

Mill Village Borough Regular Meeting
Wednesday – April 3, 2024

Vice President Shawn McLaughlin, called to order The Regular Meeting of the Mill Village Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council members in attendance: Edward Falconer, David Alexander, Mark Costello, Steve Yovich and Sean Falconer Also in attendance: Mayor Joe Sam and Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Wise. Resident Paul Peters & Josh Mikzsell along with Land Bank Representatives: Christie Mahaney & Krista Arnold

Edward Falconer motioned to accept the Proposed Agenda. Steve Yovich seconded. All voted yes.

Mark Costello motioned to approve the Minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting and the March 31, 2024 Treasurer's Report. David Alexander seconded. All voted yes.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that Insurance approval will be conducted at the next meeting. The Spring/Summer Newsletter is completed and will be printed and placed at the Mill Village Post Office. The Secretary attended the EACOG meeting held earlier today.

Road Foreman Edward Falconer reported that he has been cleaning drains. The East Speed Sign has not been working correctly and he is trying to get it fixed. Old Meadville Road needs patching on the berms before tar & chip is placed.

Christie Mahaney and Krista Arnold from the Erie County Land Bank gave a presentation and an overview of the current Land Bank Authority. The Land Bank can acquire blighted, vacant, abandoned and or Tax Delinquent properties. They have Priority bid on Tax Sale Properties. The Program can be a help to the Borough with any of these problems. The only cost is that they will receive 50% of the taxes collected on any properties that they have cleaned up or demolished, for 3 years. The acquired properties can be used for training for fire departments after acquisition. They stated that they do not mow properties that they have acquired. An agreement would need to be signed to go for and join and their services do not have to be used unless necessary. Council members did not make a decision.

Paul Peters was present to state that council members agreed to turn the light off that is shining in his yard at the last meeting. George Cornwell is working on finding or making a shield for the light. Steve Yovich motioned to put the light on a switch. The motion was tabled until after the shield is installed. Council members agreed to turn the light off during the summer months and will keep working on the light direction.

Paul also mentioned the Brake Retarders on North Main Street. He stated that PennDOT will evaluate the situation if people sign a petition.

Edward Falconer reported that Zoning Officer John Letzo told him that the Co-op on Church Street plans to replace the fence.

The Tar & Chip Bid was awarded. An Intergovernmental Agreement will be signed at the next meeting. Gillette Street and Old Meadville Road will be done this year. Council members discussed doing Church Street and Woods Road next year.

Mr. Mikzsell asked what hours the new park would be open. Council members responded that the Park will be open from Dawn to Dusk and there will be no Overnight Parking.

Mr. Mikzsell also inform council that the tenants in the Apartment building next to the park are letting their dogs go to the bathroom by the fence. The people in the Apartment building will be notified that they must clean up dog waste. Council Agreed to purchase 2 Clean up after Dogs signs.

Edward Falconer motioned to authorize the President of council to sign the EADS Park Grant pages submitted, Steve Yovich seconded. All voted yes.

Mark Costello stated that Kurt Dowler will stop to discuss the acquisition of ditch dirt for in front of the building. The Church plans on placing their extra soil in from of their property for future sidewalk construction.

Edward Falconer motioned to pay payroll and monthly bills for March 31, 2024, seconded by David Alexander. All voted yes.

General Comments from Council President: Absent

General Comments from Solicitor: Absent

General Comments from the Mayor and Council:

Mayor Sam– No Comment

Councilman E. Falconer – No Comment

Councilman McLaughlin– No Comment

Councilman Alexander– Asked about the Stop Signs on North & South Main Street, which are located before the blinker light. PennDOT will be asked if they can be removed, because they are deceiving, and people will go through the blinker light without stopping.

Councilman Yovich– No Comment

Councilman Costello – No Comment

Councilman S. Falconer – No Comment

Steve Yovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Mark Costello. All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday – **May 1, 2024** at **6:30 p.m.**