

**OLYPHANT BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2020**

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

Remote Meeting: The meeting was held via Zoom

Suspend Regular Procedure/Official Reports, Committees, etc.

Bills for Approval: Light Committee: Economy Tree \$4,680.00, Landis + Gyr Technology \$950.00, Urban Electric Contractors \$6,705.31, **Total \$12,335.31; Borough Bills:** Berkheimer Assoc. \$196.06, Cintas \$ 117.91, DASH Medical Gloves 194.48, DCED \$36.00, English's Hardware \$34.99, Fireman Brian Doughton \$50.00, Fireman David Tully \$100, Robert Powell \$50, Gall's Inc. \$182.87, Hose Co # 1 \$1,000, Hose Co #2 \$1,000, Hose Co# 4 \$1,000, Hose Co.# 6 \$1,000, Hose Co. #8 \$1,000, Keystone Propane \$55.00, Kwik N Ezy \$360.00, Louis LaFratte \$10,530.00, Newday Technologies \$56.25, Olyphant Ambulance \$450.00, One Point \$410.12, Pitney Bowes \$250.00, Pitney Bowes Purchase Power \$250.74, Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald LLP \$2,050.00, Scranton Times \$228.40, Tom O'Boyle Auto Service \$1,701.20, We Pay \$441.45, **Total \$22,745.47.**

Electrical Department: Mustacchio said the delinquency rate increased to 24%, no (10) ten-day notices were mailed, nor any door hanger were hung; Mustacchio suggested not to take any action until June, before proceeding with normal procedure, all Council agreed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Krukovitz, to pay the bills and Light Committee bills when funds are available, all members assented.

A motion was made by Abda and seconded by Tully to authorize Hose Co. #2 to proceed with getting a HOP from PennDot, for the current Jon Pierre's Building, Council will reimburse Hose Co. #2, for hiring their own Engineer to attain the permit (\$2,500.00), once the agreement to purchase the building is complete; all members assented.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Krukovitz acquire two billboards, to thank essential and frontline workers of Olyphant, for their work during the COVID 19 Pandemic; all members assented.

Frushon said she received a complaint from a resident about cars speeding through the intersection of Willow and Jackson St. She was requesting an electronic speed sign in the area; LaFratte said we did not get the signs, they were part of request, in which we applied for an LSA Grant that we did not receive, it was suggested getting two for the Borough, and painting stop lines at the intersection.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Abda to approve the purchase of two speed signs, upon approval of Council on the purchase price; all members assented.

Frushon asked what the process of opening parks is going to be; Mustacchio said the water has been turned on, park employees started cleanup; Council agreed to open parks for the walking trails, signs will be posted of limitations, and caution tape will be put around courts and playground equipment; LaFratte said he will request quotes for the resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts, while the area is closed.

A motion was made Frushon and seconded by Harrington to bring back DPW and Office Staff back to full time status, effective May 11, the Borough Building will remain closed until COVID-19 Emergency is lifted; all members assented.

Frushon said she had received complaints from residents, about not being able to use bags for yard waste; the recycling center doesn't accept them, and grass clippings must be separate from brush.

A motion was made by Tully and seconded by Abda to authorize Stafursky Paving, to repair S. Valley Ave. sewer work that was done, in the amount of \$11,950; on the question it was asked if Liquid Fuels could be used for the project; LaFratte will check; all members assented, with the exception of Harrington, who abstained.

A motion was made Tully and seconded by Frushon to seek bids for the Parking Lot Construction Project/Former Sweeney Property, and to authorize approval upon review by the Solicitor/Manager and Engineer to award the project; all members assented.

A motion was made by Frushon and seconded by Krukovitz to approve the acceptance of Community Development Block Agreement Program for 2020, with Lackawanna County, in the amount of \$101,854.00; \$18,333.00, goes toward the administrative expense; all members assented.

Tratthen Fatal Claim Petition: Mustacchio said a claim has been submitted for Workers Compensation: On behalf of Trantten, a former volunteer fireman, a claim was submitted indicating he inhaled carcinogens while fighting a fire, which allegedly contributed to his death; Mustacchio said, this is to make everyone aware of the claim, and that it might have an effect on the Borough Workers Compensation Insurance.

Mustacchio said we received Donations from Mericle Commercial Real Estate, a 1,000 masks and Alpine Swirl, purchased 5 trays of pizza for Borough Employees; Mustacchio will send a letter of appreciation on behalf of Council.

A motion was made by Frushon and seconded by Harrington to donate \$300 to the Ambulance Association toward the April Electric bill for the use of the facility to assist with the Food Bank; on the question Abda said he didn't want to set a precedent because other volunteer facilities are used, without compensation; all members assented with the exception of Krukovitz who voted no.

Frushon said Lamar Advertising is donating the billboards for the thank you signs that the Borough is posting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Krukovitz to adjourn.

Secretary

John Tomcho