

The Borough of Bowmanstown Council Meeting Minutes May 7, 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, Mayor Zachary Snyder, Secretary Tracy Csrenko, Solicitor Lisa Pereira, and Engineer Jessica Rehrig. Candace Rodrigues participated via telephone.

Visitors

Shelly & Bill Nicolson, Shelly addressed council with a request for them to reconsider the ¼ mile walking trail
Phyllis Kreiss in support of the trail
Raine Neal spoke to council in support of the walking trail
Sharon Krebs in support of the trail
Ben Price explained that the DCED grant was only to cover the walking trail and the parking areas, that this is all they are asking for at this time
Christine Bottcher spoke in favor of the walking trail, asking for council to reconsider
Motion by Rob Moyer to amend the agenda to consider the walking trail, 2nd Norman Engle, Jr., Roll call R.Sikorsky-Nay, K.Scott-Yeah, N.Engle-Yeah, C.Rodrigues-Nay, D.Thomas-Nay, R.Moyer-Yeah, P.Leiby-Nay, 3-4 vote, motion does not carry

Approval for

1. **Motion by Rob Moyer to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024 Borough Council Meeting, 2nd Darren Thomas AIF-MC.**
2. **Motion by Rob Moyer to approve the General Treasurer’s Report dated May 7, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC.**
3. **Motion by Darren Thomas to approve the Sewer Treasurer’s Report dated May 7, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Rob Moyer, AIF-MC.**
4. **Motion by Darren Thomas to approve the Garbage Treasurer’s Report dated May 7, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Rob Moyer, AIF-MC.**

Correspondence

Subject	Date	Summary
Minutes	04/16/24	Bowmanstown Authority April meeting minutes
Minutes	04/30/24	Bowmanstown Planning Commission April meeting minutes
Invitation	06/01/24	Invitation to visit, view, and experience what occurs at the emergency operations and training center, Saturday June 1 st from 9 AM to Noon

Solicitor

1. Nothing to report

Engineer

1. Preparing design plans for Mill Street paving project. Project will need to add inlet and pipe on northeast corner of Mill Street and Ore Street to tie into existing storm system. This project will be funded through Liquid Fuels, the 2-mill tax for streets and the remainder will come from general fund
2. Submitted the CDBG application for Lincoln Avenue – Phase I to Carbon County. Cost estimate requested \$74,093 through this funding source

Unfinished Business

1. **Motion by Robert Sikorsky to execute the Post Office Lease, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC**
2. St Luke’s – Bank Street building legal counsel is looking into having a meeting with the borough but needs to have the escrow agreement in place

New Business

1. Need to obtain a quote for the removal of dead trees along route 895 borough owned property
2. **Motion by Rob Moyer authorizing a copy of the lease be released to Landmark Dividend without any agreement beyond that, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC**

Committee Reports

Fire

1. Received the Fire Chief’s Report for April 2024

Law

1. A meeting is needed with the committee

Personnel

1. Step Program
2. Employee Handbook
3. Applicants – all will be discussed in Executive Session

Budget & Finance

1. Insurance renewal came in with a minimal increase
2. Received \$22.47 from the Magisterial District for March 2024
3. Received \$431.31 from the Local Realty Transfer Tax for March 2024
4. Received \$252.93 from the Tax Claim Bureau for March 2024
5. Received \$175.57 from the Tax Claim Bureau for April 2024

Property & Special

1. Council would like to obtain another quote for the tunnel lighting to compare with the one received

Sewer, Sanitation, & Water Liaison

1. Zoning officer is to inspect 458 Forge Street for adding 2 additional apartments without permits
2. **Motion by Darren Thomas to accept the quote to install the new pumps at the pump station from Envirep in the amount of \$6,520.00, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**
3. **Motion by Darren Thomas to authorize the borough crew to remove the tunnel hydrant during the Mill Street reconstruction project, 2nd Norman Engle, Jr., AIF-MC**
4. Reed beds 2 and 3 were cleaned out, reapplying to get growth back in them
5. Civil complaint from DEP was received for the 2019 reports and is in the hands of the Engineer for further fact finding and to finalize the fines

Streets

1. The repair of the broken curbing in the Mill Street project area will be addressed in the project
2. The steel plate in front of Walck's garage along Mill Street will need to be removed before the project – a letter needs to be sent

Mayor

1. Property along the 300 block of White Street had been charged for trash and junk accumulation late last year, they pled guilty and paid a fine, they are working on the clean up and given 30 more days to complete
2. 700 block of Mill Street abandoned vehicles have been given until May 20th to move them off the street

Other Business

1. Civil Complaint has been filed against 722 E Mill Street for accumulation of debris and junk

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN: 8:15 PM OUT: 9:00 PM

While in executive session no decisions or motions were made

Motion by Darren Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, 2nd Norman Engle, Jr., AIF-MC

Respectfully submitted by Tracy L Csrenko, Secretary