

Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday December 2, 2020

President Linda Falconer called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for December 2, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those also present were Council Members: Edward Falconer, Clyde McGinnett, Shawn McLaughlin, Patrick Waldron, Shannon Nye and Ali Peters Also, in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Wise. Solicitor Chris Sennett by phone. Guests: David Stearns & Rhonda Eggleston – Representatives of the Mill Village Volunteer Fire Company. Tom & Linda McLaughlin.

Edward Falconer motioned to accept the agenda, Clyde McGinnett seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ali Peters motioned to pass the Consent Agenda including the Minutes from the Regular meeting – November 4, 2020 with Corrections and the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2020. Shannon Nye seconded motion. All in favor, motion carried.

N.W. Saving Bank –November 30, 2020

General Fund: \$ 28,322.20

State Fund: \$ 2,514.59

Capital Reserve: \$82,333.32

Tornado Siren Fund: \$290.00

Petty Cash: \$ 33.50

Secretary Report:

MVVFC Paid Staffing Monthly Treasurer's Reports for November 2020 will be presented at the next meeting.

The Erie Zoo Director Scott Mitchell sent a Personal Thank You Note for the Donation.

The Tax Collector – Whita Campbell and Secretary Treasurer Catherine Wise would like to request a new Wi-Fi Copy Machine. Edward Falconer motioned to purchase a new copy machine for up to \$500.00.

Clyde McGinnett seconded. All voted yes.

Borough Maintenance: Edward Falconer reported that they have plowed snow, and he Cleaned Drains. The Christmas Stars have been put up by the Fire Department.

Guests: Tom McLaughlin presented plans for a Subdivision to ask for advice. He also stated that the Lord Property on Woods Road needs cleaned up again.

David Stearns and Rhona Eggleston presented a signed commitment from the Mill Village Borough Council from 1972, establishing a Fire Police. A copy will be sent to Solicitor Chris Sennett for review. In regards to the Fire Police Council members stated that the Fire Police are not authorized to exceed speed limits and/or run red lights.

New Business: A new Glass Recycling Bin program is being established – No fee trial for 6 months. Council does not want to participate, at this time.

A new IT company needs to be hired. Janelle Shollenberger, from Techworx has offered to fill the vacancy. Edward Falconer motioned to hire Techworx, Shannon Nye seconded. All voted yes.

Edward Falconer motioned to change the January 6, 2021 meeting to Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Patrick Waldron seconded. All voted yes.

Unfinished Business:

Edward Falconer made a motion to pay payroll and monthly bills for November 30, 2020 seconded by Clyde McGinnett. All voted yes.

Edward Falconer motioned to set the 2021 tax rate at 1.07 mills. No tax increase or decrease. Shawn McLaughlin seconded. All voted yes.

The Mill Village Borough Council would like to proceed with the purchase of the Church property on South Main Street. Shawn McLaughlin made a motion to proceed with an offer to the Mill Village United Methodist Church, Edward Falconer seconded. Chris Sennett confirmed that in the lengthy negotiations, it

has become clear that the Church is not able to produce a “clean” title to the property and a Quiet Title Action will have to be used to purchase the property as an alternative to a real estate closing. Chris Sennett indicated that the offer to the Church should be that the Church cover the cost of up to \$1,500.00 for the Quiet Title Action. The ultimate purchase of the Church property will be conditional upon the Church’s acceptance of the Borough’s offer.. All voted yes.

Champion Ford presented a quote for a new Ford 550 - 2021 truck – cost \$56,171.00 this price includes a trade in value of \$18,000.00 for the current truck and a \$1,000.00 deposit with order. Patrick Waldron also presented a quote. His quote was for a Ford 350 – for \$3,000.00 less. The differences between the 2 trucks were discussed. Edward Falconer motioned to purchase the larger – Ford 550 truck with a \$1,000.00 deposit and a first payment of \$10,000.00 when received, stating that a bigger truck is needed to plow snow. Shawn McLaughlin seconded. Clyde McGinnett, Edward Falconer and Shawn McLaughlin voted yes. Patrick Waldron, Shannon Nye and Ali Peters voted no. Linda Falconer broke the tie with a yes vote. Motion Carried. Payments of \$10,000.00 per year will be made from 2021 to 2025. The Truck will arrive in January of 2021.

Council reviewed the 2021 Proposed Budget. Edward Falconer motioned to accept the 2021 budget as presented. Shannon Nye seconded. All voted yes.

Council discussed the Christmas Decorating Contest –The Judges will be Drew & Andrea Francisco and Shirley Kondrat. They will look at houses from December 13th to the 19th. First Place winners are not eligible to win again for 2 years.

Penelec has installed new streetlights on Depot Street. They will be called to ask about the next phase.

General Comments from Council President: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

General Comments from Solicitor: No Comment

General Comments from Council:

Mayor Peters – Absent

Councilwoman Nye – Suggested working on grants for the storm water pipe and sidewalks on North Main street in 2021.

Councilman Falconer – No Comment

Councilman McGinnett– No Comment

Councilman McLaughlin– No Comment

Councilwoman Peters – Stated she will start working on Grants in 2021.

Councilman Waldron – No Comment

Ali Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Patrick Waldron seconded. All voted yes.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on January 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.