

December 13, 2017

Members present Mike DeFeo, Shirley Stuebner, Dale Eisenhofer, Joe Russ, , Dave Kurczewski, Tim Moll, Mayor/Engineer Gary Kraft and Solicitor representative Zach Morey. Brad Grauel was not in attendance.

The 2018 Budget Hearing was called to order, there were no questions and the hearing was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan hearing was called to order, there being no discussion, the hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

The minutes for the November meetings were approved as submitted after a motion was made by Dave Kurczewski and seconded by Tim Moll.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Wunderly requested that the curve on Wyomissing Avenue, where he lives, be reviewed for additional signage, due to this area being the site of several accidents. Chevron signs can be erected behind the sidewalk, which was approved by council after a motion was made by Dale Eisenhofer and seconded by Dave Kurczewski.

Highbrooke Homeowners Association members were present to request help with a stormwater issue they have been having on their property. Gary Kraft discussed the history of the issue and added that the Wyomissing Creek Watershed Coalition would possibly be able to help with drainage channel work. Late March the possibilities of help can be discussed which will be after the permits are scheduled to be issued.

ENGINEER

1. A motion was made by Dale Eisenhofer to approve the resolution to sign the agreement with PennDot for the sewer line relocation on Wyomissing Avenue. The motion was seconded by Tim Moll with all voting in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Report submitted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Report submitted.

FIRE CHIEF

1. Report submitted.
2. Dave Szilli, outgoing Fire Chief was recognized by Borough Council for his dedication to the borough.
3. The Fire Company will be holding their Annual Recognition Dinner on January 6th at 6 PM, any council members interested in attending should RSVP to the Fire Company.

SOLICITOR

1. The update to the sewer ordinance to increase the penalty for not connecting was approved to be advertised for adoption after a motion was made by Dave Kurczewski and seconded by Shirley Stuebner.
2. The addendum to the Police Chief contract for the purpose of designating the Paid Time Off allocated for 2018 was adopted after a motion was made by Shirley Stuebner and seconded by Dave Kurczewski.
3. The Resolution to adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan was adopted after a motion was made by Joe Russ and seconded by Dave Kurczewski.

PRESIDENT

1. The borough is seeking a member for the Civil Service Commission.
2. The Council Reorganization meeting will be held at 6 PM on January 2, 2018.
3. The regular Workshop Meeting that would normally be held on January 3, 2018 has been cancelled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. A motion to adopt the 2018 General Fund Budget was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Dave Kurczewski with all present voting in favor.
2. Dale Eisenhofer made a motion to adopt the 2018 Fire Budget which will include a .025 mil tax increase. The motion was seconded by Dave Kurczewski with all voting to adopt.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & ZONING

1. The repair the the garage floor is complete.

STREETS & LIGHTS

1. An inlet on Werner Street at Wyomissing Ave was repaired in conjunction with the garage floor repair.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Shirley Stuebner was recognized for her service to the borough as Councilwoman for 16 years. This is her last meeting before retiring.
2. For her last official meeting Shirley reported that the committee reviewed the request for new tasers from the police chief and they feel that since they were not included in the budget for 2018, the request should be reviewed again during the budget process for 2019.

A motion to approve the treasurers report and pay the bills was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Dave Kurczewski and duly passed by council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.