

, Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday October 4, 2023

President Linda Falconer called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for October 4, 2023, to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those also present were Council Members: Edward Falconer, Steve Yovich, and Shawn McLaughlin. Also, in attendance were Residents Brooke Morton and Ed Bidwell along with Solicitor Tim Sennett Mayor Joe Sam and Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Wise.

Edward Falconer motioned to accept the agenda, Shawn McLaughlin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Edward Falconer motioned to pass the Consent Agenda including the Minutes from the Regular meeting – September 13, 2023, and the Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2023. Steve Yovich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

N.W. Saving Bank –September 30, 2023

General Fund: \$ 10,422.09

State Fund: \$ 7,780.95

Capital Reserve: \$ 51,973.80

Tornado Siren Fund: \$ 290.00

Petty Cash: \$ 28.50

ARPA Funds: \$26,134.08

Secretary Report: An EMS Report was presented concerning dropped calls.

The 2024 Budget Workshop – Council chose Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 to prepare the 2024 Budget. Linda Falconer, Steve Yovich and Catherine Wise will meet and the proposed budget will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Borough Maintenance: Edward Falconer has been Mowing and Cleaning Drains. Checking One-Calls. Ed will check with Ford and have the truck inspected as soon as possible.

Public Comment: Mrs. Brooke Morton was present to complain about her neighbor's property. Multiple letters were sent in the past concerning the junk on the property. Mr. & Mrs. Bogert's cats are defecating in her yard. Steve Yovich motioned to have a letter sent stating that the property needs cleaned up by November 15, 2023, multiple ordinances will be included with the letter. Shawn McLaughlin seconded the motion. All voted yes. Animal control may need to be called concerning the cats. Brooke left after being told that a letter will be sent and if not complied with, then a court date will be set.

Resident Ed Bidwell was present to discuss the Electronic Speed signs again. Hi-T Fence will be drilling the holes – they attempted to drill one hole recently, but a mismarked gas line was hit. The same person, who installed the signs in Waterford picked up the posts and signs and will be installing them after the holes are drilled. Ed Bidwell left at 7:04 p.m.

New Business:

Shawn McLaughlin will speak with the Mill Village Volunteer Fire Company concerning an invoice for traffic control when the previous mentioned gas line was hit. Tabled. Council members discussed turning in a claim for any costs incurred from the damage to the gas line.

Tim Sennet presented an ordinance to raise taxes to 1.20 mils in 2024. The previous tax rate was 1.07 for approximately 15 years. A public hearing will be advertised before adopting the ordinance.

Solicitor Tim Sennett stated that the process of reducing the number of Mill Village Borough Council members from 7 council members to 5 council members includes acquiring 25 signatures from registered voters. Ed Falconer and Joe Sam stated that they will circulate the petition. The reduction vote will be placed on the ballot in 2024

Steve Yovich motioned to sign the EACOG Resolution approving the 2022 audit report. Shawn McLaughlin seconded. All voted yes.

Discussion was held on vehicles parking at the Mill Village Community Park across from the Post Office. There is no parking overnight on this lot.

Unfinished Business:

Steve Yovich made a motion to pay payroll and monthly bills for September 30, 2023, seconded by Edward Falconer. All voted yes.

Discussion was held on the No Parking Signs. Steve Yovich and Joe Sam will go talk to Mr. George Abercrombie about his truck parked in the No Parking Zone, at the corner of Route 6/Center Street and North Main Street, which is causing a dangerous situation at the intersection.

General Comments from Council President: Linda stated that the ECAB Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in North East, if anyone is interested in attending.

General Comments from Solicitor: No comment

General Comments from Council:

Mayor Sam – No Comment

Councilman Babcock – Absent

Councilman Falconer – No Comment

Councilman Yovich – No Comment

Councilman Letzo Jr. – Resigned –Waiting for Resignation Letter

Councilwoman Peters – Absent

Councilman McLaughlin – would like to send a letter to the LeBoeuf Township Supervisors concerning Dutchtown Road drainage. Shawn asked Solicitor Tim Sennett if it was legal for them not to place the drainage pipe as discussed earlier in the year. Shawn stated that he wants LeBoeuf Township to be liable if the roadway fails due to the ditch that was placed instead of the pipe that was voted on by the Mill Village Borough Council. Approved.

Steve Yovich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Edward Falconer seconded. All voted yes.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, November 1 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**