

**TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2024 - 5:00 PM**

Being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 PM by Council President, Dennis W. O'Toole. Those in attendance were:

Dennis W. O'Toole, President
Christine A. Hendryx
Thomas L. Mohney
Cindy Crytzer, Secretary

Judith M. McDaid, Mayor
Christi J. Black
Bernadette K. Holzer, Via Phone Conference
Mary Ann Stanziano, Admin. Assistant

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: A motion was made by Christine Hendryx to approve the February 20, 2024 Council minutes, 2nd by Christi Black, motion carried.

Bills: February bills and bill list reviewed. A motion was made by Tom Mohney to approve payment of the February, 2024 bills as presented, 2nd by Christi Black, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **GIS Mapping:** Nothing new.
- **Enforcement Notices:** 204 Sherman St. – Cindy contacted owners for status update as to when work will start. Waiting on response; 129 Elm St. – in process; 103 May St. – Cindy sent a notice of violation with a 90-day abatement period; 624 Elm St. – Cindy is waiting on response from 2/27/24 email to owner; 142 Elm St. Curiosity Shop – Nothing new. Owner has one year from issuance of demo permit to complete the work – 8/16/24; 306 Williams St. – Remodel in process.
- **Dale Street Water/Sewer Project:** Nothing new.
- **Library Storm Water & Sanitary Sewer Project:** Waiting on LSA grant approval to put the project out to bid.
- **Tionesta Creekside Park Upgrades:** Nothing new.
- **Borough Logo:** Nothing new.
- **Davis Building Demo Project:** Cindy has a virtual meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office Representative tomorrow. Cindy is waiting on the contractor's estimate to rebuild the building, the demo estimate from an excavation company

and the letters of support from Elm Street businesses. To demonstrate if restoring the building and keeping it as an historical asset would be cost prohibitive, the Borough has to show what it would cost to restore or rebuild. Cindy and Robin are meeting with the History Center board on 3/12/24 to share the status of the project and ask them for their support. All the required documentation should be gathered by 3/13/24 and submitted to Robin and the State Historic Preservation Office. Christi Black moved to authorize payment of up to \$500 to General Contractor, Adam Lesko for his estimate to rebuild the building, 2nd by Christine Hendryx, motion carried.

New Business:

- **Williams Street (from the bridge to Kiwi's) Maintenance & Riverside St. Extension right-of-way:** Memo from Cindy dated 2/27/24 reviewed and discussed. After the existing bridge crossing the river was built, only the north portion of Williams Street at the intersection of May St. and Williams St. was vacated. The remaining portion from the southern side of the bridge to the intersection of Faulkner and Williams was never vacated of record. That portion of the road is still owned by the Borough and is adjacent to the carwash, the grocery store parking lot and the Johnston's properties. Public works filled the existing pot hole on that stretch of road and will cold patch it in the near future as time and weather permit. Christi Black moved to contact the solicitor about vacating that portion of Williams Street and have her draft the ordinance, 2nd by Bernadette Holzer, motion carried. Riverside Street Extension is a proposed/dedicated road on the books. The Borough has a right-of-way for the Extension of that street. The Extension runs between Haller's and the vacant lot adjacent to Haller's to the south. Cindy reported that she had spoken with one of the owners of Subway and Haller's last week about the possible expansion of their businesses. In order to expand, the Riverside Street Extension would have to be vacated. After discussion, Cindy was directed to speak with the owners of Haller's/Subway to determine if they are ready to begin the expansion process. At that time, Cindy would explain the necessary steps to comply with the Borough code/zoning ordinances in order to implement their plans. Once the zoning/expansion process was started, Council would vacate Riverside Street Extension. This expansion would help boost economic growth in the Borough.

Reports:

- **Mayor** – None.
- **President** – None.
- **Committees** – None.

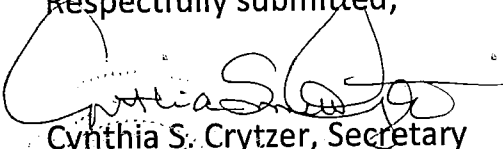
- **Sheriff** – March patrol reschedule was reviewed.
- **Library** –The Furnace & AC replacement is complete.
- **EHB** – None.
- **COG** – Meeting 3/6/24 @ 6:30 pm.
- **TCC** – Next meeting is in July.
- **Ambulance Board** – Judy McDaid reported that the service has an interview with a prospective employee tomorrow.
- **Zoning Hearing Board** – None.
- **TMA** – Meeting 3/26 @ 7 PM. Denny asked what was happening with the Authority's projects. Cindy reported that one of the sewer plant clarifiers needs to be replaced and Kent is getting estimates for the equipment and the installation of the equipment. The Sewer line replacement project on Elm St. is in the final phase of meeting final grant requirements and should be put out to bid soon. Cindy hopes it'll be this month.
- **Planning Commission** – None.

Executive Session: None.

Roundtable: The condition of a house on Walnut Street was discussed. Cindy will contact the owners to have the house repaired. Christine asked Cindy if she had received an email about a new Liquid Fuels grant fund source. Cindy said she'd check into it.

Tom Mohney moved to adjourn, 2nd by Christine Hendryx. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted;


Cynthia S. Crytzer, Secretary