

**TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2022**

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

Robert G. Holzer, President
Judith M. McDaid, Mayor
Christine Hendryx
Bernadette Holzer
Cindy Crytzer, Secretary
Mary Ann Stanziano, Admin. Asst.

Dennis W. O'Toole, Vice President
Jamie L. Say
Christi Black
Rowan Rose
Kent Ralston, Public Works Director

Public Comment: None.

Public Works Report: Kent reported they been weed whacking, mowing, ditch cleaning and berming. He's been spending most of his time with the contractors on the Walnut St. project. Street sweeping will be done next Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Minutes: A motion was made by Rowan Rose to approve the May 3, 2022 Council meeting minutes, 2nd by Bernadette Holzer, motion carried.

Financial:

- Account Balances 4/30/22: Reviewed Denny O'Toole moved to accept the Account Balances Report, 2nd by Jamie Say, motion carried.
- Revenue & Expense Statement 4/30/22: Reviewed.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Carla Woodside dated 5/5/2022 regarding a Library Board Appointment. Denny O'Toole moved to appoint Amy Wallace to serve on the Library Board replacing Steve Sherwood for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, 2nd by Jamie Say, motion carried. Library Board minutes dated 3/2/2022 were reviewed.

Old Business:

- **Payment from Forest County for 2021 Tax Collection:** Email from Borough solicitor, Andrea Stapleford to Cindy dated May 6, 2022 reviewed and discussed. The email states that the Commissioners, through their solicitor refuse to pay the \$1,057 due to the Borough for the collection of its 2021 real estate taxes. It is a long, established practice that the County pays each municipality's tax collector to collect taxes on behalf of the county. The Borough, through its office personnel collected and remitted all county real estate and per capita taxes paid to the Borough in 2021. The Borough remitted regular distributions to the County and was never compensated for its services as was all other municipal tax collectors in 2021. A Complaint was filed with the District Magistrate and a hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2022 @ 10:30 am. The Borough has spent about \$325 on legal fees so far to collect these funds and the Complaint requested legal fees be reimbursed to the Borough. Also discussed was to request to be on the agenda to speak at a Commission Meeting and Council members would attend the meeting to discuss the issue directly with the Commissioners. Bob Holzer moved to continue with the pending litigation, 2nd by Christi Black. Roll Call vote as follows: Denny O'Toole, Aye; Christine Hendryx, Aye; Christi Black, Aye; Jamie Say, Aye; Bernadette Holzer, Aye; Rowan Rose, Aye; and Bob Holzer, Aye; motion carried.
- **GIS Mapping:** Field work done – waiting on final product.
- **Walnut Street Storm Water Line Replacement:** In process.
- **Electronic Recycling:** Nothing new.
- **Enforcement Notices:** In process.
- **Council Run Rip-rap:** The funding for this stormwater project has been secured through the Forest County Conservation District.
- **Dale Street Water/Sewer Project:** Nothing New.
- **Library Stormwater/Sewer Project:** Engineer working on the DEP Permit.
- **Beach Park Equipment Project:** Equipment ordered.
- **Forest County Community Foundation Grant/Downtown Refresh:** Nothing New.

New Business:

- **Bike Trail Signs:** The trail signs that were to be installed down by river haven't been done. After discussion, Bernadette and Mary Ann will address this with the Lions.

Executive Session: None

Reports:

- **Mayor:** None.
- **President:** None.
- **Committees:** None.
- **Sheriff:** April Patrol Report and May Patrol Schedule reviewed.
- **Library:** Cindy reported that she had receive an email from Board President, Cody McGill about the proposed repairs to the building. Cindy stated she was awaiting a response from Cody as the information presented was insufficient.
- **EHB:** None.
- **COG Report:** None
- **TCC Committee:** Next meeting in July.
- **Ambulance:** Judy reported that the weekend responder will be leaving the ambulance service. The board is searching for a replacement and in the meantime, the volunteers are covering weekends and evenings again.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** None.
- **TMA:** Next meeting is in June.
- **Planning Commission:** None.

Roundtable: Kent thanked Council members for their support.

Christine Hendryx moved to adjourn, 2nd by Denny O'Toole, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Cynthia S. Crytzer, Secretary