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April 4, 2022

The Picture Rocks Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present: Linda Sosniak, Nancy Dorman, Craig Gansell, Chris Smith, Gary Hockenberry and David Hitesman.

Guest: Alan Little Fire Chief Picture Rocks Fire Company
Richard Sprout – Member Fire Company
Terry Shaner – Borough Resident of 361 Water Street

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Minutes March 7, 2022 meeting – A motion was made by Linda Sosniak and seconded by David Hitesman to accept the March 7, 2022 council minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report	General Fund	$ 195,712.04
	Highway Fund	6,488.67
	Act. 13 Impact Fee	38,755.85
	COVID-19 ARPA Funds	19,471.41

A motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by Gary Hockenberry to accept the April 4, 2022 treasurer's report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

Following invoices presented for consideration at the April 4, 2022 council meeting.

Hughesville Borough	March Police Report	$ 2,157.60
Ron's General Cleaning	March Janitorial Services	40.00
UGI Utilities	Gas Heat	175.04
Cargill	Deicer Salt 22.53 Tons #18209	*1,412.51
Cargill	Deicer Salt 22.45 Tons #18208	*1,347.67
Green Valley Paving	Snow Removal March Inv. #1131	*1,486.50
Lycoming County	2022 Tax Bills	423.00
Bradco Supply	Street Sign Center Street	31.50

*Pay Highway Funds

Following invoices paid since the March 7, 2022 council meeting.

Marco Technologies	Copier Expense	61.35
State Workers Ins. Funds	Workers Comp Employees	6.00
State Workers Ins. Funds	Workers Comp Fire Co.	1,394.00
P P & L	Monthly Electric Bills	940.18
American Legion Post 35	American Flag Borough Building	35.00
Windstream	Monthly Telephone Bill	65.01

A motion was made by Nancy Dorman and seconded by Linda Sosniak to pay invoices presented for payment and invoices paid since the March 7, 2022 council meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Secretary reported that he received notice from McCormick Law Firm, borough solicitor, that effective May 1, 2022 legal fees will be increased.

Partners from $110.00 to $125.00 per hour – Associates from $110.00 to $125.00 per hour- – Paralegals from $55.00 to $60.00 per hour.

Standing Committee Reports.

Street – Secretary informed council that he will schedule the sweeping of the borough roads of the winter material that was spread by Penn DOT.

Parks & Property – Secretary reported that the park will be opened for the 1st. of May reservations.

Shade Tree – President Smith reported that he doesn't expect to be successful for the Act 13 Legacy Fund Application that he submitted for planting of trees at the Van Rensselaer Park. There were more dollars requested than dollars available.

Fire Chief – Chief Little reported that the fire company responded to (90) calls during the past month. Also the chief reported that the new boat is now in service.

Police Chief Report – Council reviewed the March police report. In the period of March 3, 2022 thru March 28, 2022 there were a total of (6) incidents reported in the borough.

Person To Be Heard Continued.

Persons To Be Heard – Terry Shaner, resident of 361 Water Street addressed council on how fast vehicles were traveling on Rte. 220 and the lack of the Hughesville Police in conducting traffic enforcement on 220. Mr. Shaner stated that on (2) occasions he was almost run over by speeding vehicles while attempting to cross the highway. Mr. Shaner believes that the police are not performing their job and the borough is wasting tax payer's money.

After open discussion the following action to be taken.

(1) Secretary to contact Chief Smith and request a meeting to review the borough concerns.
(2) Secretary to request that the Chief be present at council meetings.
(3) Request more hours being spent on traffic control on Route 220.

Mr. Shaner also asked what was being done concerning the erosion of the creek bank in front of 361 Water Street. Over the years during high water, the existing bank has been washed away. Vice President Linda Sosniak explained that the borough is applying for a grant thru the state to secure the bank. As of this date, the borough is awaiting action on the grant.

Unfinished Business – President Smith reviewed with council the revised proposed standing committees for 2022. After open discussion, it was decided that they were an improvement over what is presently used. President Smith will type the necessary resolution that is needed and present at the May council meeting for action.

Vice President Sosniak reviewed with council the grant application that was submitted thru the county. If successful, the money would be used to place new shingles on the enclosed pavilion, thus freeing up money for addition work.

New Business.

Invoice Comcast Business Internet Service – Secretary reported that the borough received an invoice from Comcast Business in the amount of $174.10. The letter sent with the invoice stated that during a recent account review it was determined that the borough account is not being charged appropriately for the internet service that we received. I then reviewed the existing ten year contract, dated March 4, 2016, in which I believe calls for the free service. I then contacted Comcast and they had no record of this agreement and requested a copy for their review. I then received an e-mail from Comcast stating there is no agreement that qualifies the borough for free services. Next I contacted the borough solicitor and forwarded a copy of the contract for his review. His response was that the contract is clear and the borough was supposed to receive free service as compensation for allowing Comcast to use the public right-of-way for their cable/infrastructure. It is now in the hands of the solicitor to contact Comcast in our behalf.

New Business Continued.

Tammy Smith Sewage Problems – Secretary reported that Code Inspections, Inc. has inspected the property and reported that Ms Smith has failed to meet the requirements set by Code, which would allow her to move back into the home. Code has now posted the property, unfit for human occupancy. A register letter has been sent by the Borough Sewage Officer, stating what action Ms. Smith must take in order to avoid legal action.

Road Problem Bartlow Drive – Secretary briefed council on the problem with storm water run-off which is damaging the existing road. Specification sheets will be established to determine just what work will be needed to correct the problem...

Proposed Road Oiling & Chipping 2022 Thru COG.

Secretary reviewed with council the proposed oiling & chipping contract work thru the COG. The secretary & Vice President, Linda Sosniak conducted the annual road review with Gregg Dibble, Municipal Services. Mr. Dibble worked up the following bid specifications for bidding purposes thru the COG...

Boston Road Bridge to Dead End - Dbl. Seal Coat W/ Fog Seal Cost	$35,537.80
Boston Cove Boston Road to Cul-de-Sac Dbl. Seal Coat W/Fog Seal Cost	$12,735.80
Total Estimated Cost	$48,263.60

Alternet Estimate

Boston Road Bridge to Dead End –Single Seal Coat W/Fog Seal Cost	$20,301.60
Boston Cove Boston Road to Cul-de-Sac. Sgl Seal Coat W/ Fog Seal Cost	$ 7,277.60
Total Estimated Cost	$27,579.20

The 2022 budget for road construction calls for a total of $40,000. Depending on the final bids we can go with either one.

Borough Reports.

Representative East Lycoming Recreation Authority – Bruce Little, borough representative for the East Lycoming Recreation Authority briefed members on the ongoing projects of the authority.

Representative West Branch COG – Secretary reported that the oiling & chipping bids thru the COG will be opened at the May 17, 2022 COG meeting.

Adjournment – Being no further business, a motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by David Hitesman to adjourn the meeting.

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William N. Dorman
Secretary