

New Eagle Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 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, O. Pucel and W. Sherry. There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in order. Also present were Mr. C. Fine, Mayor and Mr. Tim Berggren, Solicitor.

Mr. Keith Feld from Monongahela, PA addressed Council regarding the upcoming baseball season and the use of the field. He advised that there is interest in using the field seven days a week this year for the Mustang League. He added that the League wants to invest the money and time needed to prepare the field to League standards and to possibly build a permanent garage to store a lawn mower and other tools in. Mr. Feld asked if the Public Works employees could assist them if needed. Mr. Caseber raised the issue of dust blowing on residents' properties and causing possible health issues. Mr. Feld assured Council that he has been doing this type of work for years and knows the proper way to prepare and maintain the fields. Mr. Feld will submit his plan to Council members as soon as possible. Mr. Feld asked Council's permission to lock the gates of the field during the season. Mr. Pucel stated that the gates could not be locked since it is a public field. President Fine advised that Mr. Feld needs to speak to Mr. Sherry, Mr. Pucel and Mr. Ferguson about that when discussing his plan.

Ms. Diane Holder from Washington, PA presented a proposal to Council to enter into an agreement with West Penn Power Company to replace the current Mercury Vapor and High Pressure Sodium street lights with LED lights. She advised that the Borough would save approximately 30% to 50% per month in electricity. The cost to the Borough for this change would be minimal if any. It was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Pucel to cancel the current West Penn Power agreement and enter into a new ten year contract for the use of LED lights. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Donn Henderson from Charleroi, PA introduced himself to everyone and advised he is seeking election for State Representative. He advised he would be happy to speak to anyone interested at the end of the meeting.

The Secretary advised that the Code Books had been received and distributed to Council, Mayor Fine and Solicitor Berggren. It was requested that the books be returned at the end of each members' term. Everyone agreed.

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

Bills in the amount of \$34,845.82 were presented to Council for payment. It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Pucel to pay all bills. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Fine advised everyone that the Monongahela Area Library was having some financial difficulties due to the decline in donations by Ringgold School District and The City of Monongahela. He suggested that The Borough could help by doubling its' \$2,000.00 donation to \$4,000.00. It was moved by Ferguson and seconded by Caseber to donate \$4,000.00. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Sherry advised Council of the work completed by the Public Works employees since the last Council meeting.

Mr. Pucel informed Council that he met with Adam Mattis of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources regarding possible grants available to use towards renovating the Borough basketball court. It was moved by Pucel and seconded by Sherry to authorize HMT & Associates to perform a feasibility study on the basketball court to determine if the Borough would be eligible for these grant monies. Motion was adopted by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mayor Fine advised Council that there are several properties in the Borough that are in disrepair and could possibly be condemned. It was decided that Council members would make a list of properties that need to be investigated and give it to the Secretary in a week or so and she will call HMT & Associates to have them inspected.

Solicitor Berggren advised that the new Ordinance Books should be ready for Council to make the final review soon. He will advise as soon as he receives them.

Mr. Ferguson inquired as to the incident that occurred at Tubby Hall Park recently. He was informed that someone had a BB gun and a pellet gun at the park. He inquired if this was legal. Chief Tempest advised that this situation was handled and there should be no more problems of this kind at the Park. One person was hospitalized and two are in jail.

There being no other business, it was moved by Caseber and seconded by Sherry to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion was carried.

Diane L. Anthony, Borough Secretary