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AVOCA BOROUGH

Thursday January 12, 2023 – Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday January 12, 2023, with Council President, Holly HOMSCHEK, presiding. The work session began at 1855HRS. The regular meeting was called to order at 1905HRS and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Mike FULLER.

Council Members in attendance: Jim EMLAW, Mike FULLER, Gary HALAGARDA, Holly HOMSCHEK, Alan KIESINGER, Dennis O'BRIEN, Joe SATKOWSKI, Stanley WALESKI and Bob DOMMERMUTH.

Also in attendance: Mayor Robert MULLEN, Attorney Matthew BOYD, Police Chief David HOMSCHEK, Engineer Paul PASONICK and Sandra VAN LUVENDER, Interim Secretary.

Motion by Jim EMLAW, second by Joe SATKOWSKI to accept the minutes from last months meeting.
Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Stan WALESKI, second by Mike FULLER to pay all bills presented with monies available.
Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Bob Dommermuth, second by Alan KIESINGER to accept new correspondence as presented.
Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Joseph SATKOWSKI to accept police report prepared by Chief HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor MULLEN. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Mike FULLER to adopt Resolution #3 of 2023 granting Therese WRUBEL permission to serve as Interim Tax Collector for the Duryea Borough for the remainder of the term, which expires on December 31, 2025, while continuing to fulfill her obligations with the Avoca Borough.
Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Bob DOMMERMUTH, second by Stan WALSEKI to adopt Resolution #4 of 2023 to permit the DCED to provide a mentor to assist with financial, administrative and secretarial duties. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Jim EMLAW, second by Joe SATKOWSKI to allow secretary to apply for a debit/credit card connected to the General Checking Account to assist on-line purchases. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Gary HALAGARDA, second by Mike FULLER to participate in the Home Investment Partnership Program as a sub-grantee with Pittston City, allowing Avoca aging or disabled residents, who qualify to apply for HOME grants. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Dennis O'BRIEN, second by Bob DOMMERMUTH to enroll in the COSTARS program for the August 2023 -to July 2024 Season. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Alan KIESINGER, second by Joe SATKOWSKI to approve portable toilet to the Flats fields beginning mid-March through mid-November 2023. Voice Vote: (9) Nine Yes

Motion by Joe SATKOWSKI, second by Dennis O'BRIEN to purchase SkidLift for \$13,905.00 with monies from the Rescue Fund. Price is time sensitive. Roll Call Vote: all (9) nine Yes

Street Department: Michael VOLCH and Stan SPAGNUOLO present – 1 ½ Ton of Cold Patch out recently – issue at 726 Main addressed – Christmas Tree Collection 01/17/23.

Mike FULLER and Holly HOMSCHEK complimented Street Department on Winter Work thus far.

Audience:

Linda LONGO 1508 Dawson Street – commented on increased garbage fee. President HOMSCHEK provided LONGO with new garbage contract. LONGO suggested a Senior discount and she was provided with neighboring Dupont garbage matters. LONGO reported that she has had to replace her cans twice within past year. She has asked garbagemen to place cans back in driveway. LONGO brought her garbage can into the meeting to show the damage to it. She ended with increased priced should mean better service.

LONGO also reported that the patch work on road in front of her house is sinking and tar is coming up in her driveway. Street Department to take a look at it, but repairs may have to wait for weather to break.

Barbie SEMPA Vine Street – commented about the one-way issue on Grove and related that she did file a formal complain with Penn Dot – Robert WASILIAC (sp?). She related that she will continue coming to meeting to complain until the signs come down or she passes away, whichever comes first. SEMPA questioned Chief HOMSCHEK as to when the police were going to start ticketing cars parking on the no parking side. Chief HOMSCHEK advised that Officer ALAIMO would start immediately. SEMPA then asked if she could be given some time to move a vehicle belonging to her brother that was parked on the no parking side.

SEMPA asked how she could apply for a Handicap Parking space by her residence. She was advised that the application was on the website, or one could be printed for her at the Borough Office.

Avoca Borough Engineer's Report (dated January 12th, 2022) prepared and read by Paul PASONICK.
(See Attached)

Police Report was prepared by Chief HOMSCHEK and read by Mayor MULLEN. (See Attached)

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