

New Eagle Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 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. T. Berggren, Solicitor.

Mr. William Bautz of 419 Broadway Street appeared before Council to discuss the flooding that occurs on Broadway when there is a heavy rain. He advised that the Railroad had told him that the Borough is to put a drain in by the track and that they have marked the locations accordingly. The Railroad claimed they had told the Borough that it was allowed to dig on either side. Council agreed that there was a water problem on Broadway but the Railroad did not give the Borough permission to dig but informed them they were not allowed to dig. Mayor Fine agreed that there is a problem with Broadway flooding but that Mr. Bautz's downspouts contribute to the problem. Paul Pro of the Fire Department agreed with Mayor Fine that Broadway is a big problem but the downspouts and the sump pumps are a problem too. Mr. Bautz has pictures that he will bring in for Council to see.

The Secretary read a card from the Monessen City Park Amphitheater Committee thanking the Borough for the \$50.00 donation they made towards the 911 Memorial Event that was held.

The Secretary read a letter from the Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce thanking the Borough for the \$50.00 donation they made towards the annual Halloween parade.

The Secretary informed Council that she received an email from the Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce advising that the Santa house that is used during the holiday season was vandalized. Don Fraser was contacted to see if he can repair the house.

The Secretary advised Council that the stone for the time capsule was ordered through Parnell Monuments in Monongahela. The original cost of the stone was \$588.00. Mr. Parnell agreed to charge the Borough \$500.00 and to do the lettering at no cost. Sharon Smith of Parnell Monuments called the Borough shortly after the stone was ordered and advised that Mr. Parnell has decided to donate the stone to the Borough at no cost. The Secretary will send a thank you letter to Mr. Parnell.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Paul Pro requesting that he be re-appointed to the Board of the New Eagle Municipal Sewage Authority as his term expires as of January, 2017. It was moved by Caseber and seconded by Sherry to appoint Mr. Pro to the Board. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

The Secretary advised Council that she will be working on the 2017 proposed budget for the Borough and requested that Council advise if there are any projects or expenses that need to be included in the proposal.

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

Bills in the amount of \$60,874.99 were presented to Council for payment. It was moved by Pucel and seconded by Sherry to pay all bills. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Mr. Ferguson advised that the annual Halloween parade will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Mr. Caseber advised that there was a leak in the roof above the ceiling in the Secretary's office. Slagle Roofing was called to check out the leak.

Mr. Caseber requested permission to get a price to properly fix the ballfield. Mr. Ferguson asked if the repairs could be done by the Borough by using plywood. Mr. Caseber and Mr. Ferguson will meet at 8:00 AM tomorrow to see what needs to be done.

Mr. Sherry advised that paving is being done with the Monongahela road crew and that the grass on Borough properties is being cut.

Mr. Pucel advised that the time capsule was buried with the help of the Ringgold School children and that pictures were taken by the newspaper.

Mr. Pucel advised Council that he may be able to help with the fiber-optic line issue along the railroad tracks on Broadway so the Borough can gain access to try to solve the flooding problem. He asked that since there is a low spot in Mr. Bautz's yard if a catch basin could be installed behind the house and run to Dr. Michael's property. Council will check into this.

Mayor Fine advised that there were 12 high grass warnings of which 11 complied and 1 was cited.

Solicitor Berggren advised that he has reviewed the addendum to the original lease between the Borough of New Eagle and EQT which will allow for the payment of the \$17, 157.00 to the Borough. It was moved by Sherry and seconded by Caseber to have the addendum signed by President Fine and the Borough Secretary.

Solicitor Berggren presented a contract between Maple Creek Mines and the Borough of New Eagle allowing Borough employees to cut grass and weeds and perform snow removal on mine property, and to send an appropriate bill to Maple Creek Mine for these services, to Council for approval. It was moved by Caseber and seconded by Ferguson to approve and execute this contract. Mr. Bill Fawcett expressed some concern as to whether Council will be setting a precedence by approving this contract. He is concerned that other businesses will want the Borough to perform these same services to their properties. Council assured Mr. Fawcett that if that was the case, the businesses would be charged the same as the Mine. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

Solicitor Berggren advised Council that the new Code of Ordinances is done and needs to be accepted. It was moved by Pucel and seconded by Sherry to accept, ordain and approve the Code Adoption Ordinance for the New Code of Ordinances of the Borough of New Eagle, Pennsylvania as of today, and directing and authorizing the Borough Secretary to execute the Certification of the Adoption of the Borough's New Code of Ordinances effective as of this date. Motion was carried by the unanimous call of the roll by the Secretary.

President Fine advised Council that the Borough will be receiving \$50,000 from the Community Development Block Grant in 2017. These funds can be used for various projects to improve the Borough. Council discussed possibly using the monies for sidewalk improvements.

There being no other business, it was moved by Caseber and seconded by Pucel to adjourn at 7:38PM. Motion was carried.

Diane L. Anthony, Borough Secretary