

DELMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2019

77 Greensburg Street
Delmont, PA 15626



Executive Session 6:00 pm - Discussed litigation and personal (informative)

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

<i>Alyce Urban, Mayor</i>	Present	<i>Ann Lantz</i>	Present
<i>Andrew Shissler, Council President</i>	Present	<i>Becky Matesevac</i>	Present
<i>Bill Marx, Vice President</i>	Present	<i>David Piper, CBO</i>	Present
<i>Stan Cheyne</i>	Present	<i>Pam Simpson -</i>	Present

EMPLOYEES:

Bill Heaps, Public Works Supervisor	Present
Chief TJ Klobucar - Delmont Borough Police Department	Present
Kellie Miele, Secretary/Treasurer	Present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Daniel J. Hewitt, Esq. Solicitor, McDonald Snyder, P.C.	Present
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ENGINEER REPORT:

Kevin Brett, LSSE	Present
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RESIDENTS ATTENDING: (ORDERED BY SIGN IN LIST)

Billie and Fred Cochran	Anna Marie Stackiewicz
Jim Geaffney	Jodi Colella
Richard Miller	John Orszulak
David Boles	Kerri Cole
Tim and Linda Schmida	Bob Stackiewicz
Pamela Laughner	Jeanne Linhart
	Tom Washburn
Non-Resident Citizens	Georgia Boring – Penn Franklin/Delmont
Ed, Julie and Matt Rebitch	Salem News
Charles Spritz, Jr.	Patrick Varine – Star/Trib
Amanda Bank	

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Shissler calls meeting to order and join in the Pledge.

STANDARD MONTHLY BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES:

Council reviewed the January Council Meeting Minutes, Ms. Matesevac made the Motion to Accept the January Minutes, Ms. Lantz Seconded the Motion. All Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Prepared and submitted by Council President, Andrew Shissler, on display, but not read. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Becky Matesevac. Motion Seconded by Pam Simpson. Motion Passed unanimously.

BILLS:

Bills on display but not read. Stan Cheyne made the Motion to pay the bills. Bill Marx Seconded Motion. Motion Passed unanimously without further discussions.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Amanda Bank - Requested Council to consider bringing the Farmer's Market back to the Borough Parklett. Alice Heasley would also help. It would run on Saturdays from June till before Delmont Daze. There would be no market on July 4th weekend or Labor Day weekend. A Lease Agreement would be needed. A Motion to Approve Agreement to the move of the Farmer's Market back to the Delmont Parklett was made by Bill Marx and Seconded by Pam Simpson. All Approved.

There will be research into the insurance necessary for vendors to carry to participate.

Shaun Blackham, East Pittsburgh Street

Spoke on the alley-way that was brought up in Ordinance 2019-1. This is the alley-way between Trinity Lutheran Church and Mr. Blackham's house. He is against the idea of making it a one-way street. He said he maintains the alley-way and it would not work to make it just the one-way restriction.

Denni Grassel, (Mayor Urban spoke on her behalf)

The Borough has secured a grant for \$2,000 for spot repair of the sidewalk. E. Pittsburgh Street was one of the areas suggested for repair to make the area safer for the Pilgrimage. The Mayor will discuss with Bill Heaps to be way to utilize the grant money.

Jodi Colella – New Business Owner

There will be a new resale bridal shop will be opening in Delmont. The building at 7 Greensburg Street will house 2 floors of bridal merchandise. There will be a resale of merchandise along with new items. The 2nd floor will be used for workshops and events. The new shop is named ***Before and Ever After***.

Tom Washburn, Tollgate Lane

Mr. Washburn wanted to thank Council for paving Tollgate Lane. He appreciates it!

Anna Marie Stackiewicz, 222 Aurora Street

Mrs. Stackiewicz gave an update on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail meeting that she attended last month. Everyone welcomed to attend. You can look on the WHT website for the locations. The Comedy Night, February 16, 2019 at Colton Hall, was sold out!

Ms. Stackiewicz reported on the Visionary Plan Panel meeting that will be held in the Delmont Library. They have made progress in getting a plan in place to for the Borough and how best to spend any grant monies that are passed for Delmont.

A reminder of the Chili Cook-Off taking place on February 17, 2019 at the Yellow Bridge Brewery. They will have the Penguin Game on TV – Chili Contest – and cold beer! March for the Park is March 30th.

Ed Rebitch, Rock Spring – Salem Township

Asked Mr. Hewitt if there was any news from the DEP regarding the Delmont Sewage Issue. Mr. Hewitt stated that the negotiations with the DEP are Confidential. He is not able to give any information out at this time.

Mr. Rebitch stated his thought that they are willing to work with the Borough on its plan only if it is economically and environmentally sustainable. He also stated that the issue in Delmont is not a Sewage problem – the Borough has a Stormwater issue.

Rick Miller – Freeport Street

He stated he would be willing to pay for any signage that the Borough could install such as “No Parking from Here to Curb”. He is willing to pay for a parking permit or signs.

The Mayor agreed that there is an issue – and a lot of it stems from the bus riders parking in the spots versus using the church parking lot.

Stan Cheyne knows there is an issue, but the businesses and residents both need the parking spaces that are available. The area is part of the central business district.

The current configuration does not allow for parking on both sides of the street. There would need to be a major revamping of the street to accommodate the parking of that side of the street. The way the sidewalks are lower than the street. The Streets Committee recommended not changing the signage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING REPORT

Roads Report

Mr. Kevin Brett from LSSE gave updates.

There was a letter sent to the gas company regarding Abbe Place condition. The craters in the roadway. It is getting progressively worse.

Liberoni is to finish West Pittsburgh Street in the Spring. There was a gas and a water break in that area.

Mr. Cheyne spoke of the 2019 Road Program for the Borough. Pave the remainder of West Pittsburgh Street above Harrison Avenue to the 4-way The 2nd portion of contract for Stotler Drive behind the Sunoco station. The 3rd portion of the contract would be adding on Cupp Way and the 4th would be the fixing the crack sealing of Greensburg Street at the top where it meets Route 66.

It was noted that the monies for the Liquid Fuels appropriation is required to be spent using the highest priority to the lowest needed areas. You cannot pick and choose.

Stan Cheyne made the Motion to advertise for the bidding of the 2019 Road Paving Program. Mr. Piper Seconded the Motion. All approved.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT Daniel J. Hewitt, Esq., McDonald Snyder, P.C.

Alleyway to Pittsburgh Street (Ordinance 2019-1)

There was separate notice to other owners of properties in the area to put them on notice of the possible change for the Alley-way to be one-way. Mr. Blackham addressed Council asking why they are changing it. He has maintained the alleyway for the past 20 years. It has never been an issue. Cars do not try to use it since it is such a drop off from the street that a car would scrape its bottom. The Borough does not maintain the alley since access to it with the snow plow is not possible. Mr. Cheyne Made the Motion to Table Ordinance 2019-1 and not make the alley-way into a one-way area, Mr. Piper Seconded the Motion – it Passed unanimously.

Resolution 2019-3- Retention/Destruction of Old Borough Records. A vote is needed to approve the destruction of papers that are deemed out of date according to the published Pennsylvania State Municipal Records Manual. The papers will be taken to the Allegheny Shredding Company for destruction. Standard Resolution to get rid of the old records. Bill Marx made the Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-3 – Retention/Destruction of Old Borough Records. Ann Lantz Seconded the Motion, All Approved.

The Sales Agreement for purchase and subdivision of the MS4 Stormwater retention facility was brought up for Council vote. Mr. Cheyne made the Motion to Approve the Subdivision of the Harhai property, Bill Marx Seconded the Motion – All Approved in favor of the subdivision of the Harhai property. This will be used for stormwater retention and release. There will be vegetation and greenery planted in the area. There will be no danger for people in the surrounding area. It is natural vegetation and will actually look nice as well as helping.

Mr. Hewitt brought up the Mariner East 2 Grant for the Agreement with Cherry Blossom Court HOA for the Pond Easement Agreement. Mr. Cheyne made the Motion to Approve the Landowner Agreement with Cherry Blossom Court and Mr. Piper Seconded the Motion. All Approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Mayor, Alyce Urban

Mayor Urban reminded of the meeting at the Borough Office for Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm to view the possible replacements for the wreaths and banners. Mr. Piper said he heard from a reliable source that there is going to be a \$75 charge for rent/use of the West Penn Power poles. Mr. Heaps said he has a call into West Penn Power to check about that charge.

She spoke on the need to replace the Borough Christmas wreaths. There will be a meeting at the Borough Office on February 18, 2019 at 6:00 with Raleigh Christmas Suppliers to look at new ideas and materials that will replace the old ones with a longer lasting material. The public is welcome to attend.

The Mayor reported the Delmont VFD was not able to get the monthly report to her.

Chief Klobucar presented the Calls for Service from the Borough Police Department. 126 total calls for service in January 2019. 39 Traffic Citations and 5 Criminal Arrests. Chief Klobucar asked Council to Accept the resignation of Officer Jeff Vertullo. He was a part-time officer at Delmont and has accepted a full-time position in New Kensington. Pam Simpson made the Motion to Accept Officer Vertullo's resignation and Becky Matesevac Seconded the Motion. All Approved. Chief Klobucar then asked Council to approve the hire of Officer Tyler Strini as a part-time Police Officer for Delmont Borough. Pam Simpson made the Motion to hire Officer Strini as a part-time officer and Becky Matesevac Seconded the Motion. All Approved.

Chief Klobucar told the Council and attendants he attended EMA training along with Dave Weber. They are certified now to do damage reporting to the Pennsylvania State Department if there was an emergency event.

Mr. Marx asked Chief Klobucar the rate of a part-time officer for the Borough. It is presently \$17/hr. He followed up by asking the Chief if he thought that might be why they are losing so many officers with the turnover rate seeming high. Chief Klobucar spoke on working with the Personnel Committee to streamline the department which may help save the Borough money.

Mr. Marx congratulated Chief Klobucar for being named the President of the Chief's Association for Westmoreland County.

BUILDING AND RENTALS Ann Lantz and Bill Marx, Council Vice President

Ms. Lantz told Council that the bathroom stalls for the daycare are installed. They are nice and safe! New doors will be the next step in upgrades for the Daycare areas.

Bill Heaps spoke on the need soon to replace the windows in the Borough Building. It would be replacing the sash of the windows with the Anderson Window kits so there can be new screens that are easier to clean. Council will consider the replacements on a window by window situation or if it is cost savings to do more at once.

ROAD COMMITTEE ITEMS – Stan Cheyne and Ann Lantz

Mr. Cheyne stated that large trucks on West Pittsburgh Street are the delivery trucks for businesses which would make the exempt from bonding and they have limited options to enforce. The Delmont Police would have to have a need to stop the trucks and do not have the proper equipment to weigh the trucks. The delivery truck traffic to the business of the Borough are exempt from the bonding requirements. Freeport Street bonding is up for renewal in February. LSSE will check with Sunoco on the actual renewal dates and information.

Mr. Cheyne attended the Westmoreland Conservation District Municipal Roundtable Meeting on a Homeowner's guide to Stormwater for Southwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Cheyne will put the information he received on the Delmont Borough Website. It is in a pdf format. It shows how to put in a rain garden at your house.

There was a discussion on the integrated water resource plan coming from Westmoreland County. A draft Stormwater ordinance – should be compared with the Borough's Ordinance. Westmoreland County and State mandated MS4 2015. Mr. Brett of LSSE spoke that a new one will come out with ordinances. The ordinance will show residential stormwater gardens and gives instructions on size needed to make a difference.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Andy Shissler, Council President, Becky Matesevac

Mr. Shissler said he is working to update the QuickBooks that the Borough uses to maintain the accounts to show a better more precise breakdown of sub-accounts.

PERSONNEL – Becky Matesevac and Pam Simpson

Ms. Matesevac asked Council for permission to re-open the Police Contract. Ms. Matesevac put a Motion to review the current contract and Mr. Marx Seconded the Motion. All Approved. There will be a designated committee of Mr. Shissler, Pam Simpson and Becky Matesevac to review the current contract for the Delmont Police Department.

SEWAGE COMMITTEE ITEMS – Stan Cheyne and Bill Marx

Stan Cheyne spoke on the \$7.50 increase on the Sewage rates. After having a meeting with the Sewage Committee and with the predicted DEP consent order agreement, there is a need for the project replacement of both the gravity fed and forced main pipes that run Christy Road to the pump station. Also the Equalization tank close to pump station to address the heavy flows during the wet periods. Additional professional flow monitoring and Engineering Services and permitting process. If the Sewage Capital Fund is used to just maintain the structure, if you have a catastrophe such as a forced line break, the money is needed just to repair those items. The \$7.50 increase would serve to pay down the current debt that the Borough has and build up the reserves. The goal of this plan is to eliminate and remove the overflows that are occurring with the current system.

Mr. Rebitch stated that he did not think that was the way the Borough should try to resolve this issue. When he asked if the Council had any response, Mr. Brett from LSSE said he would address his comments from a design standpoint. He stated that this issue has been going on for over 10 years, and that the property of Mr. Rebitch and the Trust has been inspected – it is

compromised. It has sags and has been crushed in some locations. The system does over flow. The DEP is aware of that and the Borough has self-reported over the years on the overflows. The line through the Trust property will be relocated for public right-of-way area to minimize the impact to the current property owners so it is for the least cost option for the residents of the Borough. It is a current solution that throughout the in areas of Westmoreland County the Pittsburgh areas that have implemented to solve what is called a wet weather problem. Green Infrastructure that will be used throughout the Borough is not applicable to this situation. It would only be used to combine sewer systems to reduce flow and combine systems to a sewage treatment plant. It is not applicable in this case. Do not mix apples and oranges. The Borough does have a separate permit for its stormwater and they have aggressively pursued grants and have received them to address their stormwater issues. This is a separate sanitary sewage issue and the method currently follows the DEP guidelines. The interceptor needs to be replaced because it is compromised. It has failed and it is too small. It was probably too small the day it was put in. You cannot go back 30 years.

Mr. Cheyne made the Motion to re-advertise the \$7.50 Rate Increase. Mr. Marx Seconded the Motion – All Approved with the exception of David Piper to re-advertise the rate increase.

SHIELDS FARM – Andrew Shissler, Council President

Looking to get log cabin restoration bids.

GRANTS – David Piper

Mr. Piper said they had a meeting with DCNR for grants at Shields Farm. This is a department of DEP. He said they would like plan on paper.

Mr. Cheyne said there are a lot of grants out there and they would apply to Shields Farm. Overall plan for property many uses of the property. A 3rd party can give an outside view of plans. There is grant monies to pay for the plans.

Mr. Shissler said it would be nice to have an overall plan for the Borough properties including Shields Farm and Newhouse Park.

Mr. Marx asked if the Borough could dovetail onto the County plan since it was just approved this year. Mr. Cheyne agreed put would like to have Shields Farm done first.

Mr. Shissler asked that Mr. Piper resubmit the request for grant money for the tennis courts.

CONTRACTED TRASH – Stan Cheyne

Mr. Cheyne announced that on March 1, 2019, there will be larger recycling totes made available with lids.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Pam Simpson announced that the Delmont Recreation Board had purchased 2 diaper changing stations for the restrooms (one in the Men's and one in the Ladies Room) at Newhouse Park at a cost of \$211/each. Bill Heaps will install them!

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Matesevac moves to adjourn. Ms. Simpson Seconds. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie E. Miele
Secretary