

East Brady Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Media: None

Regular Meeting -12/19/2023
East Brady Borough Council
Room 14 6:00 PM

Meeting brought to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

PRESENT: Barb Mortimer, Joe Hillwig, Denny King, Jenny Switzer, Bill John, Justin Wagner, Joy McCluskey and Mayor Bill Rode.

ABSENT: No one.

ROLL CALL: As Above

ATTENDANCE: Rick Barnett with LSSE Engineering and Devon Weidenhof.

MINUTES: *It was moved by Joe Hillwig and seconded by Denny King to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

CITIZENS TO SPEAK: No one.

Maintenance Report: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police- The Chief stopped coming to meetings to provide a report. Discussion followed and it was decided that they do NOT need to attend unless we request them to come prior to the meeting date.

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Jenny Switzer MC

Engineer's Report – Provided by Rick Barnett with LSSE. GIS mapping was discussed. Rick will look into what device would be sufficient to put the information onto. An iPad or a laptop. A list of approved grants was emailed today. We were not awarded any grants. Discussion followed about why we were not a recipient.

Water/Sewer- November's operators report provided by CWM.

Sewage plant needs UV bulbs and sleeves. Quote from Kappe is \$893.00 plus shipping.

Motion to approve: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Denny King MC

Tom Boyle had a sewer line clog. He believes it should be the paid for by the Borough. He will need to attend a meeting and provide the invoice for it to be considered.

Personnel – To be discussed in Executive session.

Streets & Street Lights: Nothing.

Building: Pickleball is going well. Youth basketball continues and soccer starts on Saturdays in January.

Paris brought some rugs for down by the Gym. Motion to have them bring bigger ones.

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Denny King MC

Rental Approval: N/A

Municipal Approval: N/A

Parks and trails: Nothing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: The auditors are scheduled to come January 11, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received an email about a new Grant that is available. It is the COVID-19 ARPA Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program. No matching funds are needed. Minimum requested has to be more than \$250,000 but not more than 2 million. Application opens in January and closes April 9, 2024. Motion to approve applying to this grant to make improvements to the Community Center.

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Jenny Switzer MC

Transfer of Funds: Need to transfer \$15,000.00 from Special Water to Water to cover expenses.

Motion: Justin Wagner 2nd: Joy McCluskey MC

MONTHLY BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills: Jenny Switzer 2nd: Joy McCluskey MC

This is the last council meeting for Bill John. The council thanked him for being a dedicated and informed council member for many years. He stated that he has been on and off the council several times and said that this council accomplished more than any other because they all get along.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: entered into Executive Session at 6:44 pm to discuss personnel matters. Back in regular session at 7:24 pm.

Pay rates for employees in 2024 are as follows:

Curtis Double: \$19.00 per hour. Mark Kinkela: \$16.50 per hour. Harold Robinson: \$16.00 per hour. Susan Buechele: \$21.00 per hour. Jennifer King: \$275.00 salary every 2 weeks.

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2nd: Justin Wagner MC

Motion to adjourn meeting: Bill John 2nd: Jenny Switzer MC

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Next meeting will be the reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Submitted by: _____

***Susan D. Buechele
Secretary/Treasurer***