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December 2, 2024

The Picture Rocks Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present. Craig Gansell, David Hitesman, Erin Shelinski, Frank Shetler, Mary Brink, JR Rishel, Bill Dorman, Linda Sosniak and Mayor Dave Bender.

Guests – Bruce Little, East Lycoming Recreation Authority, Hughesville Mayor Richard Smith, Hughesville Borough President, Andy Mook, Christie Mann, and Terry Shaner.

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

Minutes November 4, 2024 – A motion was made by David Hitesman and seconded by Erin Shelinski to accept the Nov. 4, 2024 minutes as presented with one typo correctios. Motion carried

Treasurer’s Report	General Fund	\$ 211,151.83
	Highway Fund	6609.82
	Act 13 Impact Fund	55,985.66
	COVID – 19 ARPA	2815.77

A motion was made by Erin Shelinski and seconded by JR Rishel to accept the December 2, 2024 financial report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

Following invoices presented for the December 2, 2024 council meeting.

Wolf Township	Christmas Lights	175.00
P P & L	Picture Rocks Boro Acct 78810-55006	24.79
P P & L	Acct 73810-55006	54.74
P P & L	Acct 61254-41014	25.09
P P & L	Acct 40425-00009	874.33
Two Guys Mowing Inv. 616	October Mowing & Trimming	1000.00
Hughesville Borough	November Police Service	2634.00
Two Guys Mowing Inv. 617	Bank Trimming Bridge to Bridge	2000.00
De Lage Landen Financial	November Copier Statement	73.21

Following invoices paid since the November 4, 2024 council meeting.

UGI Energy	October Energy Bill Boro	63.03
De Lage Landen Financial	October Copier Statement	73.21
Hughesville Borough	October Police Service	2634.00

Eugene Otterbein	Halloween Supplies	26.00
Elan financial Services	Roll of Postage Stamps	73.00
Comcast Business Service	Comcast Internet Service Nov	92.90
Jami Nolan	75 North Main St. Septic Permits	1650.00
Code Inspection Inc	Tami Smith Weed Violation Notice	50.00
Topp Business Solutions	quarterly copies	23.83
Stacey Sones	November Cleaning	50.00
McCormick Law Firm	Inv. 157226 legal asst fire tax	37.50
State Worker's Ins Fund	Policy # 0590373 Premium Installment 3	514.00
Column Software PBC	Three ads for 2025 Proposed Budget	255.53

A motion was made by JR Rishel and seconded by Erin Shelinski to pay invoices presented for payment and invoices paid since November 4, 2024 council meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence;

Email from Morgan Snook

Standing Committee Reports

Sanitation and Health – Assistant Secretary reported that (11) pumping receipts not yet received from property owners. A second notice was mailed to the delinquent property owners with a final due date of December 15, 2024. Those not in compliance by Dec. 15th will receive a certified letter with ten days to comply.

Police Chief Report – Council reviewed the October-November report.

Fire Chief – no report

Persons to be heard: Terry Shaner raised concerns about the traffic speeding thru town and the police failure to address the violations.

Unfinished Business.

American Rescue Plan-Outstanding COVID monies needs to be spent by 12/31/2024. Council member, Erin Shelinski, Bill Dorman, and Linda Sosniak met with Ryan Messner owner of Pioneer Landscaping & excavating to discuss the plans and cost to repurpose the baseball field. The total cost would be \$3930 with \$2815.97 coming from the COVID funds and the balance a donation from Girls of Tomorrow Foundation. A motion was made by Erin Shelinski and seconded by Dave Hitesman to draw up a contract and notify Ryan Messner that he can proceed with the project. Motion carried. Erin stated that the Girls of Tomorrow Foundation would make a donation of \$2000 to help with cost to update the field.

Erin Shelinski gave an update about the park creek. She stated that two representatives of Dep and Josh Gardner met with Bill Dorman and Linda Sosniak at the park to look at possible options to increase the depth of the creek for the fishing derby.

Hughesville 2025 Proposed Police Contract- A counter offer was made by Mayor Rick Smith to keep the cost of the contract the same (\$2634) but to drop the ten hours of traffic monitoring. The police would patrol in & out, assist on ambulance calls, handle emergencies and accidents, and monitor traffic when time allowed. There was much discussion among the council members. Mayor Bender stated that he has a problem with the police not being held accountable for their time. Hughesville Borough would pay for the cost to paint new lines. A motion was made by JR Rishel and seconded by Erin Shelinski to table the discussion and hold another meeting on December 26, 2024.

A motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by JR Rishel to remove the burn ban. Motion carried.

New Business

Final Reading of the Budget was tabled due to unsettled Hughesville Police Contract. Motion was made by Erin Shelinski and seconded by Dave Hitesman. Motion carried. Final budget will be voted on at December 26, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Hitesman and seconded by Erin Shelinski to approve the Resolution Tax Rate for 2025 effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried. There will be no tax increase.

A motion was made by JR Rishel and seconded by Dave Hitesman to re-enact the ½ of 1% Earned Income Tax Per Act 511 of 1965. Motion carried.

Dave Hitesman and made a motion seconded by Erin Shelinski to transfer the unexpended balances to the General fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by JR Rishel and seconded by Erin Shelinski to approve the meeting dates for 2025. Motion carried.

Jami Nolans SEO Contact was tabled by a motion from Dave Hitesman and Craig Gansell to be addressed at the December 26th meeting. Due to non-receipt of 2025 contact. Motion carried. Secretary will reach out to Nolan to see if he will be providing a contract for 2025.

A motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by Dave Hitesman to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for 2025 council meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by JR Rishel and seconded by Erin Shelinski to nominate Matthew Charles to serve on board. A motion was made by Dave Hitesman and seconded by Mary Brink to nominate Olivia Bender. Matt Charles was elected to fill the vacant council position of Linda Sosniak which expires 12/31/2025.

A motion was made by Dave Hitesman and seconded by Erin Shelinski to make a resolution to support PA One Call for Safe Digging. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Erin Shelinski and seconded by JR Rishel to create a borough Facebook page. Motion carried. Page will be called "Borough of Picture Rocks"

Borough Reports

Bruce Little reported that the Eagle Scout was inducted for his project at the park. He stated the park is winterizing the restroom except for the handicap restroom which will remain open. Thirty-six attended the recognition dinner for volunteers.

Bill Dorman stated that the next West Branch COG meeting will be held on January 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Dave Hitesman and seconded by Erin Shelinski to authorize signature of Penn Dot Contract after solicitor approval. Motion Carried.

Borough is searching for a new handyman to do odd jobs in borough. Harold Minier was suggested. Bill Dorman will follow-up.

Being no further business, a motion was made by David Hitesman and seconded by JR Rishel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on December 26, 2024.

PICTURE ROCKS BOROUGH
Linda K. Sosniak
Assistant Secretary