

BOROUGH OF MANSFIELD

June 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Borough Council was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at the Council Room, with the following people present:

Robert Fitzgerald
Steven McCloskey
Kelvin Morgan
William Schlosser
Robert Strohecker
Karri Verno

Christopher McGann, Borough Manager (via Zoom)
Kathy Barrett, Mayor
Merle Garrison, Police Chief



Absent: Adrienne McEvoy
Casandra Cowles, Secretary-Treasurer

Visitors: Cheryl Clarke, Wellsboro Gazette; Josh Glace, LDG; David Steinbeck and Irene Morgan, Mansfield Lions Club.

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President Strohecker called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

After the pledge, Strohecker called for recognition of visitors.

Mr. Steinbeck discussed a proposal for Labor Day, 2022 that would be sponsored and funded by the Lions Club. Plans call for a band to play at the Tri-County parking lot, vendors to set up in the diagonal parking spaces, and allowance for open containers. Council agreed in principle to the idea and requested more detailed plans for consideration at the July meeting.

Mr. Glace discussed the particulars of the Growing Greener grant application. The total cost is \$350,000 with the local match applied to the current preliminary study. The scope of work includes restoration of wetlands upstream of the arch pipe. This project would both improve water quality and control flow rates. The property owners are on board and Mr. Glace noted that it is very rare to have this level of cooperation for such a project.

Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting. Schlosser seconded the motion and it passed.

The Treasurer's report for the month of May was reviewed. Upon a motion made by McCloskey and seconded by Verno, Council approved the report.

Morgan made a motion to approve the bills paid reports for April for the following accounts: General Fund: \$120,139.45; Sewer Fund: \$69,926.67; Liquid Fuels Fund: \$3,748.82; Payroll Fund: \$55,783.04 and to draw vouchers for any unpaid bills. Schlosser seconded the motion and it passed.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Barrett's report was included in the packet. She highlighted her experience at the recent PSAB Conference.

Police Report:

Upon a motion by Schlosser and seconded by Verno, the report was approved.

WWTP Report:

No report.

Borough Manager's Report:

Manager McGann's report was included in the packet. He also highlighted his experience at the recent PSAB Conference. He also noted that he has been out all week unexpectedly due to a COVID-19 quarantine.

Standing Committee Reports (From June, 2022 meetings):

Reports for the Finance, and Personnel Committee were provided in the Council packet. The various committee chairs summarized the respective meetings. Additionally, there were some email discussion among the Public Safety Committee, but the committee was not able to meet in person.

Old Business:

Schlosser made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 501 (Property Maintenance) as presented. Morgan seconded the motion and it was approved.

Schlosser made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2022-8 (Property Maintenance Enforcement). Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it was approved. Further refinements to the enforcement process will be discussed by the various committees.

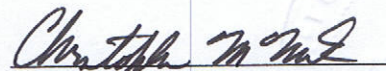
New Business:

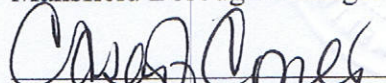
- A. Fitzgerald made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2022-9, allowing the borough to apply for the Growing Greener grant that was discussed under "public comment." Schlosser seconded the motion and it was approved.
- B. Action on the homecoming parade was tabled.
- C. McCloskey made a motion to approve the revised lease agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance of the Corey Creek Conduit. Schlosser seconded the motion and it was approved.
- D. After some discussion, Schlosser made a motion to approve the purchase of a speed limit sign that displays drivers' speed at a cost of \$3,265. Verno seconded the motion and it was approved. The expense is to be taken from the Liquid Fuels account.
- E. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the hire of Tim Roupp of Mainesburg for the open public works position. Schlosser seconded the motion and it was approved. Pay and benefits will be in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement.

- F. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Gaven DeWert as a full-time police officer. Pay and benefits will be in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement and to hire Zachary Stager as assistant police chief at a (non-union) salary of \$52,000 per year. Schlosser seconded the motion and it was approved.
- G. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Lynnette Burton as a temporary office assistant at \$20 per hour on an as-needed basis and to end to the employment of Linda Blas. It was made clear that Ms. Blas's performance was not an issue. With the other challenges, the Personnel Committee and Manager McGann decided that Ms. Burton's long experience is needed at this time. McCloskey seconded the motion and it was approved.

There were no correspondences in the packet. Manager McGann did report that the DEP grant for the leaf collection equipment was formally approved.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.


Christopher M. McGann
Mansfield Borough Manager


Cassandra J. Cowles
Recording Secretary

