

WEST HOMESTEAD BOROUGH
Council Meeting
January 12, 2021
Minutes

Call to Order

President Baran called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Cain, Mrs. Ferson, Mr. Fonos, Mr. Guzzi, Mr. Harhai, Mrs. Scolieri, Mr. Baran

Also, in attendance were Mayor John Dindak, Solicitors Stanley & Michael Lederman, Borough Manager Bill Etherington, Borough Engineers Mark Brashear and Bill Roth, Borough Secretary Donna McMichael.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

REPORTS

Engineer: Mark Brashear

- Conway Street is out to bid and will open the bids at February Council meeting

Engineer: Bill Roth

- Rehab sanitary sewer lines under New 8th and W 7th Avenue
- Lining storm sewer under West Homestead Fire Department
- Up at Calhoun Field, doing corrugated metal pipe along 1st base
- Insight Pipe doing heavy cleaning, buried inlets
- Skype meeting with PennDOT later this month about 837 reconstruction
- Adding storm sewer improvements and replace castings along 837 prior to reconstruction

Solicitor: Stanley Lederman

- January is a very light month with legal
- Public hearing was held via Zoom at 5:30 (as required) to consider the transfer of liquor license, which is on agenda

Mayor John Dindak

- No report at this time

Borough Manager: Bill Etherington

- Administration will create a certified list for the Borough
- 3 Rivers Supply may be used for temporary storage of files and recycling bins
- Early stages with Pennsylvania American Water on purchase of sewers

Police Department: Chief Deasy

- Report was as given: 233 complaints. 19 reportable offenses, 5 arrests and 19 prisoners held

Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Dindak

- No report (could not hear)

Steel Rivers Council of Governments: Ashley Cain

- Met virtually in January; housekeeping, reappointments

Steel Valley Enterprise Zone: Ray Fonos

- Did not meet in December

Main Street TIF: Ray Fonos

- Did not meet in December

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dan Churma

- End of 5 years for hazard mitigation plan; adopt next month

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Affairs; Barb Ferson, Chair

- On pause due to COVID
- Clean up day in the Northern district to be planned

Property; Rose Scolieri, Chair

- Jesse Wig has been in touch with his attorney and working on a quiet title
- Will keep all updated and hope for answer in May or June

Public Safety; Rose Scolieri, Chair

- 5 arrests were made at the Waterfront and Zone 1
- Bill is working with zones to determine by month and year to date

Public Works: Frank Guzzi, Chair (Bill read)

- Very busy month plus standard monthly activities for December
- 5th Avenue ramp is 90% complete
- Had extended snowfall, great job! Hats off to the crew!
- Several mechanical issues with the plow trucks

Recycling; Ashley Cain, Chair

- Met on January 4th on Zoom
- Truck is back from recall and we are moving along
- Creating packets to distribute to the public to educate on recycling
- A field trip is scheduled to visit the plant

Personnel; Dave Harhai, Chair

- Absent

Website: Ray Fonos, Chair

- Met last month
- Three potential suppliers
- In the meeting process there will be significance on price
- Sean Halden (resident) will be on the committee

Agenda Items

1. **Accept minutes from the Council Meeting, as written, for December 8, 2020**

Motion: Mr. Fonos

Second: Ms. Cain

All voted in favor of the motion.

2. **Approve and Ratify all bills paid and to be paid for the month of January 2021**

Motion: Mr. Fonos

Second: Ms. Cain

All voted in favor of the motion.

3. **Approve Resolution 21-001: transfer of a restaurant liquor license into the Borough of West Homestead**

Motion: Mr. Fonos

Second: Ms. Cain

Stanley read Resolution 21-001 and discussed. Mark Kozar, attorney for client of Shorty's Taps & Tacos, same owners of Burgatory

All voted in favor of the motion.

4. **Approve the various appointments as follows:**

Motion: Mr. Fonos

Second: Ms. Cain

***Kathy McLaughlin to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2021**

***Barb Ferson to the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022**

***Joel Feldman as a business representative to the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022**

***Kathy McLaughlin to the Shade Tree Commission to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2021**

***David Harhai to the Steel Valley Architectural Review Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023**

***Joel Feldman as a member of the Main Street TIF Committee for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022**

***William McLaughlin to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023**

All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

**Michael Zagnacky: How many tons of garbage went to the dump?
Manager: The office will get this information to him.**

**Ashley Cain: Will the water company do the curb to curb where the break was on
Seventh Avenue?**

Bill Roth: The Engineers will look at it.

Adjournment

President Baran adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST

Donna M McMichael, Borough Secretary

Joseph M Baran, President of Council