

Thompsons town Council Meeting
May 15, 2023
7 PM

A regular meeting of the Thompsonstown Borough Council was held in the Thompsonstown Borough Office on April 17, 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, Loretta Allen, Solicitor Seth Mosebey and Engineer Brian Book. Councilman Bob Speece was absent. Motion to approve both the minutes and the financial report was made by Willard Roush and seconded by Connie Eaton. The Municipal Authority Minutes was reviewed with Council. The Fire Department meeting will be held on Thursday evening.

Engineer Brian Book passed out a copy of his monthly meeting notes. He informed Council, Amber Zimmerman spoke with him last week and stated Fulkroad's crew will return to the site to correct the work on Pond Street. He will update Council at the next Council meeting. If the work is completed, a walk-through will be set up, then he can do a final completion. If all is approved a final completion certificate; we can issue final payment and close out the final contract.

Solicitor Mosebey informed Council he reviewed several samples of a new burn ordinance. This covers 60% of policy set aside in Escrow Funds for property that gets left behind after a fire. Councilwoman Loretta Allen suggest Council do it to cover ourselves. V. President Roger Stutts (VP) asked if this only for fire? Which Solicitor Mosebey informed Council it is only for fire. VP Stutts suggested Council do a simple plan. Solicitor Mosebey informed Council the ordinance will have to be advertised cost of est. \$250 for seven days, not sixty days. Motion made by Roger Stutts to move forward seconded by Loretta Allen. Council approved.

Solicitor Mosebey reported on the Declaration of Taking, Council has completed all of the paperwork to advertise not being able to contact Mr. McLean about the house. Our next step is to sell the property. We will have to advertise the house is for sale. Seth will put a plan together where to advertise, we will need to get a price, and make up a sale bill etc. President Lenig suggest we move forward.

Solicitor Mosebey opened up to Council to see what they want to do about sidewalks that need improvements around town. VP Stutts felt we are just opening up a can of worms on this subject, since it is the responsibility of the property owners to repair sidewalks on their property. It was decided to table this subject for now.

VP Stutts reported maintenance painted the crosswalks and put up lettering to identify the Haldeman Pavilion. Borough Maintenance Ricky O'Neal reported their work this month on the grounds included: removal of dead trees, replaced bleacher boards, pressure washed the bleachers, weed spraying around the grounds, bee spraying and stored boxes of old files out in the shed.

Secretary Pontius informed Council that SEDA-COG needs to know by April 30th what projects are planned for ARPA funds? Council discussed and they are going to plan on doing Park Improvements and Municipal Office Improvements. Secretary Pontius will inform SEDA-COG. Motion by Connie Eaton and seconded by Roger Stutts.

President Lenig informed the Thompsontown Vol. Fire Department is going to be doing a Spring Fling at the Haldeman Park. All pavilions will be reserved for this event. Councilwoman Loretta Allen made the motion to reserve May 13th for this event. VP Roger Stutts seconded the motion.

Secretary Pontius sent around a flyer for Council to approve a Memorial Stone for Clyde Kauffman to be placed in Haldeman Park. The Ambulance crew had Secretary Pontius call and get a quote on a: 24" X 26" high base in gray, this will include name, date, instillation, and foundation. The flyer will be given out to interested donors. The Borough Office will collect donations. Motion made by Councilwoman Loretta Allen and seconded by Martin Wilson. Council approved.

Secretary Pontius reported the Liquid Fuels audit has been changed to May 30th, 2023.

Secretary Pontius informed Council she did a Zoom webinar to understand what is needed to be in compliance for records retention. Since 2022 files have already been scanned, she reviewed the files to be sure they are in PDF and they are. There is one file I need to ask about in Excel. Items we were to have IT do, I already know most of this so I am going to review one more time, then record 2022.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:55

Notes submitted by: Sue Pontius, Secretary-Treasurer