

The Borough of Bowmanstown Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2024

The Bowmanstown Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Pam Leiby at 7:00 PM, members present were Vice-President Darren Thomas, Rob Moyer, Norman Engle, Jr., Robert Sikorsky, and Secretary Tracy Csrenko. Kara Scott, Candace Rodrigues, and Mayor Zachary Snyder were absent.

Visitors

Drew Snowberger, BRCTV-13, and Jim Logue, Times News
Phyllis Kreiss and Sharon Krebs

Approval for

1. **Motion by Rob Moyer to approve the minutes of February 6, 2024 Borough Council Meeting, 2nd Darren Thomas with the addition to set up an escrow account meeting under solicitor #2, AIF-MC.**

Correspondence

Subject	Date	Summary
PSAB		112 th Annual Conference & Exhibition June 2-5, 2024
WWTP	02/12/24	East Penn Township is requesting any pending and/or future projects for purposes of budget planning and administration
Audit	02/15/24	Pension Plan audit was completed for the period of Jan 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022

Unfinished Business

1. Ongoing discussion on the condition of Fireline Creek to remove debris, manmade materials, sediment from culvert and removal of brush due to flooding conditions with no formal decisions made

New Business

1. **Motion by Darren Thomas to send a letter to Palmerton, Lower Towamensing Township and Towamensing Township to see if there is interest in scheduling a meeting to review and update if needed the Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan, 2nd Rob Moyer, AIF-MC**
2. **Motion by Rob Moyer not to host electronic recycling this year, but to hold one every odd year beginning 2025, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**

Committee Reports

Personnel

1. Continuing work on the employee handbook and will have a draft by the April meeting for council to review

Budget & Finance

1. Received \$22.48 from Magisterial District for January 2024
2. Received \$136.52 from Tax Claim Bureau for January 2024

Property & Special

1. Need to contact Frable & Son Electrical Services in regards to the quote received to install portable generator switches at the borough hall and garage to inquire about the quote being for a 50A when the generator is a 30A
2. **Motion by Darren Thomas to purchase the weed wacker with attachments: trimmer, hedge trimmer, road broom, and rototiller from Whitehall Turf at a cost of \$1,162.00 to be split with the sewer, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**
3. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr. to obtain a quote for the monthly internet fee for operating tunnel cameras, 2nd Rob Moyer, AIF-MC**

Sewer, Sanitation, & Water Liaison

1. 422 Ore Street Airbnb is still in litigation
2. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr. approving the request to reduce an EDU for 760 Fireline Road, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC**

Streets

1. Received a complaint in regards to the condition of Forge Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN: 7:45 PM OUT: 8:23 PM

While in executive session no decisions or motions were made

The grate for the salt spreader is on back order, and not sure when it will be available, Chris cancelled the order. Darren Will have Chris check with Stoney Ridge Fabricators for a cost, and if the cost comes in under the original approved \$500.00, Chris can go ahead and order the grate.

Council wants to check with Chris for options for the solar panels on the East Penn Township property

Motion by Norman Engle, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM, 2nd Rob Moyer, AIF-MC

Respectfully submitted by Tracy L Csrenko, Secretary