

Thought for the Day – “A life that touches others goes on forever!”
~ Anonymous

The Youngwood Borough Council held its regular session on the above date with the following members present:

President Crago, Vice-President Palmquist, Mr. Cowherd, Mr. Lutz, Mrs. Mazurek, Mrs. Naugle, Mr. Vastell, Mayor Long, Engineer Bove, Solicitor DiMascio and Borough Manager Schaefer

Mrs. Naugle opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Crago led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Attendance – 19

PUBLIC HEARINGS – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

1. Linda Marino of 104 South 3rd Street was present concerning a water entering her basement.

Engineer Bove and the Public Works Department will look into the matter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Mike Stack, the Borough’s Building Inspector/Ordinance Officer, was present to introduce and request Adam Hald be part of the ordinance enforcement team at no additional costs to the Borough. In addition, Mr. Stack clarified that he is only asking for the Public Works Department’s help with tagging illegally parked cars when they see them.

2. Tony Bompiani, business owner, was present to ask Council to consider placing a plaque with Robert Genard’s face on it at the Park & Pool as a thank you for his 30+ years of volunteer service.

Mrs. Mazurek said she would take the suggestion back to the Park & Pool Board.

3. Tony Derco of South 6th Street suggested that if the Borough does something for one longtime volunteer, then they should do it for all. He commented that Ron Cassa served 20+ years on the Recreation Board.

DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF MAYOR JOAN DERCO

At this time, Mayor Long shared some sentiments about late Mayor Joan Derco that various residents in the community shared with him. Mayor Long asked the children of late Mayor Derco to please come forward to unveil the pencil portrait drawing. Mayor Long explained the portrait will be placed on the Memorial Wall in the Borough building. The Memorial Wall consists of all Youngwood Borough Elected Officials who have died while serving in office.

President Crago asked for a brief intermission at 7:30 PM.

President Crago called the meeting back to order at 7:37 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Cowherd, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to approve the minutes of March 5, 2018 and March 26, 2018.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTORS

The Borough Manager distributed the report from Kenneth W. Reger for the period ended March 12, 2018 for real estate tax collection; \$41,267.67. She distributed the report from Berkheimer Tax Administrator for month ended March 31, 2018, Earned Income Tax, \$17,204.55; Local Service Tax, \$457.25.

Report of Realty Transfers 02/01/2018 through 02/28/2018 and check remitted in the amount of \$1,516.30.

Report of permits issued 03/01/2018 through 03/31/2018.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Borough Manager presented the Treasurer's report February 28, 2018.

Treasurer's Report of Fund Balances

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| Capital Improvement Fund – General | \$312,803.64 |
| Liquid Fuels Fund | 17,156.68 |
| Capital Improvement Fund - P & P | 16,541.95 |
| Fire Equipment & Apparatus | 61,204.41 |
| Act 13 Fund | 15,179.64 |
| Cemetery Fund | 4,783.43 |
| Perpetual Care Fund | 7,621.26 |
| Perpetual Care – C.D. | 5,849.48 |
| Perpetual Care – C.D. | 7,515.17 |
| C.D.-Mellon Bank | 4,267.10 |
| Playground Fund | 10,471.74 |
| Building Fund | \$204,653.06 |

The Borough Manager presented the Budget Comparison as of February 28, 2018.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

The secretary presented Bills for Approval dated April 2, 2018, List 04-2018, General Fund - \$53,164.57.

Motion by Vice-President Palmquist, seconded by Mrs. Naugle, to approve the Bills List 04-2018 as presented.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. YABA requests the following street closures for the 5K on Saturday, May 19th from 8:30 AM to Noon: to close a portion of Chestnut Street from 2nd Street to 1st Street, South 1st Street from Chestnut to Depot Streets, portion of Depot Street from 2nd Street to Avenue B and Hillis Street from Borough line to entrance road to Youngwood Commons. In addition, YABA requests Council's assistance with the water stations as they have done in the past.

Motion by Mrs. Naugle, seconded by Vice-President Palmquist, to approve YABA's request for street closures and for the assistance with the water stations.

Motion carried.

2. Received check in the amount of \$699.60 from Crown Communications for April rent.

3. Received letter dated April 1, 2018 from Jessica Gardner with the Gingerbread Man Running Company requesting Avenue A, Avenue B, a portion of Depot Street from First Street to Borough line and a portion of Hillis Street from Borough line to the Five Star Trail. The purpose of the request is for a half marathon, 10k and 5k race benefitting Autism on Sunday, September 2, 2018 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Motion by Vice-President Palmquist, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to approve the street closures.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Austin Erhard of the Public Works Department reported the following:

- The electronic recycling was taken to PA Cleanways.
- The lamp post was received for the parklet.
- The Pergola will be installed in the parklet.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

2018 Street Project

Discussion was held on the 2018 Street Project. Engineer Bove will report at the Agenda meeting a list of the worst streets with a cost estimate.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Solicitor DiMascio reported she will be sending out certified letters to landlords who have not completed the rental registration process. She will review the information for the two burned out homes on South 3rd Street.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

MAWC Right-of-Way

Motion by Vice-President Palmquist, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to enter into the Right-of-Way agreement with the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County pertaining to Tax Map Number 41-02-03 Parcel 235. In addition, authorize the Council President to sign said document.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR LONG

Earth Day

Mayor Long announced Earth Day Clean-up will be held on April 21st, beginning at 8:00 AM at the Borough Building. Volunteers are asked to dress appropriately, wearing long sleeved shirts, pants and proper shoes. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

FINANCE – VICE-PRESIDENT PALMQUIST

Go Bond Interest Payment

Motion by Vice-President Palmquist, seconded by Mr. Cowherd, to approve the interest payment in the amount of \$29,997.00 for the GO Bond.

Motion carried.

Fire Department Request-Release of Fire Equipment/Apparatus Funds

Motion by Vice-President Palmquist, seconded by Mrs. Naugle, to approve the release of \$25,000.00 from the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Fund per the Fire Departments request for the Rescue truck payment.

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL/WORKPLACE SAFETY – Mr. Lutz

Public Works Supervisor

At this time, Tim Vastell withdrew his name from the list of applicants for the Public Works Supervisor position.

Motion by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mrs. Naugle, to hire Austin Erhard as the Public Works Lead for a period of six months at a salary of \$37,440. After a six month review, he may earn the title of Public Works Supervisor.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Naugle - Yes
Mr. Palmquist - Yes
Mrs. Mazurek - No
Mr. Lutz - Yes
Mr. Vastell - Abstained – Was an applicant for the position
Mr. Cowherd - Yes
Mr. Crago - Yes

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Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS/EQUIPMENT – Mr. Vastell

F-450/F-700

Mr. Vastell presented pictures of the trucks that he is asking Council to consider replacing due to the age and condition of the vehicles. He is proposing replacing both of those trucks with an F-550.

Emergency Notification System

Reported he will be researching the costs of various emergency notification systems.

RECREATION/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – MRS. NAUGLE

Recreation Part-time Seasonal Employees

Motion by Mrs. Naugle, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to hire Ian Swartz as the part-time seasonal maintenance employee at the Recreation Facility at a rate of \$9.00/hour.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Naugle, seconded by Mrs. Mazurek, to hire Morgan Podkul, Allison Podkul, Luke Belgiovane and Alexandra Belgiovane as part-time seasonal concession stand employees at the Recreation Facility at a rate of \$7.25/hours.

Motion carried.

DIGITAL MEDIA/BUILDING/GROUNDS – MR. COWHERD

Updates

Mr. Cowherd thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the grant writing. Reported the Borough's Facebook and Twitter pages are up and running.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ORDINANCES/ZONING – MRS. MAZUREK

Park & Pool Board Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Mazurek, seconded by Vice-President Palmquist, to appoint Sandy Koluder, Felicity Filicky and Donna Acito to the Park & Pool Board. Terms to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer

Motion by Mrs. Mazurek, seconded by Vice-President Palmquist, to hire Adam Hlad as an additional ordinance enforcement officer at no additional cost to the Borough.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT CRAGO

Appointment – Hempfield/Greensburg Library

President Crago reported he is not comfortable appointing someone to the Library Board until Council speaks with the person to see if he/she has the best interest of the Borough to serve in the position.

ADJOURNMENT

President Crago announced the following dates:

- April 21 - Earth Day Clean-Up
- April 27 - WCBA Banquet
- April 30 - Agenda Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Cowherd, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Schaefer

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Borough Manager

Lloyd Crago, President
YOUNGWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

