

Minutes
Berrysburg Borough Council
April 13, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present – Jody Boyer, Lahn Kopp, Deb Libby, Marlin Troutman, Mayor - Michael Ward, President – Robin Snyder, Vice-President - Timothy Weaver, and Secretary/Treasurer - Diane Kennedy.

Also present were Robin Straub from Deibler, Straub & Troutman Insurance, and Jonathan Campbell.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved with a motion by Lahn Kopp, second by Marlin Troutman, all in favor.

Treasurer Report for March was approved with a motion by Timothy Weaver, second by Deb Libby, all in favor.

Correspondence received was read.

Public Comments – none.

Old Business:

Jonathan Campbell gave an update regarding his storm water maintenance and building permit and requested an extension. Jody Boyer made a motion to grant a 30 day extension to Jonathan Campbell on the storm water maintenance construction, second by Deb Libby, all in favor. Jonathan stated that the work has already started and will be completed by the next council meeting.

Robin Straub went over the insurance coverages but does not have the renewal policies yet; the insurance renews on May 1st. He questioned whether the borough had an employee handbook with policies regarding sexual abuse; the borough does not have a handbook.

The square lawn maintenance bids were opened and the bids are as follows:

Collins Paving & Landscaping, Millersburg - \$65 per mowing, \$275 spring clean-up, \$335 summer clean, \$175 fall clean up.

Mattern Landscaping, Gratz - \$75 per mowing, \$40 per hour plus mulch spring clean-up, \$40 per hour summer clean, \$40 per hour fall clean up.

Jerry Straub, Berrysburg - \$100 per mowing, \$350 (does not include mulch price) spring clean-up, \$300 summer clean, \$500 fall clean up.

Twenty Tree Lawn & Land, Halifax - \$115 weekly site visits for mowing, \$575 (includes mulch) spring clean-up, \$275 summer clean, \$275 fall clean up.

Lahn Kopp made a motion to accept Collins Paving & Landscaping's bid, second by Timothy Weaver, all in favor except for Deb Libby who voted no. Robin Snyder will call those who submitted bids with the results.

Michael Ward and Timothy Weaver spoke to Robert Stoneroad, the owner of the vehicle parked on Park Avenue with expired inspection and registration plate regarding moving the vehicle. Timothy Weaver made a motion for Michael Ward to send a letter to Robert Stoneroad to remove the vehicle within 15 days or it will be towed at the owner's expense, second by Marlin Troutman, all in favor.

Timothy Weaver made a motion to renew the post office lease with a monthly rental fee of \$105 which is an increase of \$5 per month from the prior lease, second by Deb Libby, all in favor. Timothy Weaver will contact the representative handling the lease with the above information.

The planned road committee meeting was cancelled due to rain. Michael Ward has a partial list and the committee will reschedule their meeting.

New Business:

COG Meeting – Attorney Stanley Laskowski spoke about the Sunshine Act and that even though the borough has insurance the borough can go back and sue a council member. The UDITO audit on Powell, Rogers & Speaks was discussed and should receive an update from the solicitor. Representative Sue Helm distributed information on Governor Wolf's 2015 budget and proposed taxes. The April meeting will be held in Gratz.

Timothy Weaver received an estimate from Stoltzfus Tree Service as follows: \$75 to trim all trees around the square and take the Christmas decorations down, \$200 to cut down the tree in front of Dave & Deb Henninger's and \$200 to grind the stump (\$200 to grind the first stump and \$150 each additional stump); \$175 to cut down the honey locust tree at the Community Center and \$150 to grind the stump. Lahn Kopp made a motion to cut down the tree in front of Dave & Deb Henninger's on East Park Avenue, cut down the honey locust tree at the Community Center, and trim all trees around the square, second by Marlin Troutman, all in favor. Timothy Weaver will call Stoltzfus Tree Service with the above information.

Michael Ward attended a Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting. Grant monies hinge on having a plan which is done every five years and should have a plan by April 10th. The first step is having a hazard mitigation plan; will review at next meeting.

A letter was received regarding the dog lease ordinance and a property on South Main Street. The secretary will send a letter stating that the proper individuals have been notified and correction action will be taken immediately.

A motion to pay borough bills was made by Timothy Weaver, second by Marlin Troutman, all in favor except for Jody Boyer who abstained.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jody Boyer, second by Lahn Kopp, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy
Borough Secretary