

Borough of Thompsettown
Council Meeting
January 20, 2025
7 PM

A regular meeting of the Borough of Thompsettown Council was held in the Thompsettown Borough office on December 16, 2024. The following were in attendance: Mayor Kenneth Hart, President Roger Stutts, Vice-President Andy Lenig, Secretary-Treasurer Sue Pontius, Councilmen/Councilwoman: Martin Wilson, Willard Roush, Robert Speece, Connie Eaton, Nathan Claybaugh, and Engineer Brian Book. absent was Solicitor Seth Mosebey. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Andy Lenig and seconded by Nathan Claybaugh. Minutes were approved by Robert Speece and seconded by Willard Roush. Minutes from the Municipal Authority were not read due to their meeting being after tonight. Minutes from the Thompsettown Volunteer Fire Company were read.

President Stutts opened with asking if anyone reviewed the 2024-2025 budget. Secretary Pontius reported nobody called or came into the office to review the budget. President Stutts asked if any Council member has any questions or changes to the budget? No questions or issues were brought up. Vice-President Lenig made the motion to approve the budget, Willard Roush seconded the motion. All of Council approved.

Engineer Book handed out a report about cost estimates about construction of a new handicapped accessible entrance at the Community Building. He asked if Council would want to create a new entrance into the meeting room? He estimated it would cost \$30,000? Also, Council was to consider converting existing stairs on Mill Street sidewalk into a ramp for the cost of approximately \$15,000. This was tabled to see if we receive funding from the grant already applied for.

President Stutts reviewed with Council an ordinance with the possibility of an increased permit rate change. Councilman Speece brought up several issues that he thought should be discussed further. Since Solicitor Mosebey was at tonight's meeting, it was decided to table this ordinance for further discussion at our next February 20, 2025 meeting.

Secretary Pontius informed Council the grant for the Walking Trail is almost complete. She will have to file with the Juniata County Commissioners and file again in April with the ARCA funds used.

President Stutts read a request for re-appointment of Michael Feltman and John Dressler to the Municipal Authority Board until 12/31/2029. Motion to re-appoint both Michael Feltman and John Dressler was made by Andy Lenig and seconded by Willard Roush. All of Council approved. Secretary Pontius will send the approval letters to the Municipal Authority.

Secretary Pontius reported getting two Right-To-Know-Law (RTKL) request that she is unable to file, since she sent back to requestor if they will approve paying for copies. They never sent anything back and their email just disappeared from my emails. One request was for a very large amount of information. The other request I tried to contact them by phone and sent an email asking for a contact number since their lawyers contact number was disconnected.

Our meeting adjourned for the executive meeting at 7:40 PM, to discuss a request for an increase in cost for services.

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM the request was approved by Council. Motion to increase the fees by Martson Law Offices was made by Councilman Robert Speece and seconded by Connie Eaton.

Motion to adjourn by: President Stutts at 8 PM.

Notes submitted by: Sue Pontius, Secretary