

Thompsonsontown Council Meeting
April 17, 2023
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A regular meeting of the Thompsonsontown Borough Council was held in the Thompsonsontown Borough Office on March 20, 2023. The following were in attendance: Mayor Gerald Eaton, President Andy Lenig, Vice-President Roger Stutts, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Pontius, Councilmen/Councilwomen: Willard Roush, Martin Wilson, Connie Eaton, Solicitor Seth Mosebey and Engineer Brian Book. Council members absent were Loretta Allen and Bob Speece. Motion to approve both the minutes and the financial report was made by Willard Roush and seconded by Connie Eaton. The Fireman's minutes and Municipal Authority minutes were read with Council.

Our Solicitor Seth Mosebey opened the meeting with reviewing where the Borough is with the Declaration of Taking the property owned by McLean. All attempts to contact him have been exhausted. Motion to proceed by Roger Stutts and seconded by Connie Eaton.

Solicitor Mosebey informed Council he had the ordinance and resolution in the paper to have the position of Auditor removed from the Thompsonsontown Borough office, since they now have a Miller-Gentry CPA doing their audits. All present members of Council signed the ordinance and resolution, Secretary Pontius gave Solicitor Mosebey a printed copy for his signature.

Secretary Pontius reviewed several items for report to Council:

- Quickbooks find errors on Profit & Loss that are recorded on QB ledger. QB thinks it happened due to changing years.
- CPA scanned information completed for 2022 Audit 30.
- Liquid Fuels report isn't completed since the beginning balance from the state is not correct. Auditor coming April 12th.
- Legacy Grant is not due until this fall.
- SEDA-COG came back to me wanting my new password, which I was never given. Robert Brown, I sent him all I had so he can reset for a new password.
- Course Vector our new website designer needs approval for \$1425 as the program is developed over the year, motion by Roger Stutts seconded by Connie Eaton.
- Liquid Fuels request to have the income and expense accounts be combined, sine these accounts are set-up together on their online account. Roger Stutts made the motion to do so, Connie Eaton seconded the motion. Council approved.
- RTKL cost, spent approximately 4-5 hours scanning information at which they would only pay \$18.75 for February Tax receipts. Ink is up and paper also.

Councilman Roger Stutts informed Council Drew Smith Eagle Scout, his Veterans Wall of Honor will be started with excavation on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Jake Ramsey representing the Thompsontown Baseball, attended our meeting to request the use of the Thompsontown Baseball field for this spring. Secretary Pontius reminded Mr. Ramsey to bring in their insurance information before any practice or games begin. Councilman Roger Stutts made the motion to approve and Connie Eaton seconded the motion. Council approved.

Frank Reasner representing Woman's Softball, also requested use of the field for both spring and fall. Again, Mr. Reasner was reminded the Borough will need insurance information prior to start of any practice or games on the field. Motion to approve use of the Thompsontown Baseball field was made by Roger Stutts and seconded by Connie Eaton. Council approved both.

Solicitor Seth Mosebey reviewed a letter about a new law for tax bills that don't reach the land owners before they are due. This mostly happens with owners who move, transfer or sell their land. Tax Collector, Mike Elder was on hand and discussed at length as to how to handle this when it happens. The letter that came into the borough was not found until after the January date. It should have been decided in December of last year, if Council should have made up a resolution as to whether Council would want to wave the taxes or collect? It was decided to table the resolution until next December. Secretary will add to the December calendar for 2023.

Engineer Brian Book reported Jay Fulkroad & Sons signed the completion for the Paving Project II. He informed Council we did not get any new grants that have been submitted for 2023.

President Lenig reviewed with Council a new ordinance that he thought the borough should consider. It is insurance for houses within the borough that burn down (total loss). This is to cover the borough if you get stuck with the clean-up, it would give you a percentage of funds for the loss to be used for clean-up. Solicitor Mosebey will look into this and report back next the next Council meeting.

President Lenig asked Council if they have any issues that need worked on for improvements in the borough? Mayor Eaton reported that he knows of two different women who fell because of uneven sidewalks. One fell outside of the First National Bank sidewalk that was uneven, the other tripped over a tree root that is sticking up on Mill Street owned by Mrs. Kerr. It was suggested to send Mrs. Kerr a letter, but it was tabled until Councilman Stutts talks to her. Solicitor Mosebey stated other boroughs have painted the street areas orange to let residents know there is a safety risk on the street. Suggested to table the sidewalk issues until next meeting.

Other suggestions for improvements included:

- Have Ricky and Terry paint the crosswalks once it gets warmer.
- Secretary Pontius informed the pavilions need to have their names on all of the pavilions. After being discussed only the Haldeman Pavilion needs a name put on it. Roger will talk to Ricky about it.

Meeting adjourned at: Roger Stutts, seconded by Connie Eaton at 0750 PM

Notes submitted by: Sue Pontius, Secretary-Treasurer