

FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

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**Date: May 8, 2023 – In-person meeting, held in Café
Council meeting is recorded and posted on website after meeting**

Roll Call:

Suzanne Pittella Touch
 Pete Merkel
 Jim Meals
 Mark Watkins
 Ralph Touch
 Colin Boyer
 John Rothenberger

Tammy Gore, Mayor
 Chris Young, Borough Manager
 Doreen O'Neil, Recording Secretary
 Andrew George, Esq.
 Dale Ulshafer, Police Chief
 Craig Conrad, Public Works Director
 Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner

Also Present:

John Manmiller, Fleetwood Fire Company Chief
 Barry Isett & Associates

The borough council meeting was held at 110 West Arch Street, in the cafeteria. President Suzanne Touch called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Recording of Borough Meeting

A public notice sign was posted at the cafeteria entrance to notify attendees that the Fleetwood Borough Council meeting was being recorded.

Police Department

Police report for April 2023 was distributed to Council prior to meeting.

Barry Isett & Associates (BIA)

BIA Report

BIA report was emailed to Council prior to meeting.

Entech

Entech Report

The Entech report was emailed to Council prior to meeting.

Guests: See attached list.

Resident stated that all the work being done at the Fleetwood Park is looking great. It was questioned if the chain at pavilion #1 and pavilion #2 would be put back up to prevent cars from driving through the park on the macadam road. Chris Young will look at options for this at pavilion #1. Pavilion #2 chain is not hooked up due to construction that is occurring.

Resident complimented the borough on all the work being done, and appreciates the efforts.

Resident questioned if the borough would consider a community compost pile for residents to dump branches, etc. Chris Young mentioned they had tried one behind the pool, but it was taken advantage of, so it was done away with.

Chris also mentioned that Maiden Creek Township is looking into having one that would be controlled by a key-card that would be available for Maiden Creek and Fleetwood residents.

Resident expressed concern of speed of cars on North Richmond Street heading out of town with people walking, biking, etc. The speeding occurs mostly between 8-10pm. Mayor Gore will discuss with the Police. Chris Young mentioned the speed sign could be placed in that vicinity; it does not take photos, but would collect data of the day, time of day and speed. This allows the police to review the data and have presence in the area based on the time frame it occurs in.

Legal – Andy George, Esq.

Peace and Good Order Ordinance

Andy George stated the amendments to the Peace and Good Order ordinance were completed. Chris Young will forward to public safety committee for their review.

Mayor Gore’s Report

150th Celebration

Mayor Gore mentioned the pageant event occurred in April and went well. The 4 winners were crowned and will be representing Fleetwood at various events.

Mayor Gore noted the August 12, 2023 event at the Community Center open house and would like to have Council present during the event.

Channel 69 had done an interview with her and Kelly Schaeffer (FCCO President) regarding Fleetwood’s 150th celebration and the various events being held.

Mayor Gore mentioned the borough event will be held on August 26th at 5:00pm at the Fleetwood Grange. The event is ticketed and cost will include beverages, light meal, the viewing of ‘Finding Fleetwood’ documentary, dedication of the time capsule, and line dancing.

Mayor Gore mentioned she has been having talks with the others in Lancashire Fleetwood regarding our 150th celebration.

The borough will be composing a booklet of photos from various events, along with a write-up of each event, and possibly old and new pictures of buildings around town. Chris Young mentioned he will be collecting photos from the events and when ready to publish could check with the publisher of the Fleetwood Forum.

Memorial Day Parade

Mayor Gore mentioned Memorial Day parade starts at 10:00am this year. She and Pete Merkel will be walking in the parade and asked other Council members to join them. Following the Memorial Day parade and ceremony in the park, there will be a family picnic and entertainment.

TIGER Nation

Mayor Gore reported that 2 tigers will be placed by end of summer. There will be 7-9 more placed next year.

Borough Managers Report – Chris Young

Fleetwood Park Update

Chris updated Council on all that is occurring with enhancements to the Fleetwood Park. The new pedestrian bridge, band shell and creek work between bridge 2 and 3 is going well. This work will be done by Memorial Day (May 29th).

Pay App for DESCCO

The next payout to DESCCO for \$110,012.34 for the bridge and band shell projects is due.

Motion to pay DESCCO \$110,012.34.

Made by: John Rothenberger

Seconded by: Mark Watkins

X Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Pay App for Flyway Excavating

The payout to Flyway Excavating for \$115,470.00 is due for the creek work between bridges 2 and 3.

Motion to pay Flyway Excavating \$115,470.00.

Made by: John Rothenberger

Seconded by: Ralph Touch

X Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Borough Managers Report – Chris Young (Continued)

New Fleetwood Sign (4th sign)

Chris mentioned that the old Fleetwood sign along route 662 coming north from Pricetown into Fleetwood was not replaced the last time the Fleetwood signs were replaced. They reached out to the property owner where the brick sign pillars are located and the owner gave their okay to put up a new sign. The sign is made out of aluminum and due to the size of the sign there is a wood backing on it. The cost of the new sign is \$1662.00. Discussion if this was in the budget, no. Colin mentioned that since it was not in the budget, it should be privately funded. It was questioned what budget line item this cost would fall under; it will come out of the Parks line item account. Mayor Gore mentioned the Rotary did not vote on sponsoring a sign, maybe could split cost with Lions Club. It was mentioned the Lions Club sponsored a sign as did the Breakfast Brothers. It was stated that if an organization wants to sponsor this sign, they can reimburse the borough. Motion for the borough to pay the \$1662.00 cost of the new sign.

Made by: John Rothenberger **Seconded by: Mark Watkins**

Opposed: Colin Boyer

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Tribute Park (Fleetwood Avenue and Beech Street)

Chris updated Council that the grant originally submitted for the Tribute Park was not approved, but can re-apply. The grant that is being applied for is for \$200,000 with a \$35,000 match from the borough if the grant is approved. Discussion on cost to re-apply; our engineers (BIA) do the grant applications. Colin mentioned that grant money is not free money; it is still tax payer money. He likes the idea of the tribute park, but feels it should be funded by other groups. Motion to re-apply for the \$200,000 grant.

Made by: John Rothenberger **Seconded by: Mark Watkins**

Opposed: Colin Boyer

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Public Works – Craig Conrad

The Public Works report was emailed to Council members prior to tonight's meeting.

Personnel

Craig asked Council to consider hiring Cory Mullin as a part-time seasonal worker, pending background check, pre-employment screening, and physical. It would be about 24 hours per week. .

Motion to hire Cory Mullin as part-time seasonal Public Works employee pending background check, pre-employment screening, and physical.

Made by: Ralph Touch **Seconded by: Pete Merkel**

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Sell Backhoe

Craig recapped from April 10th meeting that Council had approved him listing the old backhoe on Municibid with a minimum bid. Craig stated that he advertised the backhoe on Municibid with a minimum price of \$30,000. He received a bid of \$32,000, \$3,000 above the trade-in value that was offered (\$29,000).

Motion to authorize the sale of the backhoe to Brian Hoover for \$32,000.

Made by: John Rothenberger **Seconded by: Ralph Touch**

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Bills

Current Month – May 8th

John Rothenberger stated there are no current bills. They are delayed due to the system being down.

Ratify Bills Paid April 25th

Motion to ratify the bills paid on April 25, 2023.

Made by: John Rothenberger **Seconded by: Ralph Touch**

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Minutes

Motion to approve the April 10, 2023 borough Council meeting minutes.

Made by: Ralph Touch **Seconded by: Mark Watkins**

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:17pm.

Made by: Mark Watkins

X Motion Carried

Seconded by: Ralph Touch

Motion Failed

Submitted by:

Doreen O'Neil, Borough Recording Secretary