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## MASONTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Regular meeting of the Masontown Borough Council convening at 6:00 p.m. held in the Municipal Building, 1 East Church Avenue, Masontown, PA.

**Council Members Present** (6) Pres. Bruce Cochrane, Mike Washko, John Stoffa, Sam Chahl, N. Cochrane and Harry Lee. Vice-President Charles Corcoran was absent.

**Officials and Guests:** Mayor Toni Petrus, Atty. Gary Monahan-Solicitor, Chief Scott Miller, Lieutenant T.O. O'Barto. Karen Caringola-Secretary. Engineer Bill Johnson and PMI Myron Nypaver was absent. (See Attached Sign In sheet).

- A. President Bruce Cochrane called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Audience with Council**
  - 1. Hunter Kovacs from Ford Office came to Council with a cost analysis for a new phone system for the Borough. It would be Voice Over IP, internet vs. copper line. The phone provider would be White Label. There is a substantial difference in the cost as to what the Borough is now paying. We need to see if it would be compatible with the Scada System for the Sewage Plants.
  - 2. Hayden Stewart with Boy Scout Troop 681 from Smithfield is looking to do a project for the Borough to get his life ring. Possibly redoing some flowerbeds at the Municipal Building.
  - 3. Blake Klink came to the meeting looking for a project for his Eagle Scout Badge.
- D. Minutes of the Regular Meeting:** held Tuesday, July 23, 2024. **Motion by:** Stoffa, **second by:** Washko to approve. Tally: All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
- E. Financial Orders of Business: Audits Proposals Insurance**
  - 1. Payroll Summary as of July 11, 2024. **Motion by:** Washko, **second by:** Stoffa to approve. Tally: All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
  - 2. Accounts payable as of 08/13/2024. **Motion by:** N. Cochrane, **second by:** Washko. Tally: All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
  - 3. Sleighter Invoice #7848 in the amount of \$3,700.00. **Motion by:** Washko, **second by:** Stoffa to approve. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
  - 4. Sleighter Invoice #7849 in the amount of \$8,600.00. **Motion by:** Stoffa, **second by:** N. Cochrane to approve. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
  - 5. Sleighter Invoice #7850 in the amount of \$1,742.00. **Motion by:** Washko, **second by:** Chahl to approve. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**

6. Sleighter Invoice #7851 in the amount of \$8,311.50. **Motion by:** Stoffa, **second by:** Washko to approve. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
7. Sleighter Invoice #7852 in the amount of \$3,222.50. **Motion by:** Chahl, **second by:** Washko to approve. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**

**F. Legal (Ordinances/Contracts & Miscellaneous):**

1. **Motion by:** Lee, **second by:** Washko to accept the 2025 Municipality Pension Plan (MMO) from Feastor Pension Consulting. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by:** Stoffa, **second by:** Washko for President B. Cochrane to sign Resolution for MMO. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**
3. **Motion by:** Washko, **second by:** Stoffa to approve MARC-Service, Inc. Preventative Contract for HVAC for Masontown Borough at a cost of \$1,600.00 annually. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**

**G. General Services (Streets, Utilities, Sanitation, Properties, Etc...):**

1. Bi-weekly Water/Sewage Reports
2. Committee Reports
3. PMI Services/Myron was absent.

1. **Motion by:** Stoffa, **second by:** N. Cochrane to have customers charged for Termination Letters that need to be Certified. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**

**Committees:**

1. Lead & Copper/ John Stoffa
2. Development/ N. Cochrane & M. Washko
3. LERTA/ Sam Chahl
4. Blight/ John Stoffa & Sam Chahl

**H. Redevelopment (Planning/Zoning/Grants/Civic Affairs): Information**

1. Planning & Zoning in reference to a Permit at 521 North Water Street for Windows was noted by Council.

**I. Mayor's Office (Police Department/Civil Service/Traffic):**

1. The Police Report for the month of July 2024 was noted by Council.

**J. Engineer's Report: Sleighter- Bill Johnson**

\*Bill Johnson from Sleighter's Office went over his report and will be made part of these Minutes.

**Motion by:** Washko, **second by:** Stoffa for Council to sign the Engineering Agreement for the Meter Project. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**

**K. Personnel (Labor Relations):**

1. **Motion by:** Stoffa, **second by:** Washko to give Andy (Sam) Swentko a \$2.00 per hour raise as Lead Operator for the Borough effective next pay period. All (6) affirmative. **Motion carried.**

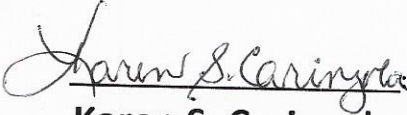
**L. Correspondence & Miscellaneous**

1. None.

**M. Projects: Status Report**

1. Backflow Prevention Complete.

**N. Adjournment-Motion by:** Washko, **second by:** Stoffa at 7:10 p.m. All (6) affirmative. **Roll Call Vote:** Chahl-yea, N. Cochrane-yea, Lee-yea, B. Cochrane-yea. **Motion carried.**

 **ATTEST**  
**Karen S. Caringola, Secretary**