

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 1, 2021

Council President Zachary W. Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Salute to the Flag. Those in attendance in addition to Mr. Stiles were Council members Deborah J. Ferree, Gregory W. Kinard, Rebecca A. Kinard, Gary L. Landis, John J. Neal and William H. Stiles, II; Mayor Douglas J. Wagner, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn and Solicitor D. Michael Craley. The meeting was held at the Seven Valleys Fire Company, 35 Main St, in Seven Valleys Borough.

Motion by Neal/G. Kinard to approve February 1, 2021 meeting minutes as circulated. MCU

PUBLIC COMMENT

Blaine Gerver, Chief of Seven Valleys Fire Company, and other members of the Fire Company were present to ask if the Borough had any questions or concerns for the Fire Company. The Community Yard Sale was brought up as to who sponsors the event and the date of the sale which typically the second Saturday of July. It would be helpful of the Fire Company would advertise the Sale on their signboard regardless of who is considered the sponsor.

The Borough is willing to advertise the Fire Company's events in the Newsletter as long as it is received in a timely manner. The Newsletter is typically published in April and October.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No word either way regarding Community Development Block Grant application.

SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Craley reported on the letter he wrote John D. Miller, Jr., Esquire in response to his letter of 11.9.20 describing incorrect calculations of the operation of the Springfield Township Sewer Authority caused by incorrect percentage calculations for the municipal ratepayers after the 2006 refinance. Mr. Caley questioned whether or not the individual municipalities have any legal standing or authority to negotiate the issue since the YCSYSA was formed and is operating as an independent authority. Therefore, the issue would need to be addressed between the Sewer Authority and individual ratepayers and not the three municipalities. The blame and responsibility would appear to lie directly at the feet of the employees or professional consultants employed or engaged by the Sewer Authority

The letter is not to mean that Seven Valleys Borough Council is closing the door to further discussion of this issue, however this is just another situation which has gone on as long as it has without discovery, apparently due to negligent oversight. Those parties should be held responsible for the errors and be held to appropriate standards to correct them and that the matter not be ultimately saddled on innocent sewer ratepayers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No action was taken on the location of the mail box for 95 Main St.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by G. Kinard/R Kinard to authorize the Secretary to write a letter of acknowledgement regarding the Rail Trail 10-Miler race to benefit The Arc of York County to be held on August 28, 2021. MCU.
2. Council appointed 5 members to the Trail Towns Action Team for Seven Valleys. We will confirm with each person that they are willing to serve and then give the names to the YCEA.

3. **Motion** by G. Kinard/W. Stiles to discontinue the cloud access for the 2 radar speed signs, saving the Borough \$400.00 per year per sign. MCU
4. The Streets need to be swept this year. The Secretary will make arrangements with Spring Grove and advertise the date in the Newsletter to go out end of March/early April.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Period ending February 28, 2021

General Fund	
PLGIT	\$ 5,301.99
PLGIT PRIME	\$ 208,849.68
Peoples Bank	<u>\$ 11,553.41</u>
	\$ 225,705.08
State Liquid Fuels Fund	
PLGIT	\$ 178.75
PLGIT PRIME	<u>\$ 578.11</u>
	\$ 756.86

Motion made by Neal/R. Kinard to approve, accept and file statement for audit. Also pay SWIF monthly payment, York Water, and Met Ed as invoiced. Also, authorization for the Secretary to pay regular bills. MCU

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE

1. Secretary's Report
 - a. Ethics Statements due May 1, 2021
 - b. Otto reported that due to COVID-19 he had to stop the TNR for a little bit and is now starting back up. He will reach out to the new person caring for the cats and see if he can get more cats done. They have done 20 so far and 5 of those were relocated.
2. Mayor's Report
 - a. Mayor Wagner would like to open the jail on a few occasions to the public. He will put up signs that the jail is not handicapped accessible and "watch your step" type of signs.
 - b. Mayor Wagener announced that Seven Valleys Borough website had won an honorable mention in the under 2,500 population from PSAB.
3. Lien Collection Report - 5 unpaid
4. Zoning/UCC/Code Enforcement Report

John received a permit application for 144 Church Street (Zeller) and an update regarding 108 Church Street. Owner is going to submit a permit application as well as an appraisal showing the property is only approved as 2 bedrooms, as well as an acknowledgment from the buyer that they are aware the upstairs may not be used as a bedroom. There is discussion of a possible sale of Liberty Christian Fellowship on Maple St - 6 unassigned EDU's also, a permit application for an Auto Repair Garage.

He will be starting a shared access document to keep track of properties that need to be address for zoning, permits and code enforcement. Bill would like to have access to this document.
5. YCSTSA Meeting – Review Information from Authority
6. Comments Around the table
 - c. Bill Stiles reported that there more than the usual number of flies in the borough in the spring of last year. There are long piles of manure stocked piled in two fields in and just outside the Borough. It was suggested that the person that had spoken with him is willing to do what is necessary to have the piles spread early. Bill will report to the person to contact the York County Conservation District regarding the manure management plan of these properties in an effort to reduce the fly problem this year.

With no further business to come before council, President Zachary W. Stiles adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, Seven Valleys.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Secretary