

Mill Village Borough Regular Meeting
Wednesday – February 7, 2024

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

Council members in attendance: Vice President Shawn McLaughlin, Edward Falconer, David Alexander, Mark Costello, Steve Yovich and Sean Falconer Also in attendance: Mayor Joe Sam and Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Wise.

First Order of Business: Edward Falconer rescinded the motion made at the January 3, 2024 meeting to appoint Mark Costello to the 2-year council seat due to a mistake made at the Erie County Board of Elections. – Mark Costello was elected to the 4-year council seat. Shawn McLaughlin seconded to rescind the motion. Linda Falconer, Ed Falconer, David Alexander, and Steve Yovich all voted yes. Mark Costello and Sean Falconer abstained.

Steve Yovich motioned to appoint Sean Falconer to the 2-year open seat, due to the fact that the mistake at the Erie County Board of Elections made him ineligible for a 4-year council seat. Edward Falconer seconded. All voted yes.

Shawn McLaughlin motioned to accept the Proposed Agenda. Edward Falconer seconded. All voted yes.

Edward Falconer motioned to approve the Minutes from the January 3, 2024 and the January 31, 2024 Treasurer's Report. Sean Falconer seconded. All voted yes.

Secretary/Treasurer reported that letters were sent concerning burning of garbage and the height of the fence on Church Street. Girl Scouts would like to use the building in February for Cookie Delivery. Orders are being accepted for Military Banners The 2023 Audit is being completed.

Road Foreman Edward Falconer reported he cleaned off drains. The exit for the drain in the garage was dug up and will be finished in the spring. Help will be needed to hang banners.

Discussion was held on tar & chip for various roads. Gillette Street will be done in 2024. Edward Falconer and Mark Costello will look at Old Meadville Road to see if it also needs tar & chip applied this year. Council members would like to work with LeBoeuf Township next year to tar & chip Woods Road.

The Erie Land bank sent a letter asking if the Mill Village Borough Council would like a representative to attend their April meeting. Council agreed to meet with them .

Mill Village Borough Council agreed to pay for half the cost of Clean-up Day signs, which will be ordered by LeBoeuf Township.

Announced that Mill Village Borough Received the Grant for the park for \$158,346.00

Discussion was held on the Co-Op Fence. The Neighbors will be asked to send letters explaining why the fence needs to be rebuilt. Tabled.

A letter will be sent to the Proper Family concerning the trees on the park property.

Shawn McLaughlin motioned to install a timer on the Garage Light, preferably from dusk until 9:00 p.m. to be determined by the electrician and to be raised up. Steve Yovich seconded. Linda Falconer, Steve Yovich, David Alexander, Mark Costello, and Sean Falconer voted yes. Edward Falconer voted no.

Edward Falconer motioned to pay payroll and monthly bills for January 31, 2024, seconded by Mark Costello. All voted yes.

Shawn McLaughlin motioned to sign the County Aid Resolution # 2 of 2024. David Alexander seconded. All voted yes.

Discussion was held on posting the newer ordinances to the Website and to Post Information concerning the New Park and information concerning the expansion of sidewalks. This will be done within the next month.

General Comments from Council President: No Comment

General Comments from Solicitor: Absent

General Comments from the Mayor and Council:

Mayor Sam– No Comment

Councilman E. Falconer – No Comment

Councilman McLaughlin– spoke about splitting the cost for a grant writer with the Fire Department to help them receive more grant money. Lindsay Ethridge will be asked about this.

Councilman Alexander– No Comment

Councilman Yovich–.stated that according to the Mill Village Comprehensive plan sidewalks were planned along North Main Street, he would like to move this project forward.

He stated that a building was built for the tractor, but it isn't kept in there at this time. Ed will look into this problem.

He also feels that Ed being the borough employee may be a conflict of interest, due to the fact that he does not always perform the way instructed by the council.

Councilman Costello – Attended Boot Camp and the EACOG meeting.

Councilman S. Falconer – No Comment

Steve Yovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Sean Falconer all in favor, motion carried.

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