

## Arona Borough - May 2018

Regular Meeting

Location: St. Mark's Church, Arona, PA

Date: 6/4/2018

Time: 7:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Kathy Sikora, Dave Rupert, Barclay Reamer, Elizabeth Griffin, Stanley Morgan, Joe Ruffing, Joe Levandosky

### Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item	Minutes
1: Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Council President Kathy Sikora, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2: Public Comment	<p>Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Gilliland addressed council on a drain grate in the vicinity of 611 East Street. They were concerned that the drain had deteriorated to the point that it is becoming a safety hazard. Kathy Sikora informed the Gilliland's that Doug Regola was scheduled to conduct an inspection of all the drains and roads in the borough and is expected to present results and recommendations to council at the June 2018 meeting. The Gilliland's produced photos of the drain in question. Sikora explained that regardless of Regola's findings, all the drains and streets will be repaired and resurfaced in 2018.</p> <p>Tax collector Jeanne Kertis presented a demand to council to allow her to change the service fess structure for tax collection in the borough. She stated that the increase in fees would allow her to remain in line with rising costs of banking and miscellaneous items. She also requested a copy of the ordinance/resolution of the last fee structure imposed by council years ago. She claims she needs to keep a copy on file to prove that the fees she charges were approved by council. Since the original document was not readily available, council discussed drafting a new resolution to allow for the increase.</p> <p>Resident Bonnie Bussard addressed council regarding the condition of the swings in the park, particularly the baby swings. She feels they have been damaged and require removal or replacement before someone gets injured. Elizabeth Griffin will look into the costs associated with the replacement/removal of the swings.</p>
3: Reading of Minutes	The minutes of the April 2018 meeting were reviewed. Elizabeth Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Barclay Reamer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
4: Treasurer's Report	<p><b>BILLS PRESENTRD FOR PAYMENT</b></p> <p>Joe Ruffing (Reimbursement - Banners, promotional material for Clean-Up Day) - \$123.11 Joe Ruffing (Reimbursement for vehicle rental &amp; fuel for Clean-Up Day) - \$407.88 Brian Dulkis - (Cleaning &amp; repair in pavilion) - \$126.61 West Penn Power - (Borough electric) - \$1178.22 ColMat (Grass cutting) - \$725.00 Fejes Signs - \$79.00 Westmoreland County Treasurer (Municipal statements) - \$18.15 Jeanne Kertis (March 2018 Tax) - \$44.61 Joe Levandosky (Wages - April 2018) - \$264.84 Joe Levandosky (Reimbursement for Telephone) - \$60.00</p> <p><b>RECEPITS FOR DEPOSIT</b></p> <p>Jeanne Kertis - \$2674.48 Kramer (Ball field rental) - \$300.00 Comcast (Franchise fee) - \$1078.29</p>

	<p>Penn Borough Police - \$287.92</p> <p>Dave Rupert made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Stanley Morgan seconded the motion, Motion passed.</p>
<p>5: Old Business</p>	<p><b>ADVANCED DISPOSAL</b> - Discussion was held regarding the expired refuse disposal contract from Advanced Disposal. A representative from Advanced Disposal council to check with solicitor to see if the expired contract can be extended without putting it out for bid. Determination for resolving the issue will be dependent on guidance from the solicitor.</p> <p><b>DRAINS &amp; PAVING</b> - Plans for the 2018 paving project will addressed at the June meeting after discussing requirements with Doug Regola.</p> <p><b>HILL STREET SURVEY</b> - The Hill Street survey was completed and the borough now has an accurate representation of property lines in the area.</p> <p><b>ELECTRIC BOX</b> - The electric park in the park has been scheduled for replacement with Newcomer Electric. Newcomer's agreed to honor the estimate they submitted in early 2018.</p> <p><b>BLEACHER &amp; PARK REPAIR</b> - The repairs in the park have not been completed because of inability to get a contractor to take the project. Search is ongoing.</p> <p><b>LARGE HOLE AT ENTRANCE OF PARK</b> - Will be discussed with Doug Regola at the June meeting.</p> <p><b>STANEY REPLACEMENT</b> - Council discussed replacing John Staney who resigned from council in April. After discussing several options, Joe Ruffing made a motion to appoint Mark Sikora for the remaining time of Staney's term. The motion was seconded by Dave Rupert and the motion was passed contingent on Sikora accepting the position.</p> <p><b>CLEAN-UP DAY</b> - Joe Ruffing reported that the first clean-up day was a success and suggested the possibility of doing a second clan-up day in the fall. Council also thanked Ruffing for organizing and overseeing the clean-up day.</p> <p><b>HIGHMARK HEALTH</b> - The Highmark Health wellness clinic held at the park in May was also a success. Highmark reported that all the available appointments were filled and 15 Arona residents took advantage of the service.</p> <p><b>POLICE REPORT</b> - There was no police report available for the meeting.</p> <p><b>BOROUGH COMPUTER</b> - Dave Rupert reported that a new computer for the borough would cost approximately \$400 for the computer and related software.</p>
<p>6: New Business</p>	<p><b>ORDINANCES</b> - After meeting with solicitor Mark Avolio about important ordinances in the borough, his suggestion was to have council enact the International Property Maintenance Code. The code is a form of 'catch-all' ordinance that covers many aspects of small town government. It is a fairly lengthy document and Dave Rupert made the motion to purchase a copy of the printed document. Joe Ruffing seconded the motion and the motion passed.</p> <p><b>ELECTRIC REQUEST</b> - Kathy Sikora requested permission to install and underground power line from her house to an external garage on the property. Since the installation will not disrupt any borough or residential concerns, Joe Ruffing made the motion to allow the installation. The motion was seconded by Dave Rupert. The motion was carried with Kathy Sikora abstaining from the vote.</p> <p><b>YEARLY AUDIT</b> - Barclay Reamer requested a copy of the 2017 borough audit. Joe Levandosky will make copies available to any council member that may want one.</p>

7: Adjournment	A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stanley Morgan. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Griffin and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.