluice and drains on High Street.

Sluice, drains and road on Front Street.

Dan Vinsko/Emergency Management and Kevin McKee/DPW are working on getting estimates and submitting all the required reports. Will be meeting with Schott Aylesworth, the county EMA director to inspect and assess the damaged areas.

Park Committee working on grant for fencing for lookouts at the park.

Codes issues were discussed.

Meeting entered Executive Session for Legal and Personnel issues and upon reconvening, the following motions were made:

MOTION: By Chrissy Vinsko, second by Al Cuevas to approve salary rate increase for the DPW workers. All were in favor, Motion carried.

MOTION: By Rose Hendrickson, second by Chrissy Vinsko to regretfully accept Roy William's resignation as Mayor. All were in favor, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.