

LORAIN BOROUGH / REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Harold Berkebile, Jr. President Harold Berkebile, Jr. led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Michelle Misner. Council members in attendance:

Mr. Harold Berkebile, Jr.
Mr. Gary Hoffman
Mr. Michael Hammers

Mr. John Custer
Mr. John Raspotnik

Mr. James Fresh
Mr. Ken Gibson

Also in attendance:

Mayor George Randolph
Ron Helsel, Asst. Fire Chief

Engineer Ken Mesko

Solicitor Alex Svirsko

Minutes

A motion was made by John Custer second by Ken Gibson to approve the Minutes from the June 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Treasurer Report

Michelle Misner reviewed the following reports with Council:

- June Balance Sheet
- June Deposit Detail
- June Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
- June Transaction List by Vendor
- June Municipal Authority Reports
- June Payroll

A motion was made by James Fresh second by Michael Hammers to accept the Treasurer's Report as written.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Tax Collector Report

Carol Petry submitted the following Tax Collector Report for June 2012:

*R.E.: \$2614.56 *P/C: \$140.00 *EIT 2011: \$885.72

Berkheimer's submitted the following Tax Collector Report for June 2012:

*EIT 2012: \$2655.26

A motion was made by John Custer second by Gary Hoffman to accept the Tax Collector's Report as written.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Citizen / Visitor Comments

No comments.

Fire Chief Report

There were 10 calls with an average of 10 firefighters per call. NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800 are required for Council and employees of the Borough, which are due in October 2012. One firefighter attended the state firefighter II testing. The 2012-2013 DHS (Department of Homeland Security) Grants Guidelines are out and the OVFD is eligible to write for two grants. The first DHS Equipment Grant will be written for a replacement vehicle for their 1992 Brush Truck. The grant value is \$120,000 with the fire department matching share of \$6000.00. The second DHS Operations Grant will be written to replace 23 air packs face pieces which no longer meet the required 2007 NFPA compliance. The grant value will be \$6000.00 with the fire department matching share of \$300.00. A third grant will be written to the DCED for the replacement of the concrete in the front of the truck bays and the resurfacing of the truck bay floor. The grant total is \$46,000.00. Another federal grant has been written to repair the back stairs and install an elevator. A request was made to reserve the park for the 2013 Thunder in the Valley event. There were about 17 campers on the grounds this year. There were no complaints or incidents. There was a request for the cooler that has been unused and stored at the park. They lost their Pepsi cooler due to the fact that they could not consume the amount of products Pepsi required them to order.

Mayor / Police Report

Mayor George Randolph reviewed the Police Report submitted by the Johnstown Police Department for the month of June 2012. There were 21 calls with one arrest. He received a call from landlord, Richard Hey, in regards to his property on Clair Street. His property was trashed and is owed a lot of money. The tenants have moved to the house next to the Berkebile Garage. Nothing has changed with the properties that were brought up at the last meeting, so he suggests sending nuisance letters. There is a property on Oakland Avenue in question and John Custer says he will speak with the tenant/owner. Regarding 412 Woodland Avenue, Mr. Berkebile has not yet gotten down to check that property. The property on Lunen Street owned by Daniel Stephens was discussed. There are back taxes owed, Jim Rutledge was living there and won't take any action. A letter will be sent to him and charges will be filed if there is no action taken. Regarding 231 View Street, Andrew Burns owns the property. There is an unregistered trailer and tires among other debris on the property. A letter will be sent to him. Regarding the couple that moved into the property next to the Berkebile garage, James Fresh and Harold Berkebile talked to them regarding the permits that were required to do the digging and construction that was going on. Nick Bailey of COG did talk to the residents in person and warned them of the fines and repercussions of ignoring the ordinances. The police have been called to that property by the neighbors due to loud music and noise from motorcycles/vehicles. There has been opinion that the Johnstown Police Department hasn't been offering enough services based on what the Borough is being charged. There was a call to the JPD at 12:30 AM as there was a fight on Ohio Street by Scotty B's. The JPD claimed they were too busy to respond right away. After 4 AM, the police was finally responding long after the incident happened. There was an estimate from Stonycreek Police department, Michelle was asked to find it.

Sewer Report

Ken Mesko mentioned a balance due of \$840.60 on the Porter Street project now that the restoration work was completed. The DEP and JRA reports will be filed. The violation list is ready for

Michelle and Ken will provide a form letter for her to use to send out the notifications. There is a map for flow metering provided to James Fresh.

Park Commissioner's Report

Gary Hoffman mentioned that so far there was only one partial deposit held back. The workers are doing an outstanding job. The flea market is set to happen with 10-15 vendors. Gary is asking for any volunteers. The electric and water was turned on in the concession stand. Any proceeds made go into the Park Fund. The cameras and radio link were ordered and are arriving this week.

Streets, Lights, Safety

Jim Fresh had filed a report for manhole covers with the insurance company and is awaiting bids for manhole covers. He would like to purchase cover risers with the insurance money that is rewarded. The guardrails are being fixed on Green Valley Street. The culvert on Clair and Terry Streets is being repaired with a new drain. A ditch on View Street is also being repaired. There are some issues with the Kuboda that will be fixed. The sidewalks on Oakland Avenue were cleaned. The ditch on Blue Diamond Street was fixed. There is still some run off coming down the center of the street. A raised portion of the road is being considered to help direct the water away. Alex Svirsko said that should not pose a legal issue.

Borough Property

No Report.

Housing, Ordinance, and Printing

No Report.

Finance, Taxes, and Appeals

No Report.

Solicitor's Report

Alex Svirsko received a notice from FEMA regarding a small change that needs to be made to the Flood Plain Ordinance to clarify a particular portion of it. He will provide a one-page amendment for it and advertise it, if necessary. The original ordinance was accepted by FEMA. He brought up the issue of there being payment plan arrangements that had been made with residents through Johnstown Regional Sewage. Now that JRA is no longer collecting sewer rental fees, this may present a problem in the future. Alex will call Mike Kukura at RDM to see what will be done. There also could be a possible issue with violations of privacy regarding ACH accounts that may be transferred. Alex and Michelle clarified that there were permits purchased, eventually, but the residents who moved into the property next to the Berkebile garage. They did get a moving permit, a burn permit and a permit to tear down the greenhouse on the property. Alex will contact Nick Bailey in regards to the excavation ordinances he may have on file.

Special Committees

No Report.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by John Custer second by Ken Gibson to pay the remaining balance of \$840.60 to L&M Excavation for the Porter Street work.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

A motion was made by John Custer second by Michael Hammers to write and send nuisance letters to the addresses Mayor Randolph has recommended receive them.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

New Business

A motion was made by John Custer second by Gary Hoffman for Michelle Misner to purchase a new minute book.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

A motion was made by John Custer second by Ken Gibson to allow the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department to rent the Park for the 2013 Thunder in the Valley event at the 2012 rate (\$100/day, \$75 security deposit, \$50 tap charge, if used).

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

A motion was made by Michael Hammers second by James Fresh to donate the cooler stored at the Park to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Good of the Borough

No Report.

Bill Approval

A motion was made to pay all the bills listed in the Unpaid Bills Report by John Custer second by Gary Hoffman.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Michael Hammers second by Ken Gibson to adjourn at 8:16 PM.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Submitted by:

Michelle Misner – Secretary / Treasurer