

WEST HOMESTEAD BOROUGH
Council Meeting
February 9, 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 (absent), 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 Retaining Wall bids will be opened this evening
- Planning Commission meeting will entail several properties:
 1. 236 & 242 West Ninth Avenue: Multi family
 2. 454 West Eighth Avenue: Auto Detailing
 3. 814 Doyle Avenue: Lot consolidation
 4. Kran Avenue: Construction of a new home

Engineer: Bill Roth

- Manhole work is complete
- Lined sanitary storm sewer under West Homestead Fire Department
- Up at Calhoun Field, cleaned pipes on 1st base line
- Insight Pipes will finish next step to line
- Skype meeting on the 26th with PennDOT took place about RT 837 reconstruction, another meeting will be on March 10th
- Along West Seventh and West Eighth, we will inspect 13 manholes, replace castings, and do any repairs prior to PennDOT start

Solicitor: Stanley Lederman

- We will be opening Conway Street Retaining Wall bids
- Proposing Ordinance for recycling
- Many Resolutions to be approved this evening
- Executive Session to discuss bids and a couple of legal matters

Mayor John Dindak

- No report at this time

Borough Manager: Bill Etherington

- 5-year Police contract expires at the end of the year; Manager will coordinate with Council: Personnel Chair, Public Safety Chair and President
- Tentative meeting for March 1st
- Back to in house meetings in March

Police Department: Chief Deasy

- Trouble with ZOOM

Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Dindak

- To date: 418 calls and 40 other details
- Next month more details will be given
- First round of COVID shots were given here at the station and on February 15th will be the second round
- Shots were offered to all Steel Valley fireman, police and clergy
- We have applied for State and Federal grants

Steel Rivers Council of Governments: Ashley Cain

- Had a busy meeting
- A slide show presentation was given
- New program dealing with demo and blight, most monies are going to the Mon Valley
- Local Government Academy will have virtual training program
- COG has a new website
- Meeting to discuss Shared Office Services such as grant writing, etc. is being offered

Steel Valley Enterprise Zone: Ray Fonos

- Met on January 18th
- Appointed new members, Barb Ferson was one
- Long discussion discussing Enix Brewery: half million dollars in default, many people working on this

Main Street TIF: Ray Fonos

- Did not meet in January; meetings are held as needed

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dan Churma

- County has not approved mitigation program yet; will adopt in the future

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Affairs; Barb Ferson, Chair

- Everything is very limited due to COVID restrictions
- Try to schedule a meeting socially in March

Personnel: Dave Harhai

- Nothing new to add

Property; Rose Scolieri, Chair

- No report

Public Safety; Rose Scolieri, Chair

- 59 calls in Zone 1, Waterfront; 129 calls in Zone 2, Northern District, and 65 calls in Zone 3, Village/Manor
- There were 4 felonies, 4 misdemeanors, 2 citations, 10 arrests, 21 prisoners held from Homestead and 3 moving violations

Public Works: Frank Guzzi, Chair (Bill read)

- Monthly duties for January were read
- In 2020 1,062 tons of garbage were sent to the dump; average 89 ton per month
- Did vehicle maintenance
- On February 1st snow call to 911 went to Munhall Borough by error

Recycling; Ashley Cain, Chair

- Everything is on schedule
- Order has been placed for 35-gallon containers: 1008 ordered
- Sign Creators are creating labels; need to finalize count
- Bill and Glenn went to Recycle Resource and are waiting for information from them
- The delivery route with Public Works is ready
- Newsletter is going out and Jordan Tax Service will include it in their sewage bills

Rose questioned

1. Apartment buildings and how many containers they will receive?
 - Who determines violations? Bill: Street Department will bring it to our attention. Stanley: Send warnings then file citations; Ashley: not going to “police”

Dave: Good job Ashley

Ray: Residents are asking when it is starting

Website: Ray Fonos, Chair

- Proposing a Resolution with GovUnity tonight to approve proposal; they will completely rebuild the website
- The Oakmont Borough uses GovUnity and are very happy with them

Agenda Items

1. Accept minutes from the Council Meeting, as written, for January 12, 2021

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

All voted in favor of the motion.

3. Approve proposed Ordinance 714: Establishing Regulations for Waste Recycling

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Ms. Cain

Stanley summarized proposed Ordinance 714.

All voted in favor of the motion.

4. Advertise proposed Ordinance 714.

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mrs. Ferson

All voted in favor of the motion.

5. Approve Resolution 21-002: Disposition of records set forth in the PA Municipal Records Manual.

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Ms. Cain

Stanley summarized Resolution 21-002.

All voted in favor of the motion.

6. Approve Resolution 21-003: Enter into a contract with Sable Kennel for services regarding dog and animal control

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

Stanley summarized Resolution 21-003.

All voted in favor of the motion.

7. Approve Resolution 21-004: Enter into an agreement with Web Developer GovUnity for the provision of website services

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mrs. Ferson

Stanley summarized Resolution 21-004.

Credit to Bill Etherington for work on this.

All voted in favor of the motion.

8. Approve Resolution 21-005: Establishing the commission to be paid to the Tax Collector.

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

Stanley summarized Resolution 21-005.

All voted in favor of the motion.

9. Approve Resolution 21-006: Advertise for bids for the New 8th Avenue Sewer Project

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

Stanley summarized Resolution 21-006.

All voted in favor of the motion.

10. Approve Resolution 21-007: Advertise for bids for Towing Services and Vehicle Storage

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

Stanley summarized Resolution 21-007.

All voted in favor of the motion.

11. Open sealed bids for Conway Street Retaining Wall

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mrs. Ferson

Mark Brashear opened the sealed bids.

• Quigley Development Inc.	\$145,534.50
• Mauler Construction Group	\$ 99,300.00
• Jet Jack Inc.	\$ 92,390.00
• John D Caruso Inc.	\$169,440.00
• Michael Facchiano	\$146,000.00
• Northrock Construction	\$106,261.00
• Allison Park Contractors Inc.	\$244,000.00

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mrs. Ferson

Motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm; returned at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Baran stated that personnel and legal issues were discussed along with the bid results.

12. Approve Resolution 21-008 accepting bid for the Conway Street Retaining Wall

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Ms. Cain

Stanley read Resolution 21-008 award to the lowest bidder, Jet Jack Inc., in the amount of \$92,390.00

All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

**Ashley Cain: Is Penn Dot taking care of area where we had the water break?
Bill & Mark: Looking into it.**

Ashley Cain: ASKO building is up for sale and their receiving department will be moving to Wexford. We will be permanently working remotely.

**Ashley Cain: What are the goals for 2021?
Joe: Calhoun Field, Recycling and Web development**

Fire Chief: Asked Borough Manager if he looked into the Federal Grant for the work on Doyle Avenue.

Bill E.: Looking into it

Adjournment

President Baran adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST

Donna M McMichael, Borough Secretary

Joseph M Baran, President of Council