

FRACKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Frackville Borough Council opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". President Jordan presided. Council members Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, along with Mayor Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer Deeter, Solicitor Semanchik, and a few citizens were in attendance. Councilman Zuber was absent.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the March 10, 2021 minutes was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the March 16, 2021 minutes was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

Mrs. Miernicki said they had a meeting on April 9th there were 9 members in attendance.

A motion to allow the Economic Development Task Force apply for a façade improvement grant was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to allow the borough workers to assist and use their equipment with a project at the Veteran's Park where they will skim the surface to determine the status of the footer at the wall of the Veteran's Park was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Jordan. All in favor 5 -1. Martin – no.

A motion to amend the county blight program grant and use another blighted property in its place to be determined at a future meeting was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Berger. Roll call vote went as follows: Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the economic development task force report was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL REPORT

A motion to vacate the Building Maintenance Director was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to advertise for a Building and Maintenance Director was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the personnel report was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Tax Collection Report

The tax collection report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Bills for Payment

A motion to approve the bills for payment was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. Roll call vote went as follows: Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of the bills is attached to the minutes.

A motion to accept the finance report was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor 6 – 0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Phillips would like a temporary stop sign on the S. side of Wall Street, Elm and Wall Street.

Chief of Police Report

The chief of police report was presented including the code enforcement report and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Fire Chief Report

The fire chief report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

A motion to accept the mayor's report was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

STREET/SEWER REPORT

The street/sewer report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

PRPOERTY REPORT

A motion to get bids for replacing the roof at the Goodwill Firehouse was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the property report was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

LAW & ORDER REPORT

Motion to accept the new floodplain ordinance was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Berger. Roll call vote went as follows: Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of the ordinance is attached to the minutes.

A motion to accept the law and order report was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

SANITATION REPORT

The sanitation report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Cunninmgham. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

RECREATION REPORT

A motion to allow the library use of the Memorial Park every Wednesday during the months of June and July 2021, was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

A motion to allow the summer lunch program at the Memorial Park was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

A motion to purchase a garden lawn tractor not to exceed \$2,000.00 was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to use the borough hall for a basket auction on July 24th and 25th was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the pool rates for 2021 with a projected grand opening of May 29, 2021, was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Martin – no, Miernicki- yes, Tertel – yes, Berger – yes, Cunningham – yes, and Jordan – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to allow councilwoman Miernicki to purchase the necessary items to open the pool was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 5 – 0. Martin no.

A motion to hire all 11 applicants at minimum wage for the concession stand was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to hire Rylee Bolinsky as head lifeguard at \$10.00 per hour pending child clearances and red cross certifications was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Berger. Roll call vote went as follows: Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to interview and hire the pool manager at the discretion of the recreation committee chairman and co-chairman was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 5 – 0. Berger no.

A motion to advertise for additional lifeguards was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

May 1, 2021, is the town wide yard sale. Applications are at the library. May 31st is the Memorial Day Parade starting at 9:00 a.m.

A motion to purchase a security system at the pool from M2B Security Solutions in the amount of \$9,575.96 was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. Roll call vote went as follows: Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the recreation report was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

LIGHT/WATER REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Frackville Borough Council met in executive session from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss contracts, personnel, and property issues.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A motion to approve change order #8 from Heim Construction in the amount of \$68,843.00 was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Roll call vote went as follows: Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve change order #9 from Heim Construction in the amount of \$15,000.00 was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve application for payment #3 in the amount of \$389,134.49 to EK Services was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. Roll call vote went as follow: Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve change order #3 in the amount of \$59,971.79 was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the engineers report was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

A motion to approve the 2019 audit report was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Berger. Roll call vote went as follows: Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to reject the purchase price from the Schuylkill Tax Claim Bureau for 35 S. Lehigh Avenue was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. Roll call vote went as follows: Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

The support letter for the Little Mahanoy Creek was sent this past Monday.

A motion to enforce the blighted property provision and get the title to proceed with the demolition at 20 - 22 S. Lehigh Avenue was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Miernicki. Roll call vote went as follows: Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Berger, Cunningham, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Paul Klevis – Frackville

Mr. Klevis would like council to replace the damaged Bench on Lehigh Avenue. Council said they would look into this further and try to put it in next year's budget.

Brian Russell – 252 S. Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville

Mr. Russell is requesting the borough remove 3 liens from his property so he can move forward with the sale of his property.

Solicitor Semanchik told council he does not recommend removing the liens without payment being received.

A motion to look into removing the delinquent garbage liens from the Russell's property was made by Mr. Martin. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Patti Domalakes – Center Street, Frackville

Mrs. Domalakes is requesting the purchase of a street sweeper to have the streets cleaned on a regular basis.

Mrs. Domalakes would like the police to patrol at the tennis court for vandalism.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor 6 – 0. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Deeter
Secretary/Treasurer