

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, May 4, 2020

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, Gary L. Landis, John J. Neal and William H. Stiles, II; Mayor Douglas J. Wagner, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn and Solicitor D. Michael Craley. Rebecca A. Kinard was absent from the meeting. The meeting was held at the Seven Valleys Fire Company, 35 Main St, in Seven Valleys Borough.

**Motion** by W. Stiles/G. Kinard/April 6, 2020 meeting minutes as circulated. MCU

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public Comment

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No engineer's Report

**SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING**

The Borough received a document from Jeff Rehmeyer, Attorney for YCSTSA. It was a Rate Ratio Structure explanation to better understand the rate structure problem. Serious issue

There was an error in the application of the percentage numbers when refinancing the original debt 2006. The 2006 refinancing included payoff of the initial debt of 1997 plus capital to pay for the addition of a centrifuge and ultra violet treatment system as well as payoff of East Springfield Road Project. The percentages were assigned by the number of sewage treatment plant capacity. Rather than using these "new" percentages there should have been a blended percentage assignment in 2006. The intermunicipal agreement in 2006 was to set up a guarantee payment of the debt should the sewer authority failed to pay it.

Who made calculations, why was it never corrected, who put the new percentages in the 2006 intermunicipal agreement and why did it take over 12 years for them to figure out this problem? Until those four questions are answered. All questions, calls or emails to all Borough Officials by STYCSA regarding any amendments to the 2006 refinancing will be referred to D. Michael Craley

All interested is posted to Springfield Township, but should be divided and applied to each of the Municipalities in the Authority

The Borough has no legal authority to approve rates set by the Sewer Authority.

Problem will be if and when the authority raises rates for Seven Valleys and Loganville to pay back the Springfield portion of the Authority. There is then a potential for legal action.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. LED Solar Power Radar Speed Signs for Main Street Called for status of part ordered March 1 7<sup>th</sup>. Part arrived May 1<sup>st</sup>. Church Street sign is not working. Hopefully all issues will be resolved by the June Meeting.
2. Project to replace older stop & speed limit signs in the Borough as needed for greater reflectivity. Survey is in progress but currently on hold.
3. Scrape South St in spring Received a price quote from H & H to Price from H & H to clean out gutters, load and remove gutter debris and sweep the street. Council would also like to

include the cleaning out of the two culverts that run under the street. Secretary asked to get price quotes from two other Contractors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion** by W. Stiles/Landis to approve Resolution 2020-7 authorizing to extend the time to pay Borough Real Estate Taxes to 12/31/2020 as well as forgiving the penalty if taxes are paid in full by December 31, 2020. MCU The County passed a similar Resolution for County Real Estate Taxes on April 29, 2020.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** - Period Ending 4/30/2020

General Fund	
PLGIT	\$ 8,765.48
PLGIT PRIME	\$ 203,442.97
Peoples Bank	<u>\$ 3,404.03</u>
	\$ 215,612.48
State Liquid Fuels Fund	
PLGIT	\$ 558.60
PLGIT PRIME	\$ <u>17,802.08</u>
	\$ 18,360.68

**Motion** made by G. Kinard/Ferree 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. Completed State Ethics reports are to be filed with the Borough Secretary.
2. Zoning/UCC/Code Enforcement Report and update. Council offered additional properties that needed to be checked. Secretary will pass those along to Mr. McLucas.
3. YCSTSA Meeting – Reviewed information from Authority
4. Lien Collection Report - 5 unpaid
5. Fallen Street Banner by Mulberry Lane was retrieved. We will ask Shrewsbury Township to reinstall it.

With no further business to come before council, President Zachary W. Stiles adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, and Seven Valleys.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Secretary