

**BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Brownsville was held this evening in the Council room at the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to by **President-Jack Lawver** at 6:00 P.M. by reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following members were present: **Jack Lawver, Robert Kovach, Lester Ward, James Lawver, Ronald Bakewell** and **Paul Synuria**,. Also present was: **Jeffrey Wilhelm-Borough Secretary, Krisha DiMascio – Solicitor** and **Ross Swords, Jr. –Mayor**.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Ike Polacek-Expresses opposition to the halfway house/ drug rehab center.

Ron Herrington-Expresses opposition to the halfway house/ drug rehab center.

Bill Ryan-Expresses opposition to the halfway house/ drug rehab center.

James Lawver makes a motion to send a letter opposing the halfway house/ drug rehab center. **Ronald**

Bakewell seconds the motion. **Paul Synuria** asks if we could put in letter who he contacted about the parking.

Solicitor states this can be done. Roll call: **Paul Synuria**, yes; **Ronald Bakewell**, yes; **James Lawver**, yes; **Robert Kovach**, yes; **Lester Ward**, yes and **Jack Lawver**, yes. Motion carries.

Beth Bock-Expresses interest in having a car cruise and carnival in the downtown area.

Kevin Jones-He introduces himself and his plan to run for Fayette County commissioner on the democratic ticket.

Kathy Werry-Commits that she is totally disappointed that the police department has lost her estimate for her vehicle repairs that was hit by a police officer over a year ago. She also questions Jack on the status of the caboose being moved from the castle property. **Jack Lawver**-We are having trouble finding someone to lay

he track bed down. **Kathy Werry**-We voted to give the caboose to the steam show, if it is not moved by a April 15th. I also want to ask Mr. Bakewell for an apology for being called an unfriendly regime. **Ronald**

Bakewell-This is not the forum to discuss this matter.

Approval of **January 9, 2019** Regular Meeting. Motion by **James Lawver** and **Paul Synuria** seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Mayor's Report: December 2018-\$1,189.99 (Police \$778.62) / (CEO \$409.37)

January 2019 \$3,000.98 (Police \$1,249.29) / (CEO \$1,751.69)

James Lawver makes a motion to accept the Mayor's report as presented. **Lester Ward** seconds the motion. Motion carries.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

Chairman, **Lester Ward**-Financial Report for February 2019: Department Bills \$6,194.19, Utilities \$19,588.82 for a total of \$25,783.01. Account balances as of 01/31/18. Spendable Accounts: Money Market \$36,427.43, Liquid Fuels \$39,737.97 and General Fund \$11,590.20 for a total of \$87,755.60. Accounts allocated for Specific Projects: Payroll \$13,124.76, Police Pension Fund \$29,886.79, Fire Escrow \$227.42, K-9 \$3,757.31, Northside Park Project \$11,112.85 and Act 13 \$23,797.05 totaling \$81,873.96. **Lester Ward** makes a motion to pay bills and **James Lawver** seconds the motion. Roll call: **James Lawver**, yes; **Robert Kovach**, yes; **Lester Ward**, yes **Jack Lawver**, yes; **Ronald Bakewell** and **Paul Synuria**, yes. Motion carries.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

Chairman, **James Lawver**-A discussion on adopting a resolution to petition the state to change law for drainage issue before April 10th. **James Lawver** makes a motion to adopt a resolution to change the law for drainage issues and submit to the solicitor for approval to be ratified in March. **Paul Synuria** seconds the motion. Motion carries. **Jack Lawver** and **Lester Ward** will see that this is completed.

We need to reduce Hollow Road to one lane where the road has subsided. **James Lawver** makes a motion to purchase signage and barricades for the closure on Hollow Road and not to exceed \$500.00. **Robert Kovach** seconds the motion. Roll call: **Paul Synuria**, yes; **Ronald Bakewell**, yes; **James Lawver**, yes; **Robert Kovach**, yes; **Lester Ward**, yes and **Jack Lawver**, yes. Motion carries. We have slide on Bowman Avenue and the cost to fix was estimated at \$98,000.00 in 2010. There is another project going on and we could piggy back off of this. I got two estimates and the Boroughs cost would be: Lees Plumbing bid is \$19,750.00 and Maude Industries bid was \$21,275.00. **Solicitor**-The bid maximum has been raised to \$20,000.00. You would just need to get one more quote and it would not have to be put out for bid. Get your other quote and we can do an email vote if the project would begin before the next meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Chairman, **Paul Synuria** – I have a letter from Chief Jablonsky concerning the yearly shooting qualifications. Chief Jablonsky, Lieutenant Brant and Officer Mammerella will need ammunition totaling \$153.74. **Paul Synuria** makes a motion to purchase the ammunition. **James Lawver** seconds the motion. **James Lawver** questions why Officer Mammerella hasn't worked since September. **Mayor** states he hasn't had him on the schedule due to an injury of his knee. The injury didn't happen while he was working for the borough. I don't feel he is fit for duty. He is doing rehab and I don't have a return date for him. **Jack Lawver** suggests they leave him off the list until he is able to return to work. Roll call: **James Lawver**, yes; **Robert Kovach**, yes; **Lester Ward**, yes **Jack Lawver**, yes; **Ronald Bakewell** and **Paul Synuria**, yes. Motion carries. **Paul Synuria** makes a motion for Chief Jablonsky, Lieutenant Brant and Officer Mammerella attend MOPAC training and they will be paid their regular salaries. **James Lawver** seconds the motion. **Solicitor**-Officer Mammerella can attend this training since there is no physical activity, only classroom training. Roll call: **Paul Synuria**, yes; **Ronald Bakewell**, yes; **James Lawver**, yes; **Robert Kovach**, yes; **Lester Ward**, yes and **Jack Lawver**, yes. Motion carries.

Calls for service: Township-11, Borough-52, Out of Town-10 Total 73; Citations: Township-2, Borough-10, Out of Town-0 Total 12; Incidents: Township-0, Borough-7, Out of Town-0 Total 7; People arrested-0; and Transport of Prisoners-0. Unit #1-584 miles and Unit #3-730 miles. Total miles placed on vehicles: 1314.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Chairman, **Robert Kovach**-I spoke with Stephanie from Penn Dot and we can use Liquid Fuels fund to erect a salt storage unit as long as it is used for salt storage only. We are having trouble obtaining insurance for the buildings we just acquired because of their bad condition. I suggest we think about raising these two buildings and erect the salt storage shed. The bricks on the Gazelli building are falling from the façade. We are trying to contact the owners to correct the problem.

UTILITY SERVICES:

Chairman, **Ronald Bakewell** –No Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Chairperson, **Tracy Zivkovich** – Not Present. **Lester Ward** – Woody's Report: Complaints, 31; Inspected Houses, 3; Court Hearings, 8; Citations issued, 48; and Letter Sent, 9.

LIBRARY:

Representative, **Paul Synuria**- The library is completely back up and running

FIRE COMPANIES:

Representative, **Jack Lawver**- March 2nd there will be a fund raiser with a cash bash.

TAX BUREAU

Representative, **Lester Ward**- We need to discuss putting a referendum on the ballot to increase the EIT taxes for 2020.

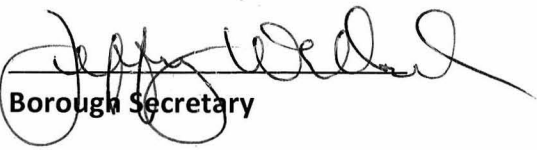
CORRESPONDENCE:

Tri-County Boroughs Association / Brian Freel-Parking Lot Use-**Paul Synuria** makes a motion to allow Brian Freel use the two parking lot on May 25, 2019 from 7 PM until 7 AM for a catfish tournament. **Lester Ward** seconds the motion. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to adjourn by **Robert Kovach** and second by **Lester Ward**. Motion passes.


Borough Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

REGULAR GENERAL FUND

BANK BALANCE	01/31/19	11,590.20
Outstanding Checks		<u>9,550.93</u>
BANK BALANCE	01/31/19	2,039.27
CASH BALANCE	01/01/19	258.77
Receipts		<u>46,282.04</u>
		46,540.81
Expenditures		<u>34,930.61</u>
CASH BALANCE	01/31/19	11,590.20

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

BALANCE	01/01/19	69,966.29
Deposits		<u>11,461.14</u>
		81,427.43
Transfers		<u>45,000.00</u>
CASH BALANCE	01/31/19	36,427.43

JANUARY 2019 RECEIPTS

Mayor Ross Swords	(Fines/Forfeits)	778.62
Code Enforcement	(Fines/Forfeits)	409.37
Brownsville Police	(Police Report)	30.00
Various	(Occupancy Permits)	80.00
Various	(No Lien Report)	30.00
Clerk of Courts	(Fines)	113.97
Recorder of Deeds	(R.E. Transfer Tax)	676.20
Market Street Academy	(Rental)	250.00
Tena Congelio	(Real Estate Taxes)	9,090.66
Interest Credit		<u>2.32</u>
		11,461.14

MONTHLY BILLS JANUARY 2019

FINANCE

Dodaro, Matta & Cambest	250.00
Elizabeth Lawver	222.00
Quill	187.94
Tena Congelio	605.62
Tri-County Boroughs Association	25.00

BUILDING

Terminex	40.00
Do It Best	76.73
BuzCom, Inc.	140.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT

RECREATION

POLICE

Bevard	310.76
Fayette Parts	25.00
S & D Calibration	60.00

STREET

Bevard	655.01
K-2 Engineering	230.00
PA One Calls	9.87
American Rock Salt	2,760.98
J.G. Services	44.00
Fayette Parts	19.92
US Municipal	549.57

FIRE

Center Independent North Side Fire	154.66
Center Independent South Side Fire	57.13

Total 6,194.19

