Council Members Present:
Judy Cline, Karen Molitor, Marian Burge, Barry Pugh

Guests:
Matt Jonas, Urban Engineers

Other attendees:
None

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 with Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made for borough secretary Stacy Mattson to be signor of checks, named on all PNC accounts. Motion made by councilperson Barry Pugh, seconded by councilperson Karen Molitor. All in favor.

Motion made to approve minutes for the August 7, 2015 meeting. Motion made by councilperson Marian Burge, seconded by councilperson Karen Molitor. All in favor.

Motion made to approve minutes for August 24, 2015 meeting. Motion made by councilperson Karen Molitor, seconded by councilperson Marian Burge. All in favor.

Councilperson Karen Molitor mentioned that the leaf machine is due for inspection soon. If regular maintenance items need to be replaced such as brakes, etc. Scott and Craig can do the work themselves. The inspection will be made before leaf season.

Councilperson Karen Molitor mentioned that the check for the truck requires councilperson Judy Cline’s signature to pick up the newly purchased truck.

Motion was made to approve the purchase of the 2016 version of same truck approved at the September 13, 2015 meeting. Dealership offered the 2016 version for same price as the 2015 version. Motion made by councilperson Karen Molitor, seconded by councilperson Barry Pugh. All in favor.

Matt Jonas of Urban Engineers provided a second quote just received that day for the replacement of the catch basin at W. 4th & High St. The quote is for $8200 from McLallen Construction. The borough previously received a quote for $7000.00. Matt mentioned that he is still waiting on 2 more quotes.
and hopes that one of them will be in the $5000 range. Councilperson Judy Cline asked if we could wait to replace the catch basin or if PENNDOT would do it when they repave Rt. 19, however the Rt. 19 project could be another 2 to 3 years and the borough does not want the same situation that occurred at W. 6th St. in 2014.

Matt Jonas of Urban Engineers then went on to discuss the Hazel Street Bridge project. The low bid from Shivers is approximately $164,000+. $100,000 for bridge and $64,000 to replace the abutments. Matt feels it is a good price for the project. The grants the borough received are $100K for the bridge work and $25K for engineering specifications and work. Matt mentioned that after the grant was applied for, had to go with a 50’ span bridge as the same abutments could not be used and the soil is useless and will need to use geo-textile material which made the prices much higher than expected. Discussions dealt with the money that the borough has already put into the project of approx. 20K for engineering work, $7K to $8K for the grant applications that we would not be able to be reimbursed for if the borough did not go ahead with the project versus possible funding by Erie County and the PA governor’s office. Matt had contacted Rep. Sean Wiley who put him in touch with Sen. Michelle Brooks and the governor’s office. The governor’s office and Erie County want to see this project move forward, but cannot offer additional funding without the borough offering to also pay some of the costs of the overages of the grants received. If the borough does not follow through with the project, the borough will have to pay the $20K so far for engineering and the $7 to $8K for the grant application. We cannot be reimbursed for any of the work from the grant if project not completed. Also discussed were the borough’s finances. Councilperson Karen Molitor discussed the various account balances the borough currently has and we are in good financial condition. Karen mentioned we still need to deduct the cost of the truck approx. $47K + another $5K for installation of the bed and hydraulics, $125,000 for the Walnut Street paving project, $6200 for the new street sweeper purchased through municibid. Also the county mentioned it may be difficult in the future to receive grants if we decide to not follow through with the project.

Motion was then made to approve setting aside $20K towards the bridge project. Motion made by councilperson Karen Molitor, seconded by councilperson Marian Burge, All in favor.

Motion made by councilperson Barry Pugh to adjourn meeting, seconded by councilperson Marian Burge at 7:20 p.m.

Councilperson Judy Cline re-opened meeting at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the cost to have the millings located at the borough garage screened by Dwyer Excavating so they can be used to fill pot holes and things. Motion made by councilperson Karen Molitor, seconded by Councilperson Barry Pugh for $850.00. All in favor.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by councilperson Barry Pugh, seconded by councilperson Marian Burge. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes taken by councilperson Judy Cline