

**TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023**

Being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 PM by Council President, Robert G. Holzer. Those in attendance were:

Robert G. Holzer, President
Judith M. McDaid, Mayor
M. Rowan Rose
Cindy Crytzer, Secretary
Kent Ralston, Public Works Director

Dennis W. O'Toole, Vice President
Bernadette K. Holzer
Christi Black
Mary Ann Stanziano, Admin. Asst.

Also Present was Brian Phillips with the Clarion/Forest Little League.

Public Comment: Mr. Phillips reported that the T-ball league will run from June 27 through July 25. The coach pitch team and the girls' softball team have completed their seasons. The league had more than enough kids for the teams and Brian is expecting that they will have more teams next year to accommodate the additional number of kids who want to play. A load of sand and silt mix will be delivered next week for the beach field. Brian stated that he had received many compliments on the condition of the fields and facilities. The grant funds the league received is being used for this as well as maintenance of the dugouts. The carwash fundraiser over Memorial Day weekend was a tremendous success and the support from the community for the league has been over whelming. The parents are planning an end of the year picnic for the kids on July 30, 2023 at the beach park and want to reserve the pavilion. Bernadette Holzer moved to waive the pavilion rental fee for the league's year end party, 2nd by Rowan Rose, motion carried.

Public Works Report: Kent reported there was a problem with the new truck. It wouldn't start and he had it towed to Donovan & Bauer. Stephenson pinched a wire in the wire harness. Stephenson paid for the towing charge and the Donovan & Bauer repairs. Stephenson has provided an additional year warranty on the repair, but council wants the repair warranted for the lifetime of truck while the borough owns the truck. Cindy will address this request. Kent stated that new locks have been installed on the block building at the beach park. The guys are in the process of pressure cleaning the pavilion & picnic tables. The tables will be stained. The trail

signs will be coming down this week. Mayor McDaid reported that she has had more positive comments on the condition of the parks and that they look great.

Minutes: A motion was made by Rowan Rose to approve the June 6, 2023 Council meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Christi Black, motion carried.

Financial:

- Account Balances 5/31/23: Reviewed.
- Revenue & Expense Statement 5/31/23: Reviewed.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

- **GIS Mapping:** Nothing new.
- **Enforcement Notices:** 204 Sherman St – Nothing new; 129 Elm St. – restoration in process; 103 May St. – Cindy spoke with the owner. Renovation being addressed; 624 Elm St – nothing new; 306 Williams St. The owner has hired someone to repair, side and install a new roof on the house.
- **Dale Street Ext. Water Project:** Nothing new.
- **Library Stormwater/Sewer Project:** DEP Permit Application in process.
- **Tionesta Park Lane Dirt & Gravel Road Project:** In process.
- **Beach Park Upgrades:** Mulch was ordered this week. CD matures 7/13/23
- **Library Trees:** To be completed this week.
- **House Bill 299:** Letter from Cindy to PA Senator Scott Hutchinson dated June 8, 2023 opposing Senate Bill 93 - reviewed.
- **Sinkhole – Davis St. Stormwater Line to River:** Estimate from Mealy Excavating dated 6/20/23 reviewed. Three options were presented for consideration. Option 1 depends on the condition of the existing concrete encasement which cannot be assessed unless exploratory work is done. If the existing concrete encasement is insufficient, then another option has to be adopted. The expense for the exploration is in addition to the project cost. Option 2 may require an additional permit or revised permit from the DEP because the scope of the work includes going into the river and the contractor requires a DEP permit in hand to enter the river. Option 3 replaces the pipe to daylight at the river with a concrete protection apron. No work in the river and this option allows for access to the pipe for cleanout when necessary. The existing DEP permit is sufficient for this repair. Cindy and Kent reported that Chris Ernst, Borough engineer recommends Option 3; and they

also spoke with solicitor, Andrea Stapleford regarding the project bidding project requirements. Because this is an emergency and if the repairs are not made in a timely manner there is risk of injury to members of the public and heavy rains are expected soon, which could cause localized flooding, the Borough is ok with having Mealy do the project without getting the telephonic bids. After discussion, on advice from the engineer and solicitor, Denny O'Toole moved to accept Option #3 for \$19,910.00, 2nd by Christi Black, motion carried.

New Business:

- **Lions Park along the River:** The park had been maintained by Lion Mark Kingston until recently. Cindy stated that the public works employees have been maintaining it. Mary Ann Stanziano reported that Jim Knauff will take care of the mowing. Kent said he will have the downed tree removed from the park soon.
- **Tionesta Ambulance and the Forest EMS Authority:** Bob Holzer asked if TAS was considering a merger with the new authority. Judy stated that no one from the new authority has brought an official offer to the board for consideration. Bob Holzer stated that because the authority could tax, it would be worth serious consideration. Cindy will let Pat Kline & Joe Calla know that they have to officially approach TAS if a merger is what the new authority wants.

Executive Session: None

Reports:

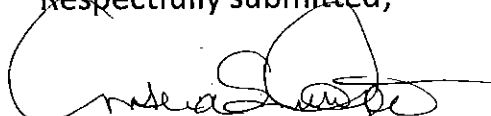
- **Mayor:** None.
- **President:** None.
- **Committees:** None.
- **Sheriff:** None.
- **Library:** Meeting 7/5/23. At that meeting the board will come up with names of people who could replace Kat on the board.
- **EHB:** None.
- **COG Report:** Next meeting 7/5/23 @ 6:30 pm. The County Blight Demolition Ordinance is being readdressed with the County Commissioners.
- **TCC Committee:** None.

- **Ambulance:** Mayor McDaid provided the May Call Report. Total calls from within the Borough was 2. The average response time to the scene was 15 minutes. Total calls for the month 16. Judy reported that when the Quick Response Service (QRS) responds to a call, the ambulance service doesn't get paid. Only calls that are made by ambulance are allowed to be billed. The Board recently interviewed two potential new hires. EMT courses coming to the area soon. TAS is still in talks with Community Ambulance to provide additional coverage. Community Ambulance's offer should be forthcoming soon.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** None.
- **TMA:** Meeting 6/27/23 at the sewer plant at 7 PM.
- **Planning Commission:** None.

Roundtable: Cindy asked Rowan and Christi what would be a good day of the week to meet as the park improvement committee. Cindy will email them and Jamie Say with a selection of dates. Judy stated she was interested in attending the meetings as well. Rowan presented a revised version of the logo she created based on suggestions. Mary Ann provided another suggestion. Rowan will make the change and bring it back for review.

Rowan Rose moved to adjourn, 2nd by Denny O'Toole, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted;



Cynthia S. Crytzer, Secretary