

The Factoryville Borough Council held their regular council meeting on March 12th, 2025 at the Borough Hall. Council President, Bill Edwards, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was cited, and roll call was taken by Borough Manager, Shannon Cantner. Quorum has been made.

PRESENT

Mayor Gary Evans
D. Charles Truitt
Bill Edwards
Colin Fricke
Gregg Yunko

ALSO ATTENDING

Solicitor Paul Litwin
Shannon Cantner, Borough Manager

Robert Huffsmith
Lori Travis, Resident
Eric Mark – Press Examiner
Lindy Larue, Zoning Officer
Corey Huff, Resident
Billy Buckley, Resident

ABSENT

Elena O'Connor
Dan Engler

AGENDA: No additions requested

MINUTES: Minutes have been reviewed, and no corrections have been made.

G. Yunko made a motion to accept the minutes from February 12th, 2025. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Wyoming and Sullivan County Candidate for Judge, Robert Huffsmith, introduced himself and informed everyone why he would be good for judge. Resident, Lori Travis would like to know how residents would know if someone applied for a solicitation permit. S. Cantner informed her that moving forward these would be posted on the borough's facebook page which automatically gets uploaded to our website. The Dalton police also requested to be informed of any permits that have been approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT –

S. Cantner requested that all financial interest statements be returned by April meeting.

Phil Hubbard is looking to be re-appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term to end 12/31/27.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve Phillip Hubbard to be reappointed to the Zoning Hearing board with a term ending 12/31/27. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

Jim Gesek would like to apply for five Wyoming County Dirt and Gravel grants for the upcoming year. The first one would be for Maple Avenue to work on the right side of the road where the spring is to help decrease the usage of salt. The second one is to replace an 18" pipe at the Ronkie property on Riverside Drive. Third is to replace a cross pipe with a larger one on Reynolds. Fourth one is to replace a rotten pipe and fix the outflow on the bank by Fricke

property on Riverside Dr. The final request is to replace a pipe and catch basin by Bailer's old estate. We will not get approved for all the grants, but it is better to try to get as many as we can.

G. Yunko made a motion to apply for the grants listed above. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

We are starting to see an increase in the royalty gas fees with this month being about 45% increase than last month. It is a good thing to see since we have been depleting our account for the trail grant. We also received our liquid fuels distribution of \$36,314.94 which brings our state account to a little under \$94k. As noted in our budget, part of these funds is to be used towards tar and chipping some roads in the borough and other is listed for salt.

We received notification from the Factoryville Fire company that EMS will be ceasing in Factoryville as of July 1st, 2025. G. Evans states that unfortunately forming a regional unit is a slow process. They are currently doing a feasibility study and both Gary and Billy will reach out to John Bower to see where they stand.

Yard sale day throughout the borough will be May 31st. We are currently reaching out to H&D waste to see their availability, but we are looking at June 2nd for junk pick up day. We have a few options but due to different events that are happening, such as Keystone Commencement, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day weekends, June 2nd seems to be the best option.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve the manager's report. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

BILLS – S. Cantner is seeking approval for the bills listed. Unusual expenses included a Clinton Township trail engineering fees of \$7,097.09, payment to the sewer authority for the year of \$574.24, \$774.00 for Hose Pro for issues with the dump truck and final installment of insurance payment of \$6,782.00 to DGK Insurance.

G. Yunko made a motion to pay the bills. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

FINANCE – No items to report

PARKS AND RECREATION – C. Truitt stated that there has been an opening on the Clinton Township side and tonight they will be appointing a new member to the Park Board, Christina Joyce. He noted that the Men's Civics Club will be replacing the lights around the basketball courts to LED lights. A discussion about changing park hours will be tabled to April.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – G. Yunko had nothing to report.

ROADS AND MAINTENANCE – B. Edwards reviewed Jim Gesek's monthly report. Jim is looking to find a company to clean gutters at the borough building. He took down the no parking signs across from the old fire hall as well as started sandblasting the paint from the

ground. He put up two no parking signs in front of Sidelines and PS Bank. He trimmed the trees on Walkins, Hollinshead, Kemmerer, Church and Highland as well as filling potholes on the dirt road by Plummers house. He was unable to get anymore sidewalk salt due to the icy winter in the south and he hopes that we have enough until the end of season. He is slowly starting spring cleanup and currently working on GIS mapping throughout the borough. Jim has requested approval to purchase these items in case there are delays in availability.

1. Street sweeper Bissell brushed for \$600.00
2. Crosswalk paint for \$692.00
3. Tint paint for handicap areas at \$35.92
4. No parking signs at \$40.80
5. Tar at \$2,450.00
6. Anti-Skid at \$2,100.00
7. 12 American flags for around borough at \$132.00

G. Yunko made a motion to approve the purchases listed above. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Evans summarized the police report. Additionally, there were magistrate check for February received in the amount of \$34.68 and Dalton fines received for December and January was \$209.59.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – Nothing to report

ZONING – Lindy Larue introduced Cody Stanko as the new zoning officer. Cody will be working specifically on flood ordinances and zoning for multiple municipalities. Cody was sworn in by Mayor Gary Evans.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Litwin had nothing to report.

EVENTS – Nothing to report

G. Yunko made a motion to approve the committee reports. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS – The police contract has been up for approval. B. Edwards and G. Evans have reviewed the terms and requested a few additional items such as better reporting as well as waiting for the outcome with Keystone before they brought it to council. These things have been addressed and now requires the contract to be approved.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve the police contract. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

Parking from last meeting was reviewed again and is noted that the Planning Commission added a change at last meeting. This is now with Carson Helfrich to review and will have ready for Council to approve to advertise in April meeting.

Colin Fricke asked if anyone knew about the Factoryville Signs coming in and out of the Borough on 6 & 11. He noted that these signs should be updated, and he will investigate different options and bring it to the next meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – Nothing.

C. Fricke made a motion to adjourn the Factoryville Borough Council Meeting. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All ye.

The regular meeting of the Factoryville Borough Council adjourned at 7:07pm. The next regular meeting will be held April 9th, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon L. Cantner
Borough Manager