

TENTATIVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023

SHIPPINGPORT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OPENING BY PRESIDENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT – William Green – absent, Cindy Mortimer – absent, Brent Williams, Josh Ordich, William Nelson – absent, President Goughnour, Joe Hawthorne, no Mayor.

TENTATIVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2023 – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Brent Williams to approve the Tentative Minutes of October 3, 2023...motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

TREASURER’S REPORT – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Josh Ordich to approve the treasurer’s report and pay all bills....motion passed unanimously.

EXPENSES:

- **Tracy White – Septic Hauling - \$350.00 – motion by**
- **McMillan, Tocci, Fouse, Jones – Memorandum Pay Increase for Chief - \$350.00 – Motion by Josh Ordich and seconded by Brent Williams to approve this payment...motion passed unanimously.**
- **Gov Unity – Yearly Website Hosting - \$360.00 – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Josh Ordich to approve this payment...motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Erickson asked if the Borough will stop getting the dumpster through the winter months.

President Goughnour told him that the dumpster will be year round.

Dennis Ottaviani from Veolia Water asked if Council received the Operations Report he submitted. Council did receive report. He also went on to say that in the report we can notice that the THM’s were high in October, they need to be at 80 and our sample was 172. We buy water from Midland, this is not something we have control of. Midlands was 201, we now have a violation.

He also went on to say that Kiss Lane Tank is having problems with their mixer at the tank. Mixer is failing-needs replaced. Pax doesn’t make this type anymore. I am suggesting, with your permission, that the Borough Engineer take a look at it. Proposed mixer is \$15,000.00.

Motion by Josh Ordich and seconded by Joe Hawthorne to allow Lennon, Smith and Souleret look at our mixer in the tank and advise what would be needed...motion passed unanimously.

Borough Council also suggested to email Midland Agreement to the Solicitor to look over.

Dennis Ottaviani reported on the Dissolved Oxygen System, one is good, one is bad.

Brent Williams motioned that Viola Water repair the valve extension and seconded by Josh Ordich....motion passed unanimously.

Chief McGee brought up the report of possible credit card use or online paying of the water bills. He said that he did a webinar from Municipay. Municipay deals with 300 municipalities, fee to use it is \$3.00 from customer for each transaction. If we get a card reader, it will cost \$229.00. They will train it to the Borough.

President Goughnour said we need to look into other programs, keep costs down, so customer doesn't have to pay a fee or the Borough. Keep looking into other programs he suggested.

Attorney Rich Urick said that an Ordinance will have to be adopted at the November Work Session meeting on setting the milage.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE – SAME PLAN AS 2022 APPROVAL – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Brent Williams that the covered employees remain with the same UPMC plan as the prior years...motion passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAY – Tabled, until other options are looked into.

ACCEPTANCE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING CHIEF MCGEE PAY INCREASE – Motion by Brent Williams and seconded by Joe Hawthorne to accept the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Chief McGee pay raise...motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF HERRMANN & LOLL TO DO THE FOLLOWING 2023 AUDITS:

- a. Shippingport Borough - \$4,600.00 – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Josh Ordich to approve Herrmann & Loll to perform the audit...motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Shippingport VFD - \$1,800.00 – Motion by Josh Ordich and seconded by Joe Hawthorne to approve Herrmann & Loll to perform the audit....motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF SOUTH SIDE SENIORS TO USE THE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON VARIOUS DATES AND THE PARK PAVILION ON AUGUST 7, 2024 – Motion by Brent Williams and seconded by Josh Ordich to approve these dates...motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Brent Williams to give the employees a \$100 Christmas Bonus....motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ATTORNEY URICK TO ADVERTISE THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET – Motion by Josh Ordich and seconded by Joe Hawthorne to have Attorney Urick advertise the preliminary budget...motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE #234 – TAX RATE – Motion by Brent Williams and seconded by Josh Ordich to have Attorney Urick advertise Ordinance #234....motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR – Motion by Joe Hawthorne to appoint John Erickson to fill the balance of the Mayor’s term, seconded by Brent Williams...motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 419 – A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SHIPPINGPORT, BEAVER COUNTY, APPOINTING JOHN L. ERICKSON TO FILL THE MAYOR SEAT LEFT VACANT BY THE RESIGNATION OF SHANNON CLANCY – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Brent Williams to approve Resolution No. 419....motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Josh Ordich that Council enter into Executive Session....motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE – Motion by Joe Hawthorne and seconded by Josh Ordich that the Executive Session end and Council reconvene to regular meeting...motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN – Motion by Josh Ordich and seconded by Brent Williams that the meeting adjourn, and it was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.....motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Laura Korcan
Secretary/Treasurer**