

, Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday September 13, 2023

President Linda Falconer called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for September 13, 2023, to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those also present were Council Members: Edward Falconer, Steve Yovich, and Kevin Babcock. Also, in attendance were Resident George Abercrombie & Resident Ed Bidwell along with Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Wise.

Edward Falconer motioned to accept the agenda, Kevin Babcock seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Steve Yovich motioned to pass the Consent Agenda including the Minutes from the Regular meeting – August 2, 2023, and the Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2023. Edward Falconer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

N.W. Saving Bank –August 31, 2023

General Fund: \$ 7132.32

State Fund: \$ 9327.59

Capital Reserve: \$ 51971.54

Tornado Siren Fund: \$ 290.00

Petty Cash: \$ 28.50

ARPA Funds: \$26,132.97

Secretary Report: EACOG – Erie Area Cog – accepted Mill Village Borough's application to join the COG, which will enable the borough to purchase pre bid items.

Borough Maintenance: Edward Falconer has been Mowing and Cleaning Drains. The Catch Basin was fixed on Depot Street.

Public Comment: Mr. George Abercrombie was present to discuss the No Parking Signs which were placed in the PennDot Right of Way on Route 6/West Center Street – West of North Main Street. Mr. Abercrombie has been parking his car in the No Parking Zone which is causing a problem with site distance. Mill Village Council informed him that he is liable if there is an accident at this location, due to the car being parked there. Mr. Abercrombie had a large list of questions concerning the No Parking signs and the Stop Sign on North Main Street. He would prefer movable Customer Only parking signs in the parking lot next to his building.

Resident Ed Bidwell was present to discuss the installation of the Electronic Speed signs. The Borough has had difficulty finding someone to install the posts and signs. Ed Bidwell and Ed Falconer will check with various people on this matter. A suggestion was made to implement a 15 mph zone on East Center Street, this is a PennDot Road. Ed Bidwell asked about publishing the 2023 minutes on the website and printing minutes to be placed at the post office for residents. This will be done.

New Business:

Steve Yovich motioned draft an ordinance to raise taxes to 1.20 mils in 2024. The previous tax rate was 1.07 for approximately 15 years. Kevin Babcock seconded. All voted yes.

Edward Falconer motioned to contact Solicitor Tim Sennett to start the process of reducing the number of Mill Village Borough Council members from 7 council members to 5 council members.

Steve Yovich seconded. All voted yes.

Unfinished Business:

Kevin Babcock made a motion to pay payroll and monthly bills for August 31, 2023, seconded by Steve Yovich. All voted yes.

General Comments from Council President: Linda would like the following placed in the fall/winter newsletter: Council would appreciate it if Residents would attend the monthly meeting to express their opinions and requests.

General Comments from Solicitor: Absent

General Comments from Council:

Mayor Sam – Absent

Councilman Babcock – No Comment

Councilman Falconer – No Comment

Councilman Yovich– spoke with Dan Laughlin and Regina Smith about grant.

Councilman Letzo Jr. – Resigned – Waiting for Resignation Letter

Councilwoman Peters – Absent

Councilman McLaughlin – Absent

Steve Yovich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Edward Falconer seconded. All voted yes.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**