

**Borough of Somerset Council Meeting  
February 24th, 2020 5:00 p.m.**

**1. Meeting Called to Order - President Ruby Miller**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call:**

Council Members present: Ruby Miller; Fred Rosemeyer; Lee Hoffman; Pam Ream; Sue Opp; Steve Shaulis and Gary Thomas.

Also present: Mayor Scott Walker.

Present: Junior Council Member Patrick Kuhn.

Also present were the following: Borough Manager, Michele Enos; Director of Finance, Brett Peters; Administrative Assistant, Roger Bailey; Chief of Police, Randy Cox; Solicitor, James Cascio; Consulting Engineers, Tom Reilly and Jake Bolby.

**4. Announcements**

(a) *None*

**5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

(a) ***January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Organizational Meeting Minutes.***

**Motion**

Mrs. Ream moved, Mrs. Opp seconded to approve the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes.

Motion Unanimously Carried

(b) ***January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.***

**Motion**

Mr. Thomas moved, Mrs. Opp seconded to approve the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Motion Unanimously Carried

(c) ***January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Public Hearing for Liquor License Transfer.***

**Motion**

Mrs. Ream moved, Mr. Hoffman seconded to approve the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Public Hearing for Liquor License Transfer Meeting Minutes.

Motion Unanimously Carried

***(d) January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Borough Council Meeting Minutes.***

**Motion**

Mr. Rosemeyer moved, Mr. Shaulis seconded to approve the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Borough Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion Unanimously Carried

***(e) Departmental Reports - Approval of Departmental Reports for January 2020.***

**Motion**

Mr. Shaulis moved, Mr. Thomas seconded to approve the Departmental Reports for January 2020.

Motion Unanimously Carried

**6. Award of Bids:**

*(a) None*

**7. General Public Comments:**

*(a) None requested.*

**8. Administrative Business:**

*(a) Communications (None)*

*(b) Payment of bills*

**Motion**

Mrs. Opp moved, Mrs. Ream seconded, to approve the payment of bills numbered 34471 - 34607 totaling \$395,500.54.

Motion Unanimously Carried

**9. Policy Agenda:**

**Old Business:**

*(a) None*

**New Business:**

*(a) Act 172 – Eligibility List – Consider approving the List of Eligibles that was certified and submitted by the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department President and Fire Chief for 2019.*

Ms. Enos stated that by meeting the established criteria that was set forth by Resolution, the List of Eligibles were submitted and approved. It is now being presented to Borough Council for consideration.

**Motion**

Mr. Rosemeyer moved, Mrs. Opp seconded to approve the List of Eligibles that was certified and submitted by the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department President and Fire Chief for 2019.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Ms. Enos announced that the Municipal Authority approved to move forward with advertising to receive bids for the Cleaning and Televising of the Sanitary Sewer System.

She added that because the Municipal Authority owns the system, it was the Authority's duty to move forward with advertising to go to bid. Therefore, we are scheduled to be receiving bids back at the end of March.

Mr. Rosemeyer reminded Borough Council of the upcoming PSAB Conference in June, and encouraged the Council to attend if possible. The former Governor will be the Keynote Speaker.

He also mentioned that the upcoming Boroughs Association Meeting would be held at the Coal Miners Café in Jennerstown, PA.

Mr. Rosemeyer also informed Ms. Enos and Borough Council that he has information on the Census that he would provide to them.

Junior Council Member Patrick Kuhn announced that tickets for Somerset High Schools play, "Guys and Dolls" would go on sale Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Musical will be held on Friday and Saturday March 20 – 21, 2020.

Mr. Hoffman brought out that on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5-30 pm – 7:00 pm the "SoCo Rises" video will be shown at Laurel Arts with discussion to follow.

Solicitor Cascio mentioned a recent article in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat regarding Blight. It was regarding what the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority and a Private Partnership is doing about it. He mentioned that he could provide this article, and information on private funding, for Borough Council to review.

**10. Executive Session – None requested.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Mrs. Opp moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Mrs. Ream.

Motion Unanimously Carried  
5:07 p.m.

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Michele A. Enos, Borough Manager/ Secretary

