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May 2, 2022

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

Guest: Bruce Little – East Lycoming Recreation Authority

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

Minutes April 4, 2022 meeting – A motion was made by Nancy Dorman and seconded by Craig Gansell to accept the April 4, 2022 council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report	General Fund	$194,080.15
	Highway Fund	28,827.61
	Act 13 Impact Fee	38,770.86
	COVID-19 2021 Funds	19,477.70

A motion was made by David Hitesman and seconded by Linda Sosniak to accept the May 2, 2022 treasurer's report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

Following invoices presented for consideration at the May 2, 2022 council meeting.

McCormick Law Firm	Legal Fees Inv. #124725	$ 99.00
Ron's General Cleaning	April Janitorial Services	40.00
UGI Utilities	Gas Heat	115.71
Green Valley Trucking	Snow Removal	648.00
Hughesville Borough	Police Report	2,296.00

Following invoices paid since the April 4, 2022 council meeting.

McCormick Law Firm	Legal Fees Inv. #124037	297.00
Code Inspections Inc.	Zoning Expense	200.00
East Lycoming Shopper	Audit Report	49.25
Timothy R. Wertz	Street Signs Laurel & Center	175.00
P P & L	Monthly Electric Bills	927.03

Following invoices paid since the April 4, 2022 council meeting continued.

Kriger Fence Co.	Storm Damage Fence Ball Field	6,700.00
Marco Technologies	Copier Expense	61.35
Windstream	Monthly Telephone	64.71
Gardner's Tree Service	April Storm Damage Park	1,500.00

A motion was made by Linda Sosniak and seconded by J. R. Rishel to pay invoices presented for payment and invoices paid since the April 4, 2022 council meeting. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports.

Streets – Secretary reported that Route 220 and 864 roads were swept clean of the winter anti-skid material that was spread by Penn Dot. In the past it was the borough's responsibility to remove the anti-skid that was applied by Penn Dot. The work was performed by Penn Dot at no cost to the borough.

Parks and Property – Secretary reported that the park is open, the fishing derby was held and the cleanup of the storm damage has been completed. The total cost to the borough for cleanup was $500.

Sanitation & Health – Borough resident's sewage pumping notices will be mailed out mid June.

Police Chief Report –Council reviewed the April police report. In the period of March 29, 2022 thru April 26, 2022 there were a total of (10) incidents reported in the borough.

Unfinished Business.

2022 Borough Council Committee Members – President Smith reviewed with council, the revised proposed standing committees of the borough council members. After open discussion, a motion was made by Linda Sosniak and seconded by Craig Gansell to adopt Resolution #2022-0001 to establish standing committees of the Council to advise and assist with the effective governance of the borough. Motion carried.

Comcast Internet Service Invoice – Secretary reviewed with council the monthly invoice that Comcast Business mailed. The invoice, calls for a monthly charge to the borough in the amount of $172.90, covering equipment fee and internet service. The borough has a signed (10) year contract with Comcast which in the opinion of the solicitor, states that the borough will receive free service. Currently the matter is in the hands of the borough solicitor.

Tammy Smith Sewage Problems – Code Inspections, Inc. has now posted the property, unfit for human occupancy. Ms. Smith was sent a registered letter by the Borough Sewage Officer, stating what action she must take in order to avoid legal action by the borough. Secretary will check on the mowing of grass and cleanup of the back yard. A motion was made by Gary Hockenberry and seconded by David Hitesman authorizing the borough secretary to monitor the conditions of the grass and back yard and if needed, take the necessary legal action to enforce the borough ordinance. Motion carried.

New Business.

Secretary Meeting with Hughesville Police Chief - In the meeting the secretary discussed the lack of accountability with how the officers on duty spend their time in covering Picture Rocks. The chief explained that it would be impossible to arrive at just what was performed and the time for each incident... There will be time spent in the stop, hearing hours if required, time to take individual to Williamsport for blood test & time spent waiting for some family member to come and take the individual home. Chief explained the lack of enforcement on 220 & 864 was due to weather conditions, rain & snow. I asked the chief about attending council meetings. If so desired by council, there will be an hourly charge for his attendance. After open discussion, a motion was made by Gary Hockenberry and seconded by David Hitesman to require the chief to attend council meetings on a quarterly basis. Motion carried.

In general, I asked the chief to give the borough more traffic control hours on Route 220.

2022 COVID-19 Funds Fire Company Distribution- After open discussion, reviewing the requested 2019-2020 and 2021 financial reports from the fire company, a motion was made by Linda Sosniak and seconded by J. R. Rishel to allocate $10,000. of COVID funds to cover the loss of operating funds by the fire company during the 2019-2020-2021 fiscal years. Motion carried.

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 briefed members on the proposed oiling & chipping with fog seal, road work for Boston Road and Boston Cove. The borough has $40,000. budgeted for fiscal year 2022. Decision will be made upon the opening of the bids, single or double application, will be accepted, based on the final bids coming in under $40,000.

Adjournment – Being no further business, a motion was made by Gary Hockenberry and seconded by Craig Gansell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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