**THE COUNCIL MEETING OF NORTH IRWIN BOROUGH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT THE NORTH IRWIN BOROUGH TOWN HALL**

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Moment of Silence

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor John McIntyre, President Sue Kochman, Vice President Sharon Ziros and Council: Thom Swenson, Bob Kennedy and Dawn Ziros, Casey Parker and John Lipinski.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS** -

Motion: John Lipinski

Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**VISITORS**

Mrs. Debbie Schade, Mrs. Mary Lou Rothwell, Keith and Kristie Kluter

**APPROVAL OF JULY, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Sharon Ziros

Second: Casey Parker

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

Motion: Sharon Ziros

Second: John Lipinski

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**APPROVAL OF TREASUERER REPORT**

Motion: John Lipinski

Second: Dawn Ziros

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**VISITORS COMMENTS:**

***Mrs. Mary Lou Rothwell*** – Mrs. Rothwell, who resides at 26 Ridge Avenue, and owns 22 Ridge Avenue (rental). She is questioning why landlords are being targeted with the fee of $100.00/year. She would like to know what the funds are being used for, when she says homeowners are living in deplorable conditions. She also complained about the alley behind the North Irwin Volunteer Fire department and she said it is disgusting, there is garbage everywhere.

***Mrs. Debbie Schade*** – Mrs. Schade made the comment on the road construction being done on First Street, she said she thought the construction was going well and had no complaints.

***Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kluter*** – Mrs. Kluter who resides at 104 Sheffield Drive, North Huntingdon and owns properties within the borough, also questioned the $100.00 landlord fee for landlords. She would like to know why and what the monies are being used for.

President Sue Kochman explained that the reasoning for the $100.00 landlord license fee. She explained that it is being used for maintenance of the borough and to track who is living within the borough.

**POLICE REPORT**

Report read by Mayor John McIntyre

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Community Relations:*** NO REPORT

***Budget and Finance:*** NO REPORT

***Public Works:*** NO REPORT

***Parks and Recreation:*** NO REPORT

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **CFA/LSA** **GRANT** – Sue Kochman asked for a grant for playground equipment and a retaining wall at our North Irwin playground, to include security cameras. We had two options to choose from, option 1 for $67,073.75 plus $44,618.79 for security cameras and option 2 for $76,899.35 and $44,618.79 for security cameras. Both include the cost of play structure, the installation, play equipment removal and grading/site prep/retaining wall, with security cameras. Bob Kennedy made the motion to accept Option 2 with a second from John Lipinski, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Bob Kennedy

Second: John Lipinski

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –0

1. **COUNTY HAULING EXTENSION** – Sue Kochman asked for a motion to accept the extension of our current contract from County Hauling, adding the language of being able to suspend trash service to delinquent accounts, as of January 1st, 2024, with a slight price increase of the following:

- 2024 Residential Fixed Price - $22.95 per unit per month

- 2024 Senior Citizen Fixed Price - $18. 36 per unit per month

- 2024 Senior Citizen Fixed Price Per Bag - $2.45 per bag

- 2025 Residential Fixed Price - $25.00 per unit per month

- 2025 Senior Citizen Fixed Price - $20.00 per unit per month

- 2025 Senior Citizen Fixed Price Per Bag - $2.67 per bag

After some discussion of accuracy of delinquent accounts and assistance from the borough secretary, Casey Parker made the motion to accept the extension, with a second from John Lipinski, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Casey Parker

Second: John Lipinski

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –0

1. **GENERAL CODE** – Sue Kochman asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance to digitize our ordinances online. Dawn Ziros made the motion with a second from Bob Kennedy, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Dawn Ziros

Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –0

1. **CDBG GRANT Foster Avenue fencing and shrub removal** – Sue Kochman asked for a motion to have Gibson-Thomas submit the application and plans for a CDBG grant, due by September 30th, 2023, to put up fencing along Foster Avenue with Shrub and tree removal for the cost of $51,750.00 and a match of $6,750.00 from Borough funds. Dawn Ziros made the motion, with a second from John Lipinski, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Dawn Ziros

Second: John Lipinski

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

1. **CDBG GRANT- Paving Foster Avenue** – Sue Kochman asked for a motion to have Gibson-Thomas submit an application and plans for the paving of Foster Avenue, due by September 30th, 2023, with a cost of $109,357.00 with the matching of borough funds for $21,875.00. Bob Kennedy made the motion with a second from Sharon Ziros, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Bob Kennedy

Second: Sharon Ziros

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

1. **N.I.B.M.A. –** Sue Kochman asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance for N.I.B.M.A. to be authorized to operate as our sewage authority for the Borough of North Irwin for another fifty years. Dawn Ziros made the motion, with a second from Bob Kennedy, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Dawn Ziros

Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

Sue mentioned that she has been going through the back room and supplied a list of what she has found so far, but there are still many more items to go through. We will be purchasing storage materials and what is needed to preserve the sensitive documents we have and following the correct record retention laws to dispose of what we can.

Sue mentioned that we are working with the engineer and KGD Contracting regarding the First Street construction and we are working on fixing the issues related.

Sue announced that budget meetings will be starting and a copy of the proposed budget has been given to each council member.

Police contract negotiations will resume Thursday, at 3:30 pm

Dawn announced that her and Sue will work on the next newsletter. She also gave an update on the Fourth Street Bridge.

Sue announced that she would like to have a small safety fair at the borough building.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Casey Parker made the motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Lisa Gesler

Secretary/Treasurer