

REGULAR MINUTES

February 12, 2009

President Pat Gensib called Flemington Borough Council meeting held Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to order. Roll call showed the following Council present: Hoy; Hill; Shope; Gensib; Grimm; Dion; LaRocque and Mayor Durkin.

The minutes of the January 2009 Meetings were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Permits: Chaplain reported that 0 zoning permits were issued since the last meeting.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO): Robb's appeal was untimely, which makes in Void. He will have 15 days to appeal his sentence posed by D.J. Sanders. The Borough may continue to cite Mr. Robb for current violations. Grimm motioned to have Vilello inspect the property again so that we are able to begin citing; Hill seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Council agreed to pay Mr. Vilello for the next scheduled inspection. However, will not pay for the inspections that were understood to be Mr. Robb's responsibility.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FINANCIAL:

Grimm motioned to approve the bill sheet General \$20,214.42; Sewer \$1515.50; Highway Aid \$879.30; Hill seconded. Hill motioned to accept the financial statement; Grimm seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Interim Finance – M&T Interim Finance \$585,000 for 2 years at 2.96%. Hoy motioned to accept only proposal received out of the 6 RFPs; Grimm seconded. Motion unanimously carried by roll-call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

COSTARS – Council is not interested since in order to participate we must sign a contract by March 15th. Council is hesitant to sign such a contract since our 2009 salt prices were lower than the Costars pricing for this year. We will not know our 2009/10 rates until late July. Gensib reported on possibly being able to use cinders from a trucking company out of Howard if need be—Chris Dwyer is obtaining more info.

Tax Collector – Grimm reported that there has been no change to the tax collector salary at the County level. He added that the current tax collector is agreeable to continuing her term since the County rates did not change. Grimm motioned to continue the Borough's rate at 5% commission to the tax collector; LaRocque seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Act 32 – LaRocque announced legislation requiring all governing bodies to go to County-wide tax collecting system. He added that a resolution will be needed before July 1st.

Library – Grimm stated that Council will consider increasing the allocation at budget time for 2010 budget. Hoy expressed his interest in trying to initiate an additional amount in 2009 as well. He asked that this be revisited sooner than budget time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer – H2O Application for funding has been submitted. Council discussed the recent landlord/tenant sewer billing difficulties. Charity is having trouble with a few of these situations. Gensib suggested requiring that all sewer accounts be required to bill the landlord rather than the tenant to assure that the landlord is aware of all delinquent accounts. Mayor Durkin explained his process. Charity stated that his system works well. Shope questioned that timing of the last billing cycle. She asked that the bills be sent out more timely in the future.

Streets – Dion mentioned that a large crack exists between the curb and the road near her property. Gensib reported that this is caused by winter weather. Shope questioned news on the traffic light sign and questioned the weight limit of Huston Street.

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Recreation – Peters Memorial being planned.

COG – Zoning grant was received in the amount of \$42,000. Each municipality will need a committee of five people for the individual meetings. Grimm reported that a part is missing from the flusher truck. Contact has been made to the company.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN: 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: Charity H. W. Chaplain
Secretary/Treasurer