

FRACKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 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, Zuber, along with Mayor Phillips, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Griffin, Solicitor Semanchik, and a few citizens were in attendance.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the October minutes was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor 7 - 0. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

The economic development task force report was presented by Mrs. Miernicki and accepted on the motion of Mr. Zuber, seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor 7 - 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

PERSONNEL REPORT

No Report

FINANCE REPORT

Tax Collection Report

The tax collection report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 7 - 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. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Berger. All in favor 7 - 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. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Berger. Roll call vote went as follows: Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Zuber, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of the bills is attached to the minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A motion to accept the resignation of Chief Richard Bell was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Roll call vote went as follows: Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, Tertel, Zuber, Berger, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to have Chris Hand as the Officer in Charge effective November 6, 2021, at a rate of \$32.00 hour was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Martin - yes, Miernicki - yes, Tertel - yes, Zuber - no, Berger - yes, Cunningham -yes, and Jordan - yes. Motion carried by a 6 - 1 vote.

Chief of Police Report

The chief of police report including the code enforcement report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor 7 – 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. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

A motion to accept the mayor report was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried.

STREET/SEWER REPORT

The street report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

A motion to allow the public works director to purchase the necessary items for additional pool winterizing supplies up to \$750.00 was made by Mrs. Miernicki, seconded by Mr. Zuber. Roll call vote went as follows: Miernicki, Tertel, Zuber, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, and Jordan all voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the street report was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Zuber. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

PROPERTY REPORT

No Report

LAW & ORDER REPORT

No Report

SANITATION REPORT

The sanitation report was presented and same accepted on the motion of Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

RECREATION REPORT

The children's Christmas party will be on December 19, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the borough gym. Entech Engineering donated \$500.00 to the Christmas party. There will be a paint and sip on December 1, 2021 in the borough council chambers. There was also discussion on having pickle ball in Frackville.

A motion to accept the recreation report was made by Mr. Zuber, seconded by Mr. Tertel. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried.

LIGHT/WATER REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Berger said there was a tree that fell from a storm on Beech Street. The Public Works Director said he will reach out to the owner for them to clean it up and also let code enforcement know.

NEW BUSINES

A motion to advertise for a budget meeting November 18, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried.

Executive session was from 6:05 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. for personnel issues, code enforcement, and litigation.

A motion to adopt the amendment to Ordinance 3 -2020 was made by Mr. Tertel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Roll call vote went as follows: Tertel, Zuber, Berger, Cunningham, Martin, Miernicki, and Jordan all votes yes. Motion carried.

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

A motion to hire Joe Dougert as a full time borough worker at \$13.39/hr. was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tertel. Roll call vote went as follows: Berger – yes, Cunningham – no, Martin – yes, Miernicki –yes, Tertel – yes, Zuber – yes, and Jordan – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to hire John Ruschak as a part-time borough worker at \$10.00/hr. was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Berger. Roll call vote went as follows: Cunningham – yes, Martin – yes, Miernicki – yes, Tertel – yes, Zuber – yes, Berger – yes, and Jordan – yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Patty Domalakes - Frackville

Patty Domalakes thinks it is a bad idea to have the pickle ball on the tennis court.

Little League – Frackville

They would like to see cameras at the High Street Park due to vandalism at the batting cages. Russ will look into this.

Sue Earl – Frackville

She asked council to please get rid of the 4 buckets of dead flowers at the Veteran Park. The borough workers will take care of it.

Carmon Abalo – Frackville

He is asking for a donation for the Frackville Mountaineers from the COVID Relief Fund.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tertel, second by Mr. Berger. All in favor 7 – 0. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Geralyn Griffin
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer