

New Eagle Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the regular meeting place.

The meeting was called to order by President Fine, with the following members of Council being present and answering to the call of the roll by the Secretary: Messrs. A. Caseber, J. Ferguson, J. Fine and O. Pucel. Absent was W. Sherry. There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in order. Also present were Mr. T. Berggren, Solicitor and Mr. C. Fine, Mayor.

Ms. Ann Todora and Mr. Ron Gregorini of 336 Madison Avenue and Mr. Wayne Newman of 607 Maple Avenue addressed Council about water damage that was being done to their respective properties due to the heavy storms. President Fine advised that a curb needs to be installed to prevent this situation from happening in the future.

Mr. Brian Barkby of 139 Sixth Avenue appeared before Council to request consideration to reforest the portion of Brook Alley and Fifth Avenue that was recently vacated. President Fine inquired to Solicitor Berggren what the guidelines of reforestation are. Solicitor Berggren advised that reforestation was determined by a reasonableness standard. It was moved by Caseber and seconded by Pucel to authorize and direct the Solicitor to draft and prepare a Resolution to allow the reforesting along Brook Alley and Fifth Avenue of the property previously vacated by the Borough and to waive any enforcement of the Borough's Weed Ordinance #479 for such property for the remainder of 2016. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The Secretary advised Council of a request by Matt Shorraw, Monessen Amphitheater President, to the Borough to consider their involvement in the upcoming 911 15th Anniversary Memorial Event – Mon Valley, which was being planned. Council was in agreement that the Borough is interested in being involved. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Pucel advised that they would like to volunteer as contacts for this project.

The Secretary advised Council of a request from the Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce for the Borough to sponsor the Second Annual Golf Scholarship Outing to be held on Monday, August 29th at the South Hills Country Club. Council was in agreement not to sponsor this event.

The Secretary advised that the Borough had received a bid from Waste Management to continue service with them for the garbage collection for the Borough. Solicitor Berggren will be reviewing the current contract with Waste Management as well as the new bid to determine what steps the Borough will need to take to obtain a new contract for garbage collection.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council for approval. There being no additions or corrections, it was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Pucel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Bills in the amount of \$150,835.58 were presented to Council for payment. It was moved by Pucel and seconded by Caseber to pay all bills. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Ferguson advised that he wanted to go on record as stating all actions taken by the Borough need to be "above board". President Fine advised that all actions have always been "above board".

Mr. Pucel read the monthly update of work performed by the Public Works Department. He advised that the Public Works employees wanted to thank Mr. Caseber for working with the work furlough program participants.

The Mayor advised Council that there were 8 junk car violations this month; 5 of which were handled by the owners, 1 was towed and 2 others were to be towed. Also, there were 5 high grass violations this month; 2 were cut by the owners and 3 citations were issued which could result with the owners being fined up to \$300.00. The Mayor and Chief Tempest advised that it is usually the same people that get tagged for high grass violations.

Solicitor Berggren advised that the Ordinance books should be available next month. He also advised that he spoke to Kerry Krider of HMT & Associates regarding the property at 500 Fourth Avenue. They agreed that a Break and Enter Order is needed to allow a Code Enforcement Officer to access the property to determine what the Borough needs to do to correct the unsanitary and unsafe conditions at this property. It was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Pucel to direct and authorize the Solicitor to prepare and present to the Court of Common Pleas a Petition to Enter the property located at 500 Fourth Avenue for the purpose of allowing the Code Enforcement Officer access to inspect the property. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

It was moved by Caseber and seconded by Pucel to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion was carried.

Diane L. Anthony, Borough Secretary