

**OLYPHANT BOROUGH
CONTINUED COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 29, 2022**

Flag Salute: Baldan led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mustacchio reviewed the items on the agenda.

Committee Reports: Frushon said she had a breakdown of expenditures related to the Third Thursday events and handed it over to Lauren Telep. Tully said there is a plan in place to hose down the streets over this weekend to spruce up the downtown area; Abda said the Police Committee met with the Chief regarding concerns and are planning an upcoming meeting with Mayor Jonathon Sedlak; Baldan said the new Fire Chief as well as the new hired Full Time Police Officers will be sworn in, at next regular meeting April 5, 2022; Baldan said there is also a proclamation that will be presented to Eureka Hose Company, in memory of late Mayor John Sedlak.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Hudak and seconded by Harrington to adopt a Resolution to terminate the Declaration of Disaster Emergency adopted by Olyphant Borough Council on January 18, 2022; open Municipal Building March 30, 2022 to the general public during normal business hours; all members assented.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Frushon to authorize placement of a stop sign controlling traffic traveling west on Agnes St. at its intersection with Edgar Street, as per Traffic Study of Police Chief; all members assented.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Krukovitz to authorize the Solicitor and Police Chief to work on a Resolution requiring Firemen of the Volunteer Fire Companies of the Borough of Olyphant to be outfitted with all appropriate PPE in the course of any response to Fire Calls on the question, Brian Doughton asked why the Police Chief is involved with setting policy, the Fire Chief is in charge at any fire; Mustacchio said Council wants to have the Fire Department come up with a procedure policy and what protocol should be followed at any fire scene; Baldan said the Police Chief is only in charge of the perimeter of the scene; Mayor Sedlak said the Chief only wants to know who is charge at the fire scene; Frushon said, we just want to establish a chain of command; the motion was rescinded. A motion was made by Hudak and seconded by Frushon to authorize the Solicitor and Fire Chief to work on a Resolution requiring Firemen of the Volunteer Fire Companies of the Borough of Olyphant to be outfitted with all appropriate PPE in the course of any response to Fire Calls, all members assented.

Aaron Bisignani and Jim Dixon, representing the Jared Yoder Foundation, were asking Council to see if the Borough is willing to allow the usage of Condella Park parking lot as part of the launch point for a 5 K fundraiser walk, in conjunction with 22 K fundraiser walk, to raise awareness of suicide among Veterans; he presented a map of the trek the walk was anticipating to take; and open to suggestions; Council told him we need a copy of the Event Policy and the list of people in charge, and to coordinate the event with Chief DeVoe and Mayor Sedlak. A motion was made by Hudak and seconded by Frushon to allow for the event to utilize Borough resources as well as Condella Park; on the question Krukovitz asked how many other communities did Bisignani contact; Bisignani said he is the point person for Olyphant, but has also coordinated with Throop; Hudak asked about the registration, and was given details, the event is scheduled for April 30th at 11:00 AM. All members assented, with the exception of Krukovitz who voted no.

Frushon said the Merchants Third Thursday, is working on scheduling a Raise the Vibration Day, Cassandra Compton, Keystone Stage, is working on a Holistic Exposition Cross Promotion, they'll have fifteen (15) different vendors at Keystone Stage; she said they are looking for donations for radio advertising on MAX 102.3; looking to incorporate with Freedom Fighter fundraiser, the event is April 23, 2022, from 3PM to 7PM; Baldan said he doesn't feel the Borough could contribute to the fundraiser, Council will table the discussion.

Public Comment: Christine Powell said she has concerns for safety of the firefighters, especially in regard to apartment building fire, there should be stricter safety regulations that the Borough should impose; Brian Doughton said a third party inspector should be brought in to inspect buildings for safety violations so they can be addressed; Mustacchio said the Fire Chief has the authority to request inspections; Tony Delfino said there should be a third party inspector to determine if businesses are compliant with fire protection; Abda said a policy is in place to address constant automatic fire alarms; Frushon asked Delfino, who said he worked for Cintas Fire Protection for 15 years, if he did these inspections because businesses were required to have inspections, and was told yes; Mustacchio the Borough is working on a Rental Ordinance.

Executive Session: Personnel Shawn McDonald and Fire Department Audits.

Secretary

John Tomcho