

Summit Hill Borough Council
February 23, 2011, 6:30 p.m., Borough Hall

The special meeting of the Summit Hill Borough for general purposes was held at the above date and time with President Joseph Weber presiding.

Roll Call – President Joseph Weber, Vice President John O’Gurek, Ken Boyd, Harry Miller, Bill Chapman, Solicitor Joseph Matika and Mayor Paul McArdle were in attendance. Michael Kokinda and Michael Alabovitz were absent.

Floor – Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business –

1. Atty. Matika stated that Council needs to appoint a member to the Summit Hill Water Authority. He said that at the last meeting Council was dead locked 3 to 3 on two different motions to fill the position. Joe said that under the Borough code in the event of a tie it would be up to the Mayor to break the tie. He continued by saying that the mayor was not at the last meeting due to illness and as a result, per the Borough Code, Council needed to meet in no less than 5 days and no more than 10 days to break the tie. The two motions would be for first Jim Yusella and second for John Michalik. Atty. Matika said it is incumbent on the Mayor now to cast his vote.
 - a. First motion was to appoint Jim Yusella to the Summit Hill Water Authority to a 5 year term. Mayor Paul McArdle voted no, therefore the motion would fail.
 - b. Second motion was to re-appoint John Michalik to the Summit Hill Water Authority to a 5 year term. Mayor Paul McArdle voted no, therefore the motion would fail.

No appointment will be made to the board for this position. Paul asked if the position was advertised in the paper. Joe Weber informed him that positions are not usually advertised in the paper. Atty. Matika said that it is now up to Council to make a decision on who to appoint for the position or table the issue until the next meeting. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Ken Boyd to table the nominations to the Summit Hill Water Authority until the next scheduled Council Meeting.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

2. John O’Gurek mentioned that Joe Kosalko and Joe Williams will both be out for operations and was wondering what we are going to do when they are out. John said that they will be out quite a bit of time and we will need someone to cover for them while they are gone. He said normally we can get help from the county with cutting grass. Joe Weber said we may be able to find a part-time worker to fill in while each one of them are out. Bill Chapman asked if it would be full-time or part-time hours. Joe Weber said it should be on an as needed basis so that you can control the hours but we have to make sure that it is clear that this is only a temporary position. Joe Weber asked if there will be any problems with the union contract. Atty. Matika said that the union would not have any problems because both members of the union are out so anyone that came in would only be temporary. Joe Weber asked if there was anything in the contract that states if you work for the Borough for a certain amount of days you would be put into the union. Atty. Matika said that there is nothing in the contract that states that. John O’Gurek stated that he knows that Victor Leonzi would be available to help out the Borough. Joe Weber said that Kira should contact the people on the emergency call list for the snow removal and see if any of them are available. Kira asked if we should advertise in the paper as well. O’Gurek said we will worry about that at the next meeting and to call the people on the list first.

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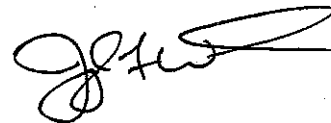
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3. Harry Miller asked where are we at with budget reductions and have we done anything yet to cut back. Joe Weber asked if he was referring to getting a list of light poles. Harry said poles, lights, office equipment. Joe Weber said all of these things will be addressed in the near future. Harry said he would start by compiling a list of things we can do to cut back. Joe Weber said Council received information from ETA Benefits and they want to come in and discuss some ways that we could save some money. Harry Miller said that he feels that there is no reason the office equipment should be left on all night long and feels that it should be shut off at the end of every day. Joe Weber said that he believes that it is not good to turn the fax machine off at night and that the printer goes into a power saving mode when it is not being used. Harry asked about the light going out the back door and wants to know why we can't turn it off. Weber said that it is there for security reasons. John O'Gurek said that the Fire Company looks like a Christmas tree because the lights are always on. Bill Chapman said that we need to get a hold of PPL. Kira said that she has been trying to get in touch with them and the representative has not gotten back to her yet. Bill said we need to write them a letter to get someone here and while they are here ask them for a list of poles in the Borough and what the generation fees are. He also thinks we should look into alternative providers. A brief discussion took place regarding PPL and other options for an electrical provider.

Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Ken Boyd to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough on March 14, 2011. The motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.



Kira Michalik
Summit Hill Borough
Secretary/Treasurer



Joseph Weber
Summit Hill Borough
Council President