

**TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2021**

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	Judith M. McDaid, Mayor
Bernadette K. Holzer	Dennis W. O'Toole
Thomas Mohny, V. President	
Jamie Say	Cindy Crytzer, Secretary
Kent Ralston, Public Works Director	Julie R. Griffin, Admin. Asst.

Also in attendance were Carissa Chambers and Gabriel Chambers.

Public Comment: Gabriel had to attend a local government meeting in order to get a Boy Scout badge for his Eagle Scout designation. Council welcomed them to the meeting.

Public Works: Kent reported the Borough streets have been swept. They are mowing both ball parks. The TS&R mower broke and Kent and the guys repaired it. Klinginsmith is in town doing the final punchlist items from the Phase 3 water line project and asked if our residents would water the seeded spots with straw on them to get the area growing quickly. As time has permitted, they've been looking at the library parking lot problem. Kent is pursuing a possible drain/sewer problem under the parking lot. He did dye testing, locating and PA Rural Water did camera work today. Cindy shared that there are funds available now through the ARC, the Borough's share of the 2022 American Rescue funds and partial CDBG funds that could be available to fund the repair.

Minutes: A motion was made by Bernadette Holzer to approve the May 4, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Tom Mohny, motion carried.

Financial:

- Account Balances 4/30/21: Reviewed.
- Capital Spreadsheet for April: Reviewed.
- Revenue & Expense Statement 4/30/21: Reviewed.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

- **GIS Mapping:** Nothing new.
- **Walnut Street Storm Water Line Replacement:** Nothing new.
- **Zoning Amendment:** Cindy passed out copies of the proposed ordinance for Council's review. It will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Brake Retarder Ordinance:** The cost for the signs, legal fees for ordinance preparation and advertising are estimated at \$1,462.00. After discussion, Tom Mohny moved to authorize Cindy to order the PennDOT survey, 2nd by Denny O'Toole, motion not carried.
- **Enforcement Notices:** 214 Elm Street – Sent out 5/12/21 via Certified Mail.

New Business:

- **Forest County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan:** The county revised the mitigation plan after it was already approved at a recent council meeting. Denny O'Toole moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-2, 2nd by Tom Mohny. Roll Call vote as follows: Denny O'Toole, Aye; Tom Mohny, Aye; Jamie Say, Aye; Bernadette Holzer, Aye; and Bob Holzer, Aye. Resolution 2021-2 was adopted.
- **Library Appointment:** Letter from the Library dated May 6, 2021 setting forth three names to fill the open board seat: Tracey Hilton, Amy Wallace and Cora Passauer. Jamie Say moved to appoint Tracey Hilton, 2nd by Denny O'Toole, motion carried.
- **American Rescue Plan - TMA:** Bob Holzer explained that the Municipal Authority had put out the Spot Repair Project to bid. The lowest bid was Bison Contracting at \$168,400. The original engineer estimate was \$120,000. The Authority has a CFA grant for \$102,000 and the Board had agreed to pay the additional \$18,000 needed for the project to cover the engineer fees. Because construction costs have tripled in recent weeks/months, the Board was looking for additional funding for the project. The Borough is to receive approximately \$20,000 from the state for the 2021 American Rescue Plan payment. The funds have to be used for water, sewer or storm water improvements and the Borough doesn't have a water project going right now, it was discussed to use the initial \$20,000 for the sewer project. Denny O'Toole moved to authorize Cindy to deposit the 2021 American Rescue Funds payment into the Sewer

savings account to be used for the Spot Repair Project, 2nd by Tom Mohney, motion carried.

- **Beach Park Volley Ball Court:** Carissa Chambers' son, Tristan was the Scout who organized the project to renew the volleyball court. Carissa reported that it took 23 man-hours to complete the project. Cindy reported that during the project, much of the old sand that was removed from the court was put across the street in a large valley/low area. There was concern the grass wouldn't grow over or through the 8" of sand. After discussion, Denny said he will take a look at it and call Mark Kingston to ask his opinion – whether the grass will grow or if seed and hay should be placed to get the grass growing back. The Borough will take care of the grass issue. Council thanked the Chambers family for their efforts in improving the community park – it is very much appreciated.

Non-Agenda Items: None.

Executive Session: None.

Reports:

- **Mayor:** None.
- **President:** None.
- **Committees:** None.
- **Sheriff:** April Patrol Report reviewed.
- **Library:** None.
- **EHB:** None.
- **COG Report:** Met May 6, 2021. The members are interested in pursuing code enforcement and blight in their townships. They will be meeting again soon.
- **TCC Committee:** None.
- **Ambulance:** 2021 Membership Summary Report reviewed. There were a total of 1062 memberships for 2021. 742 paid the membership only; 245 donated and purchased the membership; and 75 donated only.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** None.
- **TMA:** None.
- **Planning Commission:** None.

Roundtable: Judy McDaid asked if Cindy was pursuing the code enforcement process for the dilapidated German Hill property. Cindy responded she is proceeding to the next step later this week. Denny O'Toole asked how Cindy made out with the County and collecting their taxes. Cindy reported that she had spoken with Tim Bevevino, the County Solicitor, last week and he said he was going to call Mark Kingston and explain the situation to him. Cindy will follow up on that this week as well.

Tom Mohny moved to adjourn, 2nd by Jamie Say, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted;



Cynthia S. Crytzer, Secretary