

**OLYPHANT BOROUGH
CONTINUED COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

Flag Salute: Baldan led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting held via zoom.

Roll Call: Harrington, Hudak, Frushon, Tully, Krukovitz, and Baldan were present.

Committee Reports: Hudak said the Infrastructure Committee met on February 15, 2022, he said he would like to see the project go out to bid in April; the Recreation Committee also met, Frushon said they discussed the improvement project for Wargo Park, and applying for Grants; Harrington said the Police Committee met, they discussed the overtime issues, enforcing parking at the Municipal Parking area; Baldan said the Freedom Fighter is running a fundraiser, a silent bid, through Adirondack. Chairs.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Hudak and seconded by Krukovitz to suspend the Electrical Rate 6 until review and possibly modified to accommodate large, commercial electric users, on the question Mustacchio said the current rate is lower than what the Borough is paying for electricity; all members assented.

A motion was made by Krukovitz and seconded by Frushon to request the appropriate State Agency to conduct full audits of all Borough Volunteer Fire Companies; all members assented.

A motion was made by Hudak and seconded by Frushon to adopt Resolution for Borough of Olyphant to enter into Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lackawanna for its administration of FFY 2021 CDBG Program for the Borough of Olyphant, all members assented.

A motion was made Tully and seconded by Krukovitz to authorize the expenditure for new phones and new service program for the phone system in the Olyphant Municipal Building, \$712 per month, on the question Hudak asked if it was the same carrier, and Mustacchio said it is still with Comcast; all members assented.

A motion was made by Hudak and seconded by Krukovitz to authorize the construction of a new storm water inlet in and about block of East Lackawanna Avenue and to authorize Stafursky Construction to do the work for \$17,526.00, on the question LaFratte said he received four quotes and Stafursky was lowest responsible quote; Hudak asked what was the time frame, LaFratte; all members assented except for Harrington who abstained.

A motion was made by Harrington and seconded by Frushon to authorize the firm of Kyle Lukowski to perform grass cutting and landscaping services for Borough Parks and Public Areas as subsequently specified and set forth; on the question Hudak asked about the contract, it is the same as last year; all members assented.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Krukovitz to appoint Robert Powell as the Fire Chief of the Borough of Olyphant and serve in the in Administrative Capacity until he is well enough to serve active duty; all members assented.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded Krukovitz to hire three (3) Full time Police Officers of the Borough Olyphant, through the Civil Service Process, in the order of high score and order of seniority, respectively Thomas Sakosky, Clayton DeVoe and Kyle Kolveck, and will work under the Terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement; all members assented.

Council gave the prospective Mayoral candidates an opportunity to speak on behalf of themselves as for their qualification to serve as Mayor; the three individuals were Lauren Telep, Eileen Evanina, Jonathon Sedlak: Lauren Telep withdrew her request, and said that she would love to see Jonathon Sedlak appointed Mayor; Eileen Evanina said she is a qualified, thirty year resident of Olyphant, with a higher level of Education, who served on the Mid Valley School Board, has experience in writing grants and would love to serve the Borough of Olyphant in that capacity; Jonathon Sedlak said he never discussed much about the position with Father, and never thought something like this would happen; he said his Father had many plans for the Borough, and he would like to continue his

Father's legacy; he has Master's Degree and serves as a merchant manager and would love to serve as Mayor.

A motion was made by Krukovitz and seconded by Hudak to appoint Jonathon Sedlak as Mayor, to serve out the remainder of his Father's term, all members assented. Baldan thanked Evanina and Telep for participating in the process.

Public Comment: Mustacchio said he wanted to take time to discuss the article in the Scranton Times, discussing the appointment of a new Mayor; He said Act 15 sec D. allows Municipalities to authorize their own state of emergency; which would allow them to meet virtually; Mustacchio said he would like the Borough to end the state of Emergency when Council sees fit; Baldan recommended that we meet in public at the March 29th Work Session; the Mayoral and the Police swearing in will be held at the Borough Building on February 24th at 5:30 PM.

Lauren Telep asked if there is a way to report potholes; LaFratte said to contact the Borough Building.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Krukovitz and seconded by Tully to adjourn

Secretary

John Tomcho