

development. It is the Engineer's opinion based on their study that on street parking be prohibited in the cul-de-sac, and in limited sections on street parking be allowed along the southern curb line.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharkey appreciated the follow up and effort, but stated its no help to the residents echoing their previous position in regards to the hardship and lack of parking. Asking Council for a proposed solution. S. Strauss did thank them for their involvement.

No official action was taken but the Borough Manager was asked to work with the Fire Department and Borough Engineers to arrange with the HOA a real-life application test.

Addressing Section 5 of the engineer's report after viewing a 2D sketch of the proposed ramp action was taken to move forward with repair and/or replacement of the ADA ramp at Borough Hall. D. Davis did question if changes would have an effect on drainage, but that would not be known until a full work up and evaluation was done.

A motion was made to request a proposal for ADA Ramp repair and improvement study from Barry Isett and Associates for consideration:

Moved: D. Davis

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6-0

Treasurer's Report:

John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2020 along with a bill list from the close out meeting, two payrolls, and direct charges from Phoenixville Federal Credit, and with checks 3215-3216 for payment totaling \$18,052.64.

Discussion focusing on payments and reimbursements related to Trappe Fire Company and the Worker Compensation. M. Perlin felt it would be better if payment was directly to the Fire Company rather than in current state in the form of a pass through. Also asked for clarification regarding who is paying for the worker's compensation and as to why.

C. Johnson stated workers compensation is paid for by the Borough and Upper Providence's contribution is passed onto the Fire Company due to the way Upper Providence is handling their contributions.

D. Davis stated that the structure may not be right and suggested re-opening discussions.

A motion to pay bills as listed:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: S. Martin

Approved: 4-2

D. Davis and M. Perlin voting in the negative.

John Klink asked for approval to transfer \$37,000.00 as outlined in the budget to the Municipal Services Capital fund for 2020.

Current Balance is \$887,691.00

Discussion regarding how these funds can be requested and used. M. Perlin suggested as a possible source to acquire new Air-Paks for the Fire Company. B. Greenwood stated they were attempting to acquire funding through a grant at this time.

A motion was requested to pay bills as listed:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 5-1

M. Perlin voting in the negative.

S. Strauss inquired about current interest rates and the best course of action to maximize returns on non-used funds at this time. M. Perlin stated the only way to get satisfactory returns would be to entertain placement in avenues like CDs.

Borough Manager's Report: A written copy of the report is on file at the Borough Office.

M. Dolny updated Council on the restoration of the water tower, off of Main St., at the end of January.

M. Dolny went over speed sign data obtained from its placement on College Ave.

M. Dolny said there had been some unwanted activity in Rambo Park over the New Year's holiday, Public Works was correcting.

M. Dolny informed Council on action regarding noise complaints.

M. Dolny brought before Council a Sign Permit for 306 West Main St. in the VC zoning district for approval.

Motion to approve the plan as presented for 306 W. Main Street:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: M. Perlin

Approved: 6-0

M. Dolny asked Council to instruct D. Onorato to send letters to properties related to needed easements that the office is still waiting for pertaining to the recently awarded ARLE Grant. S. Strauss stated that there would need to be a timeline for response.

Motion to approve the Solicitor to draft and send letters:

Moved: T. Lauterio

Seconded: D. Davis

Approved: 6-0

A flyer ~~form~~ from DEP outlining what is stormwater and its effects was distributed as part of the on-going MS4 education.

Solicitor's Report:

No Report

Motion to accept staff reports:

Moved: S. Martin

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 6-0

Traffic and Safety:

Trappe Fire Company Report for December, and the State Police Report for December were distributed.

S. Martin brought up the matter of paying for accounting services for the Fire Company and EMS into the New Year to Council. Turning back over to the Fire Company is not a viable option as B. Sisca will not be readily available. B. Greenwood stated pursuing a cheaper more viable option is a possibility and would be discussed with the Fire Company's Executive Board. Further discussion in regards to EMS, the proposed split, lack of capital planning, and expenses lead to D. Davis asking if there was a better formula. M. Perlin noted that when we voted for the

budget we voted no on the accounting. Matter was then tabled pending additional information from the Fire Company’s Executive Board.

B. Greenwood did note there were a record number of calls in 2020, and was happy to report that they were able to have a socially distanced Santa event this year.

Administrative Services:

C. Johnson asked Council to consider an adjustment regarding Tax Collector compensation beginning in 2022. Council was given a suggested proposal from current Tax Collector G. Lawson. D. Onorato stated a new ordinance would have to be adopted before circulation begins.

Motion to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance setting new guidelines for Tax Collector compensation for consideration at the February meeting:

Moved: T. Lauterio Secinded: D. Davis Approved: 6-0

Ordinance Committee:

T. Lauterio met with M. Dolny in regards to a rational approach to identifying and addressing areas that need revision and consideration from the Council, focusing on those of priority and need.

Surveys will go out to Council members to gather their input.

LPVRSA:

Work on lines continuing but under a time crunch, one significant leak reported to DEP awaiting response.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

S. Strauss will be working with M. Dolny on contracts for 2021 landscaping. Commended the great job Russo brothers did last year.

New Business:

Motion to appoint vacated positions as presented and attached by C. Johnson for their subsequent listed terms:

Moved: D. Davis Secinded: S. Martin Approved: 6-0

Motion to re-appoint S. Strauss as the Borough representative to the LPVRSA for a five-year term:

Moved: S. Martin Secinded: D. Davis Approved: 6-0

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:26 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Marcus V. Dolny**