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October 3, 2022

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

Guest: Richard Sprout – Picture Rocks Fire Company
Larry Ryder – Picture Rocks Fire Company
West Egli – Borough Resident 61 Center Street
Terry Shaner – Borough Resident 361 Water Street
Rod Smith – Chief of Police Hughesville Borough Police
Richard Smith – Mayor Hughesville Borough

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

Minutes September 6, 2022 council meeting – A motion was made by Linda Sosniak and seconded by Dave Hitesman to accept the September 6, 2022 council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report	General Fund	$ 203,404.76
	Highway Fund	10,983.51
	Act. 13 Impact Fee	49,381.37
	COVID-19 ARPA 2021 Funds	40,844.80

A motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by Gary Hockenberry to accept the October 3, 2022 treasurer's report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

Following invoices presented for payment at the October 3, 3022 council meeting.

UGI Utilities	Gas Heat	$ 25.99
Ron's General Cleaning	Janitorial Services	40.00
Hughesville Borough	Police Report September	2,238.60

Following invoice paid since the September 6, 2022 council meeting.

Timothy Wertz	Weed Control Water & Main St.	124.50
Ron's General Cleaning	August Janitorial Services	40.00
UGI Utilities	Gas Heat	25.99

Invoices paid since the September 6, 2022 council meeting.

Staples	Misc. Office Supplies	137.16
Eugene Otterbein	Halloween Glow Necklaces	83.97
Cowbell	Cyber Insurance	300.00
Berger Septic	Portable Toilets Park	145.00
Comcast Business	Internet Charge	89.90
Fred Hamm	August Disposal Service Park	288.75
Gardner's Tree Service	Remove (2) Trees & Stumps Rocks	2,000.00
State Workers Ins.	Worker's Comp Fire Co.	568.00
Russell Standard Corp.	Boston Rd. – Cove thru COG	*31,214.64
McCormick Law Firm	Legal Fees	125.00
Marco Technologies	Copier Expense	65.12
Windstream	Monthly Telephone	67.21
Shelinski Landscaping	(5) Locations Landscaping	1,550.00
William N. Dorman	Iron Out Office Use	5.99
Stanley & Gray Printing	Window Check Envelopes	73.21
Picture Rocks Fire Co.	2022 Fireman Relief Assoc.	3,565.67
Gardner's Tree Service	Remove (4) Trees Laurel Run	800.00

*Pay Highway Fund $18,000. – General Fund $13,214.64

A motion was made by J. R. Rishel and seconded by Dave Hitesman to pay invoices presented for payment and invoices paid since the September 6, 2022 council meeting. Motion carried.

Nancy Dorman abstained from voting on the bills to be paid and the bills already paid by the borough secretary at the borough council meeting held on October 3, 20022 due to a family member was listed as a payee on a bill presented.

Correspondence List September 7, 2022 – September 28, 2022.

From: Lycoming County Conservation District
Subj: State Route 220-166 Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Plan Picture Rocks Borough – Shrewsbury Township Lycoming County.

Borough secretary received verbal confirmation that in fiscal year 2023 the State will reconstruct route 220 thru the borough. Traveling north on 220, the work will start at the north end of the 220 bridge and extend into Shrewsbury Township. Money has been appropriated for this project for the fiscal year. 2023.

Standing Committee Reports.

Street – Secretary reported that we have good supply of salt left over from 2021. Secretary also reported that he will be in contact with Mr. Umpstead and make sure he is ready for the snow season.

Standing Committee Reports Continued.

Parks & Property – Secretary reported that due to no park reservations in October the park has been closed. The well water system will be drained for the winter.

Sanitation & Health – Secretary reported that there was a total of (16) resident who failed to comply with the 1st. notice that was mailed. The 2nd notice will be mailed out giving (10) days to comply or action will be taken thru the local district magistrate office.

Fire Chief – Larry Rider, representing the fire company, reported that during the past month there were 112 incidents responded by the company.

Police Chief Report – Council reviewed the September police report. In the period of August 31, 2022 thru September 27, 2022 there were a total of (12) incidents reported in the borough.

Review with the presence of Chief Rod Smith & Mayor Richard Smith of the Hughesville Borough. Councilmen Craig Gansell, reviewed, that based on the last several months reports presented to council, the number of traffic and warning citations appear to be down and gives the impression that maybe not much time was given to enforcing the speed limit. Controlling traffic on 220 is the main concern of borough council. Chief Smith, without looking at the records, reported he could not say how much time was spent. Mayor Smith is not sure if a set number of hours for traffic control were ever established.

Councilmen Dave Hitesman asked how much time was spent on a give citation. Chief Smith reported that each citation is different Depending on what the officer finds could take up to an hour. If a blood test is required that could take several hours. If a hearing is required that is a minimum of 2 hours or more.

Terry Shaner presented comments, stating the Hughesville Police were not doing their job.

Larry Rider & Richard Sprout made comments in favor of the police.

President Smith acknowledged comments will be recorded. No official action taken.

Unfinished Business

Tammy Smith Sewage Problems – Secretary reported that he is in contact with the borough solicitor, requesting the legal procedure to be used in the process of the legal action against Tammy Smith.

New Business.

Subdivision MMMK, LLC – (Matt Charles) Parcel #46-001-402-03 – After review of the report submitted by Code Inspections, Inc., which stated no comment. A motion was made by Gary Hockenberry and seconded by Linda Sosniak stating the Picture Rocks Borough has no comment. The President is authorized to sign his signature stating the subdivision plan has been reviewed with no comment and returned to Lycoming County Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Halloween Party Office Building – Official time & date will be October 31, 2022 between hours of 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Review Cost Estimate McGarvey Construction Handicap Ramp – Cost $19,500.

Secretary reviewed the cost estimate from McGarvey Construction. Mr. McGarvey does not believe the ramp needs to be completely rebuilt. No action taken.

Proposal Handicap Ramp – Mayor Bender briefed council on a proposal to construct a cement handicap ramp to replace the current ramp. Mayor Bender met with a local contractor and he will submit to the Borough, a drawing and specification for a cement handicap ramp. If council then decides that is the way we should proceed we will use this specification in the advertisement. A motion was made by Linda Sosniak and seconded by Gary Hockenberry to pay the fee for drawing up the specifications. Motion carried.

Petition Requesting The Naming Of Private Road – A request was submitted thru the Lycoming County Department of Public Safety by Andrea Liebersohn, (Woodling Subdivision) to give the existing private right of way leading from Boston Road to and along their property a name. After open discussion it was decided to table the matter. Questions concerning who maintains the right of way, cost to purchase & install the sign. Action will be considered once the questions are address with answers.

1st. Reading Proposed 2023 Annual Budget – Secretary reviewed with council the 1st reading of the 2023 general fund proposed budget. The proposed 2023 general fund budget as reviewed will not require a tax increase. Secretary will submit a second reading for the November 2022 council meeting, along with 2023 budget for the highway fund and the act 13 fund.

Borough Reports.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Larry Ryder reported that the Borough's emergency siren will be tested next week.

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

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