

The Borough of Bowmanstown Council Meeting Minutes

March 5, 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, Kara Scott, Candace Rodrigues, and Mayor Zachary Snyder, Secretary Tracy Csrenko, Solicitor Lisa Pereira, and Engineer Jessica Rehrig.

Visitors

BRCTV13 – Terry Ahner, Times News

Jayson Woods- presented council with a proposal for a park, walking trail, pavilion, and a composting restroom in the area beside the Post Office. He explained the different grants that can be applied for to put the park in. Rob Moyer questioned the maintenance cost involved with the park. Jayson explained the park could be done in stages. Kara Scott stated she would be working as BARC with Jayson to obtain grants. Council will review the proposal and discuss the information given and get back to BARC.

Brett Nolt – presented a proposal for solar panels to be placed on the borough owned East Penn Township property. Brett explained three options, one would be borough owned solar panels and benefit from the electric they would supply. Second option would be to lease the property for placing solar panels, or third lease the property for solar panels and the borough would purchase the electric for a fixed discounted rate. Rob Moyer suggested that council will need to check with East Penn Township zoning and see what is allowed

Phyllis Kreiss, Christine Bottcher, Rodney Reeser, Raine Neal, Ben Price, and Ron Gantz to support BARC and the proposed park

Michael Lebrun wants to discuss the tributary that runs through his yard

Approval for

1. **Motion by Rob Moyer to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024 Borough Council Meeting, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC.**
2. **Motion by Darren Thomas to approve the General Treasurer’s Report dated March 5, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Rob Moyer, AIF-MC.**
3. **Motion by Darren Thomas to approve the Sewer Treasurer’s Report dated March 5, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC.**
4. **Motion by Kara Scott to approve the Garbage Treasurer’s Report dated March 5, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC.**

Correspondence

Subject	Date	Summary
Minutes	02/20/24	Bowmanstown Authority February meeting
Minutes	02/27/24	Bowmanstown Planning Commission February meeting
Invitation	02/28/24	Carbon County Fire, Police, and EMS inviting municipal officials to their training facility on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 9 am to 12 noon
ENDO Int.	03/04/24	Notice of Filing Chapter 11

Solicitor

1. St Luke’s is requesting an itemized bill for the invoice that was received for opening an escrow

Engineer

1. **Motion by Rob Moyer to approve the engineering proposal for the Mill Street reconstruction from Ore Street to Hamilton Street, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC**
2. **Motion by Darren Thomas to authorize the engineer to prepare the FY2024 CDBG grant application for Lincoln Avenue, 2nd Norman Engle, Jr., AIF-MC**

Unfinished Business

1. Table discussion on the Post Office Lease until the March 19th workshop meeting for Kara to pursue more information
2. **Motion by Rob Moyer to authorize Chris to work with Michael Lebrun to start with exploratory work short of requiring a permit on the tributary behind 775 Fireline Road and come back to council to make a better educated decision on cleaning this area up, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC**
3. Discussion on other alternatives for the tunnel other than cameras
4. Council will revisit electrical quotes for portable generator transfer switch installations in October

New Business

1. No new business

Committee Reports

Fire

1. Received the Fire Chief's report for February

Law

1. Need to set up a meeting to discuss curbing ordinance

Personnel

1. Working on a step program
2. Committee will have a draft revised Employee Handbook

Budget & Finance

1. Received \$32,836.45 Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2024

Property & Special

1. Nothing

Sewer, Sanitation, & Water Liaison

1. **Motion by Darren Thomas to approve the EDU reduction of the "old Bossard" garage with the recommendation to remove the sink and toilet, 2nd Rob Moyer, AIF-MC**
2. Rob Moyer will speak with the 7 property owners that have not responded to the sump pump letters and report back to council at the workshop meeting
3. **Motion by Darren Thomas to purchase replacement pumps for the White Street pump station at a cost of \$19,113.00, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**
4. Place the quote received for sewage PS Alarm Monitoring on the pending list for summer
5. EDU question in regards to Relly's Deli, reference zoning officer about a change of use

Streets

1. Place the Winter Maintenance Services Agreement on the pending list

Mayor

1. The Summary Trial was dismissed with prejudice. There was a technicality on the way the citation was presented, the borough could refile. The resident paid half of the restitution so the mayor agreed to not retry the case

Other Business

1. Per minutes of February 6, 2024, the salt spreader was sold on Municibid for \$1,500.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION - IN: 9:15 PM OUT: 9:40 PM

While in executive session, no decisions or motions were made

Motion by Norman Engle, Jr. for any borough employee that is a member of the Bowmanstown Volunteer Fire Company and if a fire call occurs during normal work hours and there is not an emergency at the Borough, the employee may leave and go to the fire call and will be compensated, 2nd Kara Scott, AIF-MC

Motion by Candace Rodrigues to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 PM, 2nd Kara Scott, AIF-MC

Respectfully submitted by Tracy L Csrenko, Secretary