

**TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2020**

Being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:15 PM by Robert G. Holzer. Those in attendance were:

Robert G. Holzer, President
Thomas Mohney, V. President
Douglas K. Chappel
Dennis W. O'Toole
Julie Griffin, Admin. Assistant

Judith M. McDaid, Mayor
Bernadette K. Holzer
Jamie Say
Kent Ralston, Public Works Director
Cindy Crytzer, Secretary

Public Comment: None.

Public Works: Kent reported the hydrants have been flushed, S. Elm Street paving is complete and they have bermed about one-half of the road. The pumphouse line replaced by Klinginsmith this week is back up in service.

Minutes: A motion was made by Bernadette Holzer to approve the October 6, 2020 Public Hearing and October 6, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as amended, 2nd by Denny O'Toole, motion carried.

Tom Mohney arrived at 4:35 pm.

Financial:

Account Balances 9/30/20: Reviewed.
Capital Spreadsheet: Reviewed.
Revenue & Expense Statement 9/30/20: Reviewed.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **S. Elm St. Spot Paving:** Completed 10/12/2020.
- **GIS Mapping:** Nothing New.
- **Elm Street Water Line Project Phase 3 –** In Process.
- **Walnut Street Storm Water Line Replacement:** Nothing New.
- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment:** A preliminary draft was delivered to each Council member for review. To be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Hale Conditional Use Application:** Public Hearing scheduled for November 4, 2020 @ 5:00 pm prior to Council meeting.
- **Blight:** 138 Elm Street – proposals from Nicholson Excavating, LLC for \$16,560.00; Passauer Excavation, Inc for \$14,950.00; and Keith White Excavating for \$8,700.00, reviewed and discussed. Denny O'Toole moved to award the project to Keith White Excavating contingent on County CDBG grant funding, 2nd by Jamie Say, motion carried. Denny asked if there was a fee to disconnect the electric service. Cindy will check.

Jamie Say left at 4:50 pm

- **Garbage Pickup Complaint:** Cindy checked with Advanced Disposal to see if they would pick-up on German Hill Road. Council directed Cindy to notify German Hill residents to see if they wanted to place their garbage out on German Hill Rd for pickup or if they want to continue bringing it to the Borough office dumpster.
- **Empowers Grant:** Cindy is waiting on the report from LTAP for the down town crosswalk signs before completing the grant application.
- **Tionesta Creek Bridge Sidewalk:** Cindy spoke with Steve Schettler with PennDOT and he wanted to know if the Borough wanted a sidewalk on the bridge. PennDOT is requiring the Borough maintain the sidewalk during the winter months for snow removal. The Borough doesn't have a wing plow or a snow blower. After discussion, Council decided against the sidewalk. It is expected that the new bridge will have a wide shoulder only.

New Business:

- **Library CD:** The \$31,000 CD is scheduled to mature on 10/30/2020. Tom Mohny moved to reinvest the principal and \$500 of the interest (if possible) at the best rate and term available for up to 1 year, 2nd by Doug Chappel, motion carried.
- **2020 Recycling Grant Award:** The Borough is expecting a grant payment of \$280 for its 2019 recycling efforts.

Non-Agenda Items:

- **Elderly Housing Board:** Louise Fedora resigned from the Board due to health issues. Council will address appointing her replacement at the next meeting.

- **Forest County Board of Assessment Appeals Decision:** The appeal board decided in favor of the Tionesta Plaza application and the Forest Scientific application. The new assessed value for the Tionesta Plaza real estate will be \$44,960 for 2021 and \$71,940 for the Forest Scientific real estate for 2021.
- **Audit – Keystone Collection Group:** Audit for period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 prepared by Boyer & Ritter, LLC reviewed.
- **Water Billing Comparison for Rentals:** Council will address at the next meeting.

Executive Session: None.

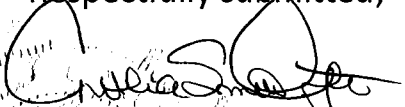
Reports:

- **Mayor:** Judy commended the Planning Commission for their hard work and dedication on the new Zoning Ordinance. Halloween 10/31 from 5:30-7:30 pm.
- **President:** None.
- **Committees:** Budget Committee scheduled to meet October 27, 2020 @ 4:30 pm.
- **Sheriff:** August & September Patrol Reports reviewed.
- **Library:** None.
- **EHB:** Board met today. They will pay the Borough's entire ambulance contribution for 2021 and \$2,000 towards the other five municipalities. The municipalities must send a letter to Cindy requesting the contribution. The Board worked on its 2021 budget
- **COG Report:** None.
- **TCC Committee:** No meeting until January.
- **Ambulance:** Judy reported that the Ambulance service will not be increasing the 2021 municipality contribution amount. Each municipality will be expected to contribute \$4,500. Volunteers are badly needed at this time. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, the service will pay for the certification with the understanding that the volunteer would have to serve for a given period of time.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** None.
- **TMA:** Next meeting November 24, 2020.
- **Planning Commission:** Meeting October 21, 2020 @ 5:00 pm.

Roundtable: Bernadette reported that the Lions Club, The TCA and the Market Village are teaming up on October 24 for a community Halloween Costume Contest with food provided.

Bernadette Holzer moved to adjourn, 2nd by Tom Mohny. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted;



Cynthia S. Crytzer, Secretary