

Venango Borough Council

21622 Erie Street, Venango, PA 16440

July 6, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Robert Thayer, Council President.

Council members present: Robert Thayer, Jessica Graf, Dayna Burchill, Ralph Smith, James Walsh, Erin Walsh, Dave McClintock, Walt Woodward and Secretary/Treasurer Amy Wellington.

Absent: None

Introduction of guests: John Woodward, Jr., Yvonne Thayer and Mark Olenik

Public Comment: Mark Olenik gave an update regarding updates he has made to the grounds around the General Store, including a new parking lot across the street from the Store. Mrs. Yvonne Thayer stressed the need for more safety measures on Meadville and South Streets. Thayer suggested that Council consider adding more safety signs at the intersection, informing the volunteer firemen to be more cautious on these roads and addressing any residents who speed down these side streets. Mr. Woodward did not have any comments.

Administrative:

*Motion: approve minutes of June 1, 2020 meeting. So moved by: Dave McClintock; Seconded by: Ralph Smith
Vote: 6 In favor; None Opposed - Motion passed unanimously by those assembled.

*Motion: approve Financial Report for June 2020, and new bills. So moved by: Dave McClintock; Seconded by: Jessica Graf

Vote: 5 In favor; 1 Opposed - Motion passed by those assembled.

Old Business:

- The two stop sign safety lights were installed by Ralph Smith and Dave McClintock. There was a brief discussion about using regular batteries or rechargeable batteries in the devices. There are currently 4 D regular batteries in the new devices and council will address this issue again when it comes up in the future.
- Ralph Smith indicated that the Quiring Brothers were going to make a small repair to South Street, then return later in August to finish the rest of the paving.
- Amy Wellington discussed website options with Council.

*Motion: approve having the PA State Assoc. of Boroughs create a website for Venango Borough. So moved by: Jessica Graf; Seconded by: Dayna Burchill

Vote: 6 In favor; 1 Opposed – Motion passed by those assembled.

Open Issues:

- President Thayer indicated that the Woodward hearing was continued to July 23.
- Jessica Graf gave an update on the Borough Cleanup Day success and the Junk Ordinance follow-up visits for non-compliance. Bob Thayer also gave an update on the Borough Cleanup day and council agreed that June seemed to be a better month for this event.

New Business:

- A crosswalk resolution was discussed by council. Jessica Graf indicated that State Rep. Brad Roae requested such a resolution that would help him achieve this crosswalk in the Borough.

*Motion: establish a crosswalk resolution for US Highways 6 & 19 at the Maple Street intersection that would help State Rep. Brad Roae accomplish this task. So moved by Jessica Graf; Seconded by Erin Walsh.

Roll call vote: Jessica Graf – Yes, Dayna Burchill – Yes, Dave McClintock – Yes, Walt Woodward – Yes, Ralph Smith – left meeting for a prior commitment, Robert Thayer – yes, Erin Walsh – Yes; 6 In favor; 0 Opposed; 1 Absent

- Jessica Graf proposed Council write a maintenance letter to the owner/landlord of the post office building. There are many updates that should be addressed at the site.
- Ms. Graf asked Council to review the Summer Newsletter and send any updates to her.

Other Business:

Ralph Smith rejoined the meeting and requested an executive session to address some concerns.
So moved by Jessica Graf; Seconded by Dayna Burchill.

Visitors were asked to leave the meeting and the Executive Session began at 8:45 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m. and Mr. McClintock checked for visitors – there were none.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:01 p.m. by Dave McClintock, seconded by Dayna Burchill.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Wellington". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Amy Wellington
Venango Borough Secretary/Treasurer