Council Meeting Highlights (11/15/22)

* Council adopted the 2023 Budget as it was advertised.
* Ordinance 2022-1398 fixing the Real Estate Tax for 2023 at 11.161 mills was adopted.
* Ordinance 2022-1399 increasing the Occupation Tax in 2023 to 60% of a taxable occupation, which equates to $150 per person annually.
* Ordinance 2022-1400 establishing that customers who have had their electric service disconnected due to non-payment must schedule for reconnection of service.
* Oak Hills Park Improvement Project Change Order and Close Out documents were approved.
* Council adopted the Civil Service Eligibility List as approved by the Civil Service Commission.
* Council approved the hiring to fill the vacant police officer position.
* Council approved advertising of proposed Ordinance 2022-1401 establishing a superintendent to oversee the Electric Department and a superintendent to oversee the Highway/Property Department.
* Council approved the purchase of a vehicle for $30,485. by entering into a 3-year lease agreement.
* Council approved the purchase of cameras and keyless door entry devices for Borough Hall, Police Department, Oak Hills Park and Hoffer Park in the amount of $159,813.37 contingent upon confirmation of Costars vendor.
* Discussion occurred regarding the Comprehensive Park Plan and plans for the pool with Council requesting HRG to provide a proposal for a study to be done on the pool and a proposal for upgrading the pavilion at Hoffer Park for the possibility of applying for a grant.
* Discussion occurred regarding the Christmas decorations throughout town and if this is an appropriate time to plan for the replacement of the old overhead swag style decorations with like kind or an alternative style that is less costly.
* Council discussed having a ribbon cutting ceremony for Little Middletown mid-March or April as additional work needs done throughout the park. Public Works to provide a quote for more substantial fencing around the play area until all items are completed.
* Borough Code officials received their BCO certifications.
* Finance Director asked Council to consider the disposal of old financial records and the purchase of new census data software to track taxpayer information at the December business meeting.
* Online bill payment fee of $1.25 will be increasing to $2.00.
* Council approved the purchase of 2 new pick up trucks with plows for a total cost of $110,435.
* A new replacement sign was approved for purchase and installation at Colston Park
* Council discussed and will review example ordinances at their next workshop meeting which could potentially allow residents to raise chickens on their property.
* HRG donated $6,103 towards the additional cost of installation of the Inclusive Whirl at Little Middletown.