

## **Council Meeting Minutes, Jan. 4, 2021 Monthly Meeting**

- Pledge  
Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 6:01p at the N. A. Vol. Fire Dept. by D. Acker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present were: D. Acker, J. Peters, J. Spatafore.  
Also Present: S. Michael-Senate Eng., Solicitor J. Kelly. Absent: R. Ruz, W. Campbell, Mayor Durandetto.
- Exec. Session Go to executive session at 6:03p. Discuss litigation and personnel matters. Motion: J. Peters, J. Spatafore.  
Return to regular session at 6:40p. Motion: J. Peters, J. Spatafore. No action taken.
- Minutes Review / Approve minutes from Dec. 7, '20 council meeting & Dec. 21, '20 special mtg. Motion: J. Spatafore, J. Peters.
- Engineer's  
Report -- Reappoint Senate Engineering as the borough engineer. Motion: J. Spatafore, J. Peters.  
-- PennDOT Multimodal Grant application submitted, Spring 2021 decision.  
-- No paving planned. Tabled discussion of paving for a future meeting.  
-- Add web link for MS4 to our website to aid in compliance.
- Fire Hall  
Meetings -- Pay N.A. Vol. Fire Dept. \$500 for use of the hall in 2020 for meetings. Motion: J. Peters, J. Spatafore.  
NOTE: Meetings will now be held in the borough building moving forward. Motion: J. Spatafore, J. Peters.
- Streets Rpt. Down one man. Plowing and vehicle maintenance continue. Patching potholes.
- Citizens - Jim Barclay – Fire. Dept. food trucks monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. from May to Oct., want to close same streets a last year.  
Motion: J. Peters, J. Spatafore.  
- Fire Dept will get books together to show monies fundraised in 2020 for borough match.  
- Pat Froncek – Spoke about Armstrong County leadership.  
- Don Riggle – Questions re: backhoe. Maintenance appointments not being kept. Is the tar buggy for sale?  
-- How is contract negotiation going? Solicitor informed him it's an ongoing process.  
- Kari Streib – Birch St. didn't get plowed.  
- Tim Stull – Peach St. didn't get plowed.
- Auditor Resign -- Accept resignation letter of auditor Marsha Dufour. Motion: J. Peters, J. Spatafore.
- Public Works Request by Mr. Spatafore to change name of Streets Dept. to Public Works Dept. Motion: J. Spatafore, J. Peters.
- UCC Rep. Designated Pat Froncek as borough UCC representative. No Appeals Board candidate available.
- Bills Vote to pay/approve financials as submitted. Motion: J. Spatafore, J. Peters. Unan.
- Zoning Rpt. None submitted.
- Mayor Rpt. None submitted.
- Adjourn Adjournment at 7:26p. Motion: J. Peters, J. Spatafore.

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**February Council Meeting Cancelled**

## **Council Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2021 Monthly Meeting**

- Pledge Roll Call** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the N. A. Borough Building by D. Acker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present were: D. Acker, R. Rusz, J. Peters, J. Spatafore.  
Also Present: Mayor J. Durandetto S. Michael-Senate Eng., Solicitor J. Kelly, Borough Secretary E. Stitt, Absent: W. Campbell, Administrator T. Miller
- Minutes** Review / Approve minutes from Jan. 4, 2021. There was no Feb. meeting. Motion: J. Spatafore, J. Peters - Unanimous.
- Engineer's Report**
- Spring 2021 decisions are expected on the Community Development Block Grant and the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant
  - A link is established on the Borough website to the County/State stormwater educational websites.
  - PennDOT culvert replacement tentatively begins this spring and will continue through summer 2022. Road closure and closure of Roaring Run Trail can be expected, beginning in April.
  - The Floodplain Ordinance has been submitted to the PA Municipal League to verify compliance with PEMA standards.
- Public Works** J. Peters reported mainly snow clearing being done.
- Auditors** The need for new Auditors was discussed. Candace Hall volunteered. Motion to appoint Candace Hall made by J. Peters, seconded by J. Spatafore - Unanimous
- Deborah Gerardi was mentioned for Auditor, as she is running for the position.
- D. Beck ZHB** Motion to reappoint Dana Beck to 5 years on the Zoning Hearing Board. Made by R. Rusz, second J. Spatafore - Unan.
- Public Comments**
- Discussion took place with Gene Burns, Susan Bell, Ted Faber, Karen Greggs, Sheila Tilson, and a Ms. Fulton regarding recent garbage fee increase and the policy against collecting trash in the alleys. Mr. Faber presented a petition protesting the new policy of requiring trash to be placed on the front streets rather than the alleys. D. Acker is to ask a representative from Shank to attend the next meeting, which will then be held at the Fire Hall.
- NAVFD Report** -James Barclay presented the Financial report for the North Apollo Fire Department for 2020.
- D. Gerardi Auditor** Appoint Deborah Gerardi Auditor for 1 year. Motion by R. Rusz, J. Peters - Unanimous.
- Bills** R. Rusz noted that spending is being watched. Vote to pay/approve the financials as submitted. Motion by R. Rusz, second by J. Peters - Unanimous.
- Police Report** J. Durandetto gave the report of Kiski Township Police activities for January and February.
- Exec. Session**
- Executive session to discuss personnel and litigation, motion by R. Rusz, second J. Spatafore - Unanimous.
  - Return to regular session, motion by R. Rusz, second by J. Spatafore - Unanimous.
  - Motion by R. Rusz, J. Peters, to pay the pension fund MMOs in October when State funds come in - Unanimous.
- Beck Actions**
- R. Rusz reported two Loudermill hearings. Motion by R. Rusz, second by J. Peters, to send Bill Beck a letter of reprimand. Unanimous.
  - Motion by R. Rusz, second by J. Spatafore, to accept a one- day suspension without pay on March 10 for Bill Beck – Unanimous.
- Adjournment** Adjournment was moved at 8:12 PM by R. Rusz, second by J. Spatafore – Unanimous.

## **Council Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2021 Monthly Meeting**

- Pledge Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the NAVFD Fire Hall by D. Acker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present were: D. Acker, R. Rusz, J. Peters, J. Spatafore.  
Also Present: S. Michael-Senate Eng., Solicitor J. Kelly. Absent: W. Campbell & Mayor Durandetto.
- Minutes Review / Approve minutes from March 1, 2021. Motion: J. Peters /R. Rusz - Unanimous.
- Engineer's Report
- CDBG Block grant funding approved for – Hickory Nut Catch Basin \$5,984 & Acheson Ave. eight ADA Ramps \$51,491. We have till 2024 to spend the funding.
  - PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant – no news yet.
  - A link is established on the Borough website to the County/State stormwater educational websites.
  - PennDOT culvert replacement begins Spring 2021 and will continue through summer 2022.  
Road closure and closure of Roaring Run Trail can be expected, beginning in April.
- Candidate Major Candidate Abby Major introduced herself. Boro does not endorse any particular candidate.
- Shank Waste & Public Comments Mr. Vogel answered questions from residents. Some questions were re: collection in front street, not alleys.  
Pres. Acker explained that council tried to save as much as possible for resident's garbage bills.
- Public Works J. Peters reports street cleaning continues, rocks etc. and Spring prep work.
- Old Business R-Bar complaints call the police & PA-LCB 800-932-0602. Add this info to the website.  
Put the fireworks guidelines on the back of May (2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.) sewer bill.
- Dumpster Day Dumpster day tabled till May meeting.
- NAVFD Report Match NA Vol. Fire Dept. fundraiser income for 2020 of \$15,000 as allowed by the General Fund.  
Motion: R. Rusz, J. Spatafore.
- Bills Vote to pay/approve the financials as submitted. Motion by R. Rusz, second by J. Peters - Unanimous.
- Exec. Session Executive session to discuss personnel and litigation, motion by R. Rusz, second J. Spatafore - Unanimous.  
- Return to regular session, motion by R. Rusz, second by J. Peters - Unanimous. No Action Taken  
Pres. Acker mentions the American Rescue Fund plan the borough should receive \$118,740, details to follow.
- Police Report The police report was reviewed.
- Adjournment Adjournment was moved at 7:27pm by R. Rusz, second by J. Spatafore – Unanimous.

## Council Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2021 Monthly Meeting

- Pledge Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the NA borough building by D. Acker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present: D. Acker, R. Ruzs, J. Peters, J. Spatafore.  
Also Present: S. Michael-Senate Eng., Solicitor J. Kelly. Absent: W. Campbell & Mayor Durandetto.
- Minutes Review / Approve minutes from April 5, 2021. Motion: R. Ruzs, J. Spatafore - Unanimous.
- Engineer's Report
- PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant awarded boro \$84,538 to repave Oakwood Ave.
    - Borough match is \$36,000 Work could begin 2022.
  - CDBG Block grant funding approved for – Hickory Nut Catch Basin \$5,984 & Acheson Ave. & ADA Ramps \$51,491. We have till 2024 to spend the funding.
  - A link is established on the Borough website to the County/State stormwater educational websites.
  - Mobile environmental display was discussed, no date chosen.
  - PennDOT culvert replacement begins Spring 2021 and will continue through summer 2022.  
Road closure and closure of Roaring Run Trail can be expected, beginning in April.
- Public Works J. Peters reports playgrounds are open, pothole patching continues & other necessary work.
- Old Business
- Sen. Pittman's office was contacted re: grant monies. We should keep line of communication open w/ his office.
  - Only one complaint about garbage cans being returned to back of property. Please call Ray if you see a problem.
  - Loose dogs were discussed. Contact Ray or boro office.
- Public Comments Gene Burns asked about abandoned houses on 1315-17 Clark Alley.
- Liquid Fuels Liquid fuels monies in the amount of \$44,200 have been received.
- Dumpster Day Dumpster Day tabled till Autumn.
- Pole bldg rewired Pole building needs rewired, not up to code.
- Mutual Aid Mutual Aid agreement with Hyde Park Fire Dept. tabled.
- Beck Resigns Mr. William Beck resigned his position as laborer. Direct any questions to Mr. Beck himself.
- Bills Vote to pay/approve the financials as submitted. Motion by R. Ruzs, second by J. Peters - Unanimous.
- Police Report The police report was reviewed.
- Adjournment Adjournment was moved at 7:11pm. Motion: R. Ruzs, second by J. Peters – Unanimous.