

## Council Meeting Highlights (9/20/22)

- Seven Sorrows School Fun Run on October 5, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (rain date October 14, 2022) was approved to close Race Street from the corner of Conewago and Race to the corner of Race and East Water Street to the school entrance.
- Council approved the closure of Adelia Street from Cattell Street to Emaus Street with no parking on October 11, 2022 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for Middletown Volunteer Fire Departments Open House event to recognize fire prevention week.
- Change Order #1 was approved for the North Union and Emaus Street paving project.
- Council authorized HRG to proceed with applying for a DCNR grant for new playground equipment and other improvements at Overdeer Park for an estimated project cost of \$141,806.50.
- Council indicated they would like to have the contractor install the Inclusive Whirl as originally planned and designed for Hoffer Park. Council requested staff and consultants meet with MRC to discuss MRC's responsibility for the additional costs to install an alternative surface that would be compatible with the use of the Inclusive Whirl.
- Council discussed the idea of a new entrance sign and whether the existing grills should remain at Hoffer Park. No decisions or action was taken.
- Borough Council is encouraging the public to attend a meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Fire House on Adelia Street to discuss ideas for potential future improvements and recreational uses in our public parks and open spaces.
- The Developer of the Woodland Hills housing project requested a reduction in their Letter of Credit for project phases 4, 5, and 7. Council will act on this request at their October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The Developer of the Woodland Hills housing project requested Council approval to increase the longitudinal roadway slope on Magnolia Drive to meet Enterprise Pipelines new requirements to have 4' of ground cover between the road surface and the top of their underground gas pipeline. HRG recommended approval as the road incline would only increase by 1% above the standard set in the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Council will act on this request at their October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- A potential date for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Hoffer Park playground was discussed. A springtime event was discussed since the project completion date is expected to happen sometime in late November this year. A date and time for the ceremony is yet to be determined.
- The MAHS Alumni Association requested minimal assistance for its annual Homecoming Parade scheduled for 11:30am on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> to include limited street closure near Hoffer Park to assemble marchers and vehicles participating in the parade and to include a police officer to lead the parade. Item to be added to the agenda.
- The Middletown Moose requested traffic assistance for their annual Halloween Parade scheduled for 7pm on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Council will act on the request at their October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Congratulations to the Middletown Fire Department for receiving a joint FEMA grant with neighboring municipalities which will cover the cost of 15-20 new self-contained breathing apparatus for each municipality.
- The Fish & Boat Commission will be temporarily closing the Boat Landing from September 19 to October 5 in order to re-pave the parking lot. Postings were made on social media and signage is being handled by the Boat Commission.

- Council thanked Kiwanis for their generous donation to the cost of the new playground equipment at Oak Hills Park.
- WITF published an article about flooding and is working with Dr. Shirley Clark of PSU who received a grant for a stormwater flow study to be conducted in specific areas of the Borough. Dr. Clark and her students, with the assistance of Borough staff, will be installing meters in storm sewers to gauge stormwater flow rates and the impact on how storm pipes fill during rain events.
- Resident expressed concern about feral cats in town and discussion ensued how volunteers run Trap Neuter Return (TNR) programs within municipalities.
- Codes will be revising the tenant landlord reporting form and procedures for enforcement.
- Finance Department will no longer be taking credit card payments over the phone. Payments can be dropped off in the drop box, paid in person at the lobby or paid on line.
- ARPA funds in the amount of \$503,700 were received.
- Reminder a budget meeting Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with presentations from Public Works. Administration, Codes and Police Department will present on September 27.
- Grant funding available for reduction of gun violence. Plan to request license plate readers.
- Approval for LED streetlight replacement purchases in the amount of \$49,000 to complete the project to be added to the agenda.
- Oak Hills Park should be completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October with only minor details needing completed by contractor.
- Approval to sign agreement for pole maintenance covered under the 2022 budget to be added to the agenda. Pole maintenance should be done every 10 years.
- Proposal received for the camera system will be reviewed and will be presented to Council at the next workshop.
- Request for approval to purchase two F250 pickups and a mini-excavator to be added to the agenda.
- Request for approval to sign the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement to be added to the agenda.
- Change of Council meeting dates were discussed with potentially changing to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Contact to be made with Dr. Hunter at the school.