

BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

February 5, 2024

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Ashley Hicks, Cathy Failor, Brian Sheaffer, Don Nicewonger, Brian Hunsicker and Wendi Hunsicker along with and Secretary Mary Lou Showalter. Public present: Marlin and Lydia Hunsicker and Steve Kwiatkowski.

President Ashley Hicks declared a quorum present and Brian Hunsicker offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and were approved on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Brian Sheaffer.

Treasurer's report: General Fund Checking \$40,268.79; MMA \$71,473.57; 24 month CD \$26,599.78, State Fund Checking \$17,807.28 and MMA \$29,295.18. Mary Lou indicated she corrected the error in the treasurer's report, from January and report was approved pending audit on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Don Nicewonger.

Public Comment –

- Marlin & Lydia Hunsicker – no comment
- Steve Kwiatkowski – no comment

Mayor's Report – none

Committee Reports – none

Authority – no meeting was held since our January 2024 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Code Enforcement Officer – Mary Lou indicated that the position is posted at the post office, but she hasn't had any interest as of yet. She will update at March meeting,
2. Cutting tree behind building – Brian Sheaffer received bids from Thomas Brother's Property Management LLC for \$5,460 and from Stella's Tree Service for \$5,000 for trimming the trees behind the post office and in the alleys. Brian Hunsicker made a motion to accept Stella's Tree Service bid, seconded by Brian Sheaffer, all in favor. Motion carried. Brian Sheaffer will notify Stella's Tree Service.
3. Information for tax credit for volunteer fire fighters – Rich Wilson researched ordinances and sent Southmount Borough's to Mary Lou. Mary Lou issued copies to council members for them to review by March meeting for discussion of whether this is what we want or not.

New Business:

1. Auditor vacancy – Richard Treece was a write in candidate for the vacant auditor position but he did not get his paperwork turned into the Election office in time. He is still interested in accepting the position. Mr. Treece was appointed to the position unanimously on a motion by Brian Hunsicker and seconded by Brian Sheaffer. Mr. Treece and the Election office will be notified.
2. Keller Engineers' Paperwork concerning Municipal Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits was completed by President Hicks.
3. Email from Keller Engineers concerning Raystown Road width of Route 26 through the borough was reviewed. The information they received from PaDOT is correct.

4. Grants – Cathy Failor indicated that it is time to write applications for grants and if we are interested in trying to receive a grant for a pavilion at the park, she will submit it. Ashley Hicks indicated we should at least try for it.

Bills:

Bills Paid in February	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed	\$126.73	
Mary Lou Showalter	\$209.27	
Penelec – Street Lighting		\$421.75
Penelec	\$229.76	
Able Pest Control	\$325.00	
TOTALS	\$890.76	\$421.75

February bills to be paid on a motion by Brian Hunsicker seconded by Brian Sheaffer.

Communications/Other Business

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM on a motion by Brian Sheaffer, seconded Brian Hunsicker.

Mary Lou Showalter, Secretary