

**SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, March 1, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Marvin Rudnitsky, V/P Richard Mease, C/P Bobbie Owens, C/P Christopher Kalcich, C/P Sara Maul, C/P Sara Lauver

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Borough Treasurer Sheri Badman; Solicitor Bob Cravitz; Mayor Jeff Reed

Roll was taken for Video Conference (Zoom): DH&L, Jason Kaufman; Deputy Zoning Officer, Lindsey Brouse; R.E.C., Kelly Feiler; Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, Chad Shaffer; Attorney, Brian Kerstetter

ABSENT: C/P Erik Viker

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Pres. Rudnitsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Secretary Martz called the roll and acknowledged a quorum, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING OF February 1, 2021:

C/P Maul made a motion to accept the minutes as written. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company: Jason Kaufman provided the February fire report. There were 28 incidents, 9 in the Borough with no fire loss. The online raffles have started up but will be phasing out due to restrictive regulations coming from the state level.

DH&L Ambulance League: No report.

Selinsgrove Projects, Inc.: Minutes provided from the February 19, 2021 meeting.

Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce: No report.

SARI (Pool) –Richard Mease: Minutes were provided for January 11, 2021. SARI continues to work on fundraising. Repairs could begin as early as the week of March 8th.

Parks & Recreation Committee: No report. A letter of interest was provided by Elda Hricko to join the Parks & Recreation Committee.

C/P Mease made a motion to appoint Elda Hricko to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Seconded by C/P Lauver.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

R.E.C.: Kelly Feiler was present via Zoom and minutes from the R.E.C. February 18, 2021 meeting were provided at this Council meeting.

Others in Attendance:

Brain Kerstetter, an Attorney from Lewisburg spoke to let Selinsgrove Borough know he is running for the Common Pleas Judge position in Union & Snyder County which is being vacated by Judge Hudock. Attorney Kerstetter mentioned he and his opponent will both be cross filling to run on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. He provided information about himself and his background. President Rudnitsky stated the Council cannot take a position on any political candidate for office but wished him luck.

COMMITTEE/ COMMISSION/ BOARD REPORTS:

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE – Bobbie Owens, Chairman

1. Payment and Ratification of Bills:

C/P Owens made a motion to pay the bills. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. Statewide Tax Recovery/Berkheimer – Exoneration Request: None.

3. Award Borough Cleanup Bid:

C/P Owens made the motion to award the Cleanup Bid to the only bidder, Hometown Disposal. Hometown Disposal's bid was for: Item #1 – two packer trucks with a driver and an operator at

\$218.00/ton. Item #2 – 20-yard container (price per pull and ton) at \$150.00/pull plus \$50.00/ton. Seconded by C/P Kalcich.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

4. Gelnett Requests:

a. \$19,750.00 – Diving Board:

C/P Maul made the motion to award the requested Gelnett funds in the amount of \$19,750.00 to SARI for the new diving board. Seconded by C/P Lauver.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

b. \$19,950.00 – Starting Blocks:

C/P Owens made the motion to award the requested Gelnett funds in the amount of \$19,950.00 to SARI for the starting blocks. Seconded by C/P Lauver.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

c. \$18,865.00 – Slide Relocation:

C/P Owens made the motion to award the requested Gelnett funds in the amount of \$18,865.00 to SARI for the slide relocation. Seconded by C/P Kalcich.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

C/P Owens requests a plaque of some sort in honor of Rudy Gelnett’s financial support of the pool be placed on the pool property. A request was made by President Rudnitsky for SARI to ask the swim team parents to write letters to the surrounding townships encouraging their support for the pool.

5. Industrial Park Road – Engineering Budget quoted budget of \$278,487. 00 (a two-year request for both 2021 & 2022)

C/P Owens made the motion to accept the quoted budget from Stahl Sheaffer Engineering for Industrial Park Road in the amount of \$278,487.00. Seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

6. Gelnett Trustee Meeting: A financial report which was provided along with the Community Acquisitions & Improvements disbursed from the Gelnett Trust from the years 2012 through 2020. There will be a meeting with the Fulton Bank Trustee at the April 5, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting. President Rudnitsky mentioned that even after the 5% distribution to the Borough, there is still growth in this unique fund. Treasurer Badman pointed out the specific disbursement of funds which shows on spreadsheet she provided.

PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – Sara Maul, Chairman

C/P Maul provided an update on the sinkhole on Snyder Street. Secretary Martz stated Mr. and Mrs. Lawer do not want their fence moved. CMT Labs is recommending opening an 8’ diameter hole to allow the water to continue to flow underneath and build an underground bridge with a pavement covering on top. CMT Labs is working on obtaining three quotes from different contractors. A claim has been submitted to the insurance and awarded in the amount of \$7,005.51 on the sinkhole repair.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION/PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – Chris Kalcich, Chairman –

C/P Kalcich stated the committee will begin research on the current Borough Ordinance for signs and mural as well as the PennDOT guidelines. Secretary Martz mentioned PennDOT told the Borough to remove the way-finding signage from the Market Street thoroughfare. Options are being explored on where additional types of wayfinding signs would be placed. President Rudnitsky mentioned an article he read in the Borough News regarding the use of murals to beautify communities.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Richard P. Mease, Chairman – No report.

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Sara Lauver, Chairman

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00PM for the Personnel Management Committee in the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Erik Viker, Chairman – No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Janet Powers, Chairman –

Meeting minutes from February 17, 2021 provided. The Subdivision at 199 Vine Street/711 Orange Street was brought to the Council to consider adoption of a Resolution to fix/straighten out a lot line.

C/P Lauver made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-4 Subdivision at 199 Vine Street/711 Orange Street to straighten out the lot line. Seconded by C/P Maul.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Cyril Runkle, Chairman – No report.

CIVIL SERVICES COMMISSION – Dalton Savidge, Chairman – No report.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – Vacant, Chairman –

Secretary Martz stated there will be a meeting of all Shade Tree Commission member on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:30PM.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Jeff Reed: December and January Police reports provided. Mayor Reed mentioned the new cadet is doing well in training.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR – Robert Cravitz, Esq.

1. Adopt Ordinance 852, Non-Uniformed Pension Plan:

C/P Mease made a motion to adopt Ordinance 852 regarding Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

Seconded by C/P Kalcich.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION

2. Adopt Ordinance 853, Police Pension Plan:

C/P Kalcich made a motion to adopt Ordinance 853 regarding the Police Pension Plan .

Seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION

3. Adopted Ordinance 854, 2021 Street Program Assessments:

Solicitor Cravitz discussed the letters that will be sent out regarding curbing and sidewalks on the streets to be paved. The letter goes directly to the homeowners needing repairs on the sidewalk/curbing in the paving area. The Ordinance requires 30 days' notice to respond. There was already a letter sent at the beginning of February, so the homeowners have been notified since receiving that first letter. This next letter will be sent via certified mail to ensure receipt.

C/P Mease made a motion to adopt Ordinance 854 regarding the 2021 Street Program Assessments.

Seconded by C/P Kalcich.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION

BOROUGH ENGINEER

1. Update on pending projects – Stahl Sheaffer Engineering
 - a. ARC Grant – Local Access Road Project on Industrial Park Road
 - b. 2021 Street Program
2. Update on Pending Projects – Larson Design Group: Nothing to report currently.
3. Streetscape – CES had a design meeting with Secretary Martz and Public Works Director, Roger Feltman. A report on the meeting is included in each Councilperson's packet.

BOROUGH TREASURER – Sharon Badman

1. Approve Financial Balances Report for Month of February 2021:

C/P Owens made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by C/P Maul.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION

2. Approval of 2021 Newsletter: Treasurer Badman requested for any changes be submitted to her by Friday, March 5, 2021.
3. Acknowledge receipt of 2021 Election Notice.
4. Water and Sewer – discuss penalty waiver which ends:
C/P Owens made a motion to continue waiving the penalty on the water and sewer billings for the January 1 through March 31, 2021 first quarter billing. Seconded by C/P Kalcich.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION

BOROUGH MANAGER / SECRETARY – Lauren Martz

1. Manager Report has been provided.
2. Statement of Financial Interest Forms are due by May 1, 2021.
3. Solicitation Permit – during COVID-19: A request was made to get a Solicitation Permit for door-to-door solicitation. Secretary Martz had a concern as to allowing this during COVID-19. The Solicitor pointed out since there is no policy on this the Borough really should not be denying them unless there is something in the Ordinance prohibiting the issuing of the permit.
4. Meeting Thursday, March 4, 2021 to discuss I&I. Secretary Martz volunteered to be on a committee that ESCRA Manager, Greg Pysher, is trying to organize to get the Municipalities involved with I&I. CK-COG will be meeting with Secretary Martz and the Public Facilities and Services Committee about how to include I&I with the Rental Registration properties. CK-COG suggested Secretary Martz meet with Mifflinburg Borough to get details on how they initiated I&I for the owner-occupied homes.

ZONING – Lindsey Brouse, Deputy Zoning Officer –

1. Update of Zoning & Sign Permits Issued.
2. FEMA Update Regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Snyder County. The Borough has six months to make updates to the regulations to comply or provide evidence of compliance. Deputy Zoning Officer, Lindsey Brouse, stated she is working on the updates.

EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY –Shane Hendricks & Vacancy, Delegates

1. Meeting minutes were provided from January 20, 2021 and February 20, 2021.

NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER CO. JOINT AUTHORITY – Dianne Mengel & Shane Hendricks

The yearly bill was paid for the landfill in March 2021.

SELINSGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Tim Charles, Chairman – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

MAYOR – None

OTHERS – None

Recess Meeting to Executive Session at 8:19PM for possible litigation. Reconvene at 8:33PM. No action taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by C/P Mease to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by C/P Lauver.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION

The meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Carrie Briggs
Recording Secretary