

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH GARAGE

Council President John Karinch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Council President John Karinch, Marie Tribioli, Steve Tribioli, Ron Ricard, Al Brandt, Thomas Burton, Mayor Mark Thomas and Manager Cody Rhoads

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WATER & SEWER

Ron Ricard asked about the status of the valve replacement at Palmer and Lynch. Tom Smith informed him they were waiting on the contractor to schedule a time. Marie Tribioli commended the highway department on the job they did with the recent valve break at Palmer and Lynch.

WATER & SEWER BUSINESS

REPORTS

Steve Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to approve the director's water and sewer reports. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE SEWER FORGIVENESS FOR IRON VALLEY

Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to authorize the sewer forgiveness for Iron Valley. Motion passed.

Council discussed a request from Iron Valley to install a deduct meter on their line in the future. While no action would be required until the City of Lebanon Authority granted approval, the consensus from council was that they were not in favor of it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Tribioli had a question about the new person working at the police office and asked if they should have to go through the borough council to be hired. Cody Rhoads relayed the information he received from the solicitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 council meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Ron Ricard made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to accept the reports. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NORTHGATE ACTION PLAN

Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

Howard MacFadden, Bruce Conrad, Elliott Bonds and Nelson Zimmerman were in attendance as interested parties to fill the vacant council seat.

Mr. MacFadden spoke to the board first and gave an overview of his background. He has previously served on a council when he lived in Virginia and currently volunteers with a few organizations locally. John Karinch asked if Mr. MacFadden felt the council has done a good job or if there was anything he would change since he has lived in the borough. Mr. MacFadden said he felt they have done a good job and he enjoys living in the community.

Mr. Conrad addressed the board next. He is a retired teacher and currently works as a consultant for churches that are looking to become more vital in their communities. He previously served on the borough's water authority and currently serves on the planning commission. Mr. Karinch asked Mr. Conrad the same question about the job council has done and Mr. Conrad responded that the only decision he opposed was the dissolution of the authority. Mr. Conrad said he would agree that decision has worked out well. Mayor Thomas asked Mr. Conrad if he has ever run for council in the past. Mr. Conrad said he has not. Mayor Thomas asked why he was interested now. Mr. Conrad said he has more time now to dedicate to a decision-making body.

Mr. Bonds is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and currently works as a software developer for a Canadian company. He has been a Cornwall resident for a year and a half. Mr. Bonds felt that in today's environment he sees a lot of people complain, but he wanted to get involved, especially since the younger generation is not as involved in this fashion.

Mr. Zimmerman has been a resident since 1977 and owns the salvage yard on Route 72 in the borough. He said he has lived in the borough a long time and wanted to give back to the community. Al Brandt said he knew Mr. Zimmerman was involved in the issue with the snow making at Iron Valley and asked what he would have done different and how he has felt it worked it. Mr. Zimmerman said he was not too pleased with the noise, but after things were done and since there was really no noise ordinance, he learned to deal with it, and it has seemed to work out. Mr. Karinch asked what Mr. Zimmerman's thoughts were on the Iron Valley as a private drive issue. Mr. Zimmerman felt that it would be nice to have the borough take it over and then it could open for use by everyone. He had heard talk about residents wanting to add a gate, but there is a public business up there and he knows that is not feasible.

Mr. Karinch mentioned that Sean McCarrick also expressed interest in the vacancy and had previously interviewed with council in the past for an open seat.

Mr. Karinch then asked for nominations.

Ron Ricard nominated Bruce Conrad. John Karinch seconded the nomination.

Marie Tribioli nominated Elliott Bonds. Steve Tribioli seconded the nomination.

Al Brandt nominated Nelson Zimmerman. There was not a second.

After a discussion about whether Thomas Burton could abstain from the vote, Mr. Burton voted for Mr. Conrad. Mr. Conrad was appointed to fill the vacant council seat.

GRLA APPOINTMENT

The meeting is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Cody Rhoads spoke to Skip Garner and Mr. Garner offered to give the new representative a tour of the facility. John Karinch asked Tom Smith if he would be interested. Mr. Smith said he would take the appointment if council could not find anyone. Ron Ricard said he was willing to go to the next meeting to see what it was all about. Mr. Ricard asked if Mr. Smith would also attend the next meeting and then they could decide together how to proceed.

OPEN BIDS FOR 2020 PAVING AND CHIP SEAL PROJECTS

John Karinch opened the bids for the 2020 Paving Projects first. The following bids were received:

Highway Materials - \$176,607

H+K Group - \$174,661

Pennsy - \$166,440

Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to award the paving contract to Pennsy for \$166,440 provided that the bid meets the standards after being looked at by Tom Smith. Motion passed.

Before the chip seal bids were opened, Mr. Ricard asked about the condition of the bridge on Tice Lane. Mr. Smith said it is a bridge that is not required to be inspected, but he feels it should be inspected to see where it stands. Thomas Burton asked if that was the original structure or if work has been done to it. Mr. Smith said that there has been some work done in the past. Mayor Thomas did not want to see this issue opened because he was afraid of what would follow if it was deemed unsafe. Marie Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to have the bridge inspected. Motion passed.

Mr. Smith will check with Hanover Engineering to see if they could do the inspection.

Mr. Karinch opened the bids for the 2020 Chip Seal Projects. The following bids were received:

Martin Paving - \$48,782

Hammaker East - \$42,696

Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to award the chip seal project to Hammaker East for \$42,696 provided that the bid meet the standards after being looked at by Tom Smith. Motion passed.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE 2001 F-450 ON MUNICIBID

Thomas Burton asked why we had to get rid of the truck. John Karinch said it was because a replacement was purchased. Mr. Burton asked Tom Smith if the truck was rusted out. Mr. Smith said there was some rust and there has been other work done on it. Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to authorize the advertisement of the 2001 F-450 on Municibid.

ORDINANCE 2020-2

This ordinance is for extending the discount, flat and penalty dates for taxes in 2020. Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to authorize Ordinance 2020-2. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2020-2

This resolution is related to Ordinance 2020-2 that extended the discount, flat and penalty dates for taxes in 2020. Marie Tribioli made the motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to authorize Resolution 2020-2. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2020-3

This resolution is for updating the pension plan authorization documents. Al Brandt made a motion, seconded by Steve Tribioli, to authorize Resolution 2020-3. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2020-4

This resolution is for setting fees related to the On-Lot Disposal System (OLDS) ordinance. The fee for a pumper/hauler registration would be \$100, a pumper/hauler renewal would be \$50, an exemption application would be \$30 and administrative fees would be \$30.

There was discussion about whether the borough should charge fees if the pumper/haulers are already registered with the county. Since the borough is administering their own OLDS program, the registration needs to be through the borough.

Mayor Thomas did not think it was right to charge the pumper/haulers for a permit if they already paid the county. Marie Tribioli felt the fee should be nominal.

After further discussion, Steve Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Ron Ricard, to table this until next month so council can gather more information. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Tribioli made a motion, seconded by Marie Tribioli, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads
Secretary