

Thompstontown Council Meeting
December 18, 2023
7 PM

A regular meeting of the Thompstontown Borough Council was held in the Thompstontown Borough Office on November 20, 2023. The following were in attendance: President Andy Lenig, Vice-President Roger Stutts, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Pontius, Councilmen/Councilwomen: Willard Roush, Martin Wilson, Robert Speece, Connie Eaton, Solicitor Seth Mosebey and Engineer Brian Book. Mayor Gerald Eaton was absent. Motion to approve both the minutes and the financial report were made by Connie Eaton and seconded by Willard Roush with one correction to add Nathan Claybaugh on for last month's minutes. The Thompstontown Volunteer Fire Department minutes were reviewed with Council. The Municipal Authority meeting minutes were not available since their meeting is later this week.

Secretary Pontius asked if Council wants the donation to the Thompstontown Volunteer Fire Department to be paid in December. Roger Stutts made the motion to pay the donation and Robert Speece seconded. Council approved.

Solicitor Mosebey gave Secretary Pontius a Resolution #6 of 2023 appointing an independent auditor of the Borough of Thompstontown. Council appointed Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, PC as their auditors for the fiscal year 2024 to examine the accounting records of the Borough of Thompstontown for the fiscal year 2023.

Solicitor Mosebey also presented a copy of the Deed of Dedication from Norma M. Frymoyer for the portion of land identified as Lot 67-B Retention Area. Thompstontown Borough now owns the property known as the "Holding Pond."

Engineer Brian Book handed out his report, he noted that the grant for the Haldeman Park should be reviewed tomorrow since the state budget has passed. His report will be included in the minute book.

Secretary Pontius reviewed the Helipad License had everything listed for quotes on expenses to get this done. Still waiting on price quotes, PP&L was out but no report came back yet. Will report back on this in December.

Secretary Pontius informed Council the State Street light has been added to the Office bill. Several Council members has seen that it was on already.

Council members received the first full Chapter of Ordinances to review. Minor changes will be corrected by Secretary Pontius and give them to Solicitor Mosebey for final review so they can be added to the website.

President Lenig read a letter from the Municipal Authority with a request to have the re-appointment of Seth Hart to the Board of Directors effective January 1, 2024. His term will expire on 12/31/2029. Motion by Roger Stutts and seconded by Martin Wilson, Council approved.

Secretary Pontius informed Council the Liquid Fuels audit has been completed and with the new online PennDot system, 2023 only needs the December information put in for 2023 to be complete.

Council was shown a new Thompsontown Logo that will be put on envelopes, labels, and letterhead. This is the first time our seal has been re-produced to use.

The 2023-2024 Budget was reviewed by Council, the proposal budget is now ready for resident review. Please call to make an appointment for your review. There will **not** be an increase in 2024, our rate will stay at 8.5%. Our Legal notice to review will be in the Juniata Sentinel. Only major change is staff will receive an increase in pay, this is included in the budget.

Roger Stutts asked for assistance for a wooden table for the office. The table will be 10'X4'. A motion was made by Willard Roush and seconded by Robert Speece for the cost to not run over \$500. Council approved.

Secretary Pontius informed Council the Christmas Lights were put up today, due to the availability of helpers to assist.

Motion to adjourn by Willard Roush and seconded by Robert Speece at: 7:46 PM.

Notes submitted by: Sue Pontius, Secretary-Treasurer