

Thought for the Day – “To conquer oneself is a greater task than conquering others.”

~ Buddha

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

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

Mr. Crago was absent.

Vice-President Cowherd opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Palmquist led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Attendance – 7

PUBLIC HEARINGS – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

1. Harry Hepler and Anita Carney of 22 South 8th Street were present regarding the ice condition on South 8th Street being created by a sump pump discharging to the street. They explained there was not a problem until a few years ago when a neighboring property owner installed a sump pump. They reported a neighbor’s vehicle had slid down the street because of the ice condition.

Discussion was held in regards to the not directing storm water onto a public road creating a public nuisance. Various recommendations to eliminate the problems with sump pumps were discussed.

After discussion President Palmquist requested the Solicitor to provide Council the law regarding sump pump discharge. In addition, he directed the Public Works Committee along with Mr. Bove and Mr. Erhard to have a recommendation for the discharge of sump pumps.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. John Hajdukiewicz of 19 North 4th Street was present regarding the Route 119 project. He expressed his happiness with the project and his proudness of being a citizen of the Borough.

2. Linda Marino of 104 South 3rd Street was present regarding the vacant home at 103 South 2nd Street. She stated there was still a rodent problem in the neighborhood because of that property.

At this time, President Palmquist announced that the Borough received a \$400,000.00 multimodal grant for the replacement of sidewalks along Route 119. He thanked Senator Ward, Representative Nelson, the Westmoreland County Department of Planning and the Route 119 Committee for being involved in the process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mazurek, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2019 and January 28, 2019, as presented.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTORS

The Borough Manager distributed the report from Kenneth W. Reger for the period ended December 31, 2018 for real estate tax collection; \$6,890.32. She distributed the report from the Berkheimer Tax Administrator for month ended January 31, 2019, Earned Income Tax, \$19,453.45; Local Service Tax, \$2,214.57.

Report of permits issued 01/01/2019 through 01/31/2019.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Borough Manager presented the financial report on the accrual basis for the General Fund, unaudited, for the period ending December 31, 2018.

General Fund Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$ 2,188,742.79
Total Liabilities	128,406.72
Fund Balance Reserve	82,000.00
Retained Earnings	1,877,585.51
Income 12/31/2018	100,750.56
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 2,188,742.79
Total Revenues	\$ 100,567.97
Total Expenses	156,971.14
Total Deficit	\$ 56,403.17

Treasurer's Report of Fund Balances as of December 31, 2018

Capital Improvement Fund – General	\$250,015.94
Liquid Fuels Fund	101,172.99
Capital Improvement Fund - P & P	17,844.38
Fire Equipment & Apparatus	11,214.34
Act 13 Fund	28,984.11
Cemetery Fund	3,897.95
Perpetual Care Fund	3,248.05
Perpetual Care – C.D.	5,978.52
Perpetual Care – C.D.	12,562.11
C.D.-Mellon Bank	4,267.10
Playground Fund	10,476.48
Building Fund	\$204,816.11

The Borough Manager presented the Budget Comparison as of December 31, 2018.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

The secretary presented Bills for Approval dated February 4, 2019, List 02-2019, General Fund - \$114,184.63. Motion by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mrs. Naugle to approve Bills for Approval List 02-2019.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Received check in the amount of \$699.60 from Crown Communications for February rent.
2. Received January Ordinance Enforcement Report as submitted by Adam Hlad.
3. Received the 2018 NBIS Bridge Inspections. Reviewed some key items for Council in regards to each of the three bridges located in Borough.
4. Received compliance audit of the Youngwood Volunteer Hose Company #1 Relief Association for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017 as submitted by the Auditor General. No findings were presented.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Austin Erhard of the Public Works Department reported the following:

- As of date, the Borough has used 249 tons of salt.
- The Public Works Department is continuously cold patching throughout the Borough.

Mr. Vastell requested the Department to look again at Racetrack Road from the Wagner to Borough line.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

Sherwood Circle Project

Reported 5 RFP's were received for the project which entails replacing 2 catch basins, pipe, and a junction box. Nagy Construction presented the lowest quote at \$5,000.00. The Borough is responsible for ordering the pipe.

Motion by Vice- President Cowherd, Seconded by Mr. Lutz, to award the quote to Nagy Construction in the amount of \$5,000.00

Motion Carried.

Reported the Committee meet prior to meeting to discuss a list of items regarding the PennDOT Route 119 Project. No costs were presented.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Presented a sample vacant property ordinance to the Committee.

Reported the Demolition liens for 220 and 222 South 3rd Street were filed.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS

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2019 Refuse Contract

Motion by Mrs. Mazurek, seconded by Mrs. Naugle, to approve the 2019 Refuse Contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Vastell - Yes
Mr. Cowherd - Yes
Mr. Crago - Absent
Mrs. Naugle - Yes
Mr. Lutz - Yes
Mr. Palmquist - Yes
Mrs. Mazurek - Yes

6 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carried.

Pennoni Invoices

Motion by Mrs. Mazurek seconded by Mr. Lutz, to approve payments in the amount of \$23,401.41 and \$2,064.37 to Pennoni for the East Hillis Street Bridge Project and submit the same to Penn DOT for reimbursement.

Motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Lutz announced 2019 120th Anniversary of Youngwood. He believes it should be recognized.

REPORT OF MAYOR LONG

Reported there has been a lot of discussion regarding the Route 119 Project. He thanked all who are in support of the Borough.

FINANCE/PARKS & RECREATION – MRS. NAUGLE

Recreation Update

Announced sign-ups will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Borough building. Announced the bathrooms are almost complete at the Recreation Complex.

PERSONNEL/WORKPLACE SAFETY – MR. LUTZ

No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS/EQUIPMENT/STORMWATER/DIGITAL MEDIA
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – VICE-PRESIDENT COWHERD**

Winter Standard Operating Procedures

Motion by Vice- President Cowherd, seconded by Mr.Lutz to adopt the Winter Standard Operating Procedures.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ORDINANCE/ZONING – MRS. MAZUREK

Park & Pool

Motion by Mrs. Mazurek, seconded by Mrs. Naugle, to re-appoint Janice Hawk and John Storey Jr.to the Park & Pool Board for a three year term.

Motion carried.

Announced the Park & Pool will open on June 1st.

The board is looking for additional members and anyone who would like to volunteer.

Ordinance Update

Announced the committee meeting will be held on February 21st at 6:30 PM.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT PALMQUIST

Again thanked all involved with Route 119 Committee and the funding that was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Linda Marino requested clarification on the sump pumps. In addition, she questioned if the existing sump pumps would be grandfathered. She also requested the Borough use its social media pages to inform the residents on activity with the Route 119 Project. She is concerned as are others about additional traffic utilizing the side streets.

ADJOURNMENT

President Palmquist announced the following dates:

February 25 - Agenda Meeting @ 7:00 PM
March 4 - Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Motion by Mr. Naugle, seconded by Mrs. Mazurek, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Schaefer

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Borough Manager

Scott Palmquist, President
YOUNGWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL