

Union Dale Borough looking for second building inspector

Union Dale Council met in regular session on Monday, February 3 at the Union Dale Borough Hall with President Saam presiding. The following are the unapproved minutes from the meeting. Members present were Mike Fortuner, Tom Yale, Donna Tedesco and John Stephens. Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and a motion to approve them was made by Donna Tedesco and seconded by Ann Marie Saam with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

•Council received an official resignation letter from Lyndon Wormuth, effective August 31, 2019.

•The Susquehanna County Conservation District is soliciting donations for their Envirothon program.

•Council received notice from the assessment board of a hearing on a property assessment appeal.

•Council received notice of an upcoming transfer tax distribution for a property transfer.

•Two training sessions are being offered on February 27th if anyone is interested in going.

•The DCNR Recreation and Conservation program is accepting grant applications until April 22, 2020.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

•Bill Conrad inquired if anyone from the Election

board had contacted Secretary O'Reilly about removing the current election booths and installing new ones. No one had, but no one on council indicated that they would be opposed to receiving new booths. Secretary O'Reilly will call the election board for more information on what they plan to do.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

•With the official resignation of Lyndon Wormuth, the borough is once again in need of a second building inspector. Donna Tedesco provided the name of someone and will provide contact information for this person so Secretary O'Reilly can get more information.

NEW BUSINESS

•Mike Fortuner suggested they order updated borough books. A motion to order two sets was made by Mike Fortuner and seconded by Donna Tedesco with all in favor.

•Discussion was made as to the proper procedure for swearing in newly elected officials and it was agreed that from this point on, elected officials will prepare and have notarized all paperwork before being sworn in by the Mayor.

•The role of the solicitor and whether she should be present at the monthly meetings was also discussed. Secretary O'Reilly will see if there is a contract with the solicitor and if it says any-

thing about her attendance at the monthly meetings.

•Discussion was held on appointing a third auditor. Secretary O'Reilly agreed to contact Audrey Malinowski and see if she would be willing to serve.

•Inquiry was made as to whether someone having their kitchen licensed to sell baked goods to an outside business would need a permit from the borough. It was agreed that the borough has no ordinance that would require this.

•Discussion was made about purchasing a computer and printer strictly for borough use, as well as replacing Excel with Quick Books. Secretary O'Reilly agreed to obtain estimates on what the cost would be to do so.

•Tom Yale stated that he had received a call from a resident who wants to build a garage. The resident had contacted the new building inspector Bob Bates, but Mr. Bates indicated that he didn't know the borough's set-back limits. Secretary O'Reilly will make sure the building code ordinance is available on the website for Mr. Bates convenience.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Fortuner and seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

Next Meeting March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:
Progressive, Affordable Healthcare—Where, What & How?

When Obama went into office my healthcare was \$200 (range)/month. At age 64, in 2017 it was \$1,100 (range)/month. Now on Medicare it costs \$600 (range)/month. I spoke with a man from Ey-non who is age 62, with a wife and daughter, he pays \$1700/month. AFFORDABLE CARE?

My Godson's father is a printer and business has slowed due to online businesses. He had to drop his \$1,400/month family health insurance. He had a heart problem which resulted in a \$175,000 bill! No Insurance!—They will take \$25,000. This is discrimination—A bill one way or another way? Instead of the acts of terror being inflicted on Pres. Trump, why not have them working to fix the healthcare problems!

Mike Bloomberg and the Progressives want insurance for all which means when I pay for insurance I will be paying for me and others. What is the insurance actually being charged when the cash payment is for less. This is sick—Progressive illness.

Bloomberg is going to save the country with gun control. He wants to save the children. What is the greatest danger to a child in New York or the rest of the country? With around one million babies terminated by abortion, this is the greatest danger to a child, not guns. New York is one of the most dangerous areas for the unborn with their savage abortion laws, and this man wants to lead the country. Another Progressive illness

Look at PA. Gov. Wolf. The legislature is trying to increase jobs with natural gas and he is going to veto a bill to do that. He is the one with his hand out for imposing a severance tax. He'd have us sit here and starve instead of giving us a chance with good family-providing jobs. Another Progressive illness.

Food for thought.
Marty Petroski
Jackson, PA

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:
Mitt Romney sealed his Political fate with the Republican Senators in Washington on Feb. 5, 2020 when he voted to impeach Trump along with all of the Democrat Senators.

Not only did he betray the Republican Party, but he also betrayed every Utah resident that voted for him to represent them in Washington.

Every Republican Senator in Washington should eventually vote to Censure Romney for his betrayal, and let him Resign his remaining Term or become a Democrat if he chooses to do either of those 2 things.

He's useless to the Republicans now and forever more.

John Hollenback
Greenfield Twp., Pa.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:
In the FC News of February 5th, the article Police Review for Year 2019 caught my attention in a big way.

First I'm impressed there were two charges for Following Too Close. I wish I could see "tailgaters" caught in our arpa!

And it's disturbing to see Aggressive Assault on a Forest City (or any other) Police Officer. Not to mention dealing with such episodes on just a \$14.50 (part-time) wage.

Keep up the good work!
Mike Murnock
McKean, PA

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Pleasant Mount News
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Happy Birthday to: Beth Hauenstein, Donna Hauenstein, Charlotte Furana, Katie Kilker, Abby Kilker, Paul Dovin, Walter Welicka, Penny Hnatko, Kristin Kuleza, Debra Branning, Bradley Meheltz, Dwight Hauenstein Jr., Mary Smith, Brianna Non, Tim Hall, Jennifer Burleigh, Hannah Curtis, Mercedes Burleigh, Grace Evanitsky and Leap Year Babies, Briana Malia, Lauren Jonas.

Happy Anniversary to: Craig and Katy Czpanik.

From the Pleasant Mount Library: Ongoing: Spring Flower Power Fundraiser- Bulbs, flower seeds and edibles are available to order. Order forms available at the library: 375 Great Bend Turnpike, Pleasant Mount. Return by April 15 (tax day!) with payment. All funds support the library.

St. Katharine Drexel Altar & Rosary Society is happy to announce their Lenten Pierogi Fundraising Date: March potato

Hist. Society Meets Mar. 8

The Forest City Area Historical Society will hold its first meeting of 2020 at the Historical Society on Sunday, March 8 at 6pm. Members and the general public area invited.

The Society is planning many events for the upcoming year. Anyone with ideas for Society events is invited to attend or to contact Society Officers: President John P. Kameen, Vice Pres. Dave Homisak, Secretary Juliann Doyle or Treasurer Bob Wirts.

Open House at the FC Library in Recognition of Diana Junior

The Board of Trustees of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association would like to recognize retiring Forest City Librarian Diana Junior for her many years of service on Saturday, March 7 at the Forest City Library, 531 Main St., Forest City PA.

Please join them for refreshments from 2 to 4 p.m.

peeling & prep date, Tuesday, March 24. Sale dates: Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 & 26. Order sheets are now available at all churches. They will continue to keep their pre-order sale price at \$6/dozen. A limited number of pierogi are made so extra dozens (\$7) are not usually available. Pick up times will be 11am-3pm. Orders can also be placed by calling Barbara at 570-727-8385 or Jean at 570-448-9181. They thank you in advance for your support.

B'dale Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Sun., April 5

The Browndale Fire Company will conduct its annual Spring Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the Browndale Fire Station located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. The menu includes half a Chicken, Baked Potato, Browndale Green Beans, Home Made Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert.

The "drive through only" hours for serving are from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from any member or at Tobacco Road, 607 Main St., Forest City (570-785-2123); Red Cross Pharmacy, 420 Main St., Forest City (570-785-5400); NAPA Auto Parts, 429 Main St., Forest City (570-785-9000) or by calling the fire station at 570-785-5300 and leave a message, visit our web site at www.43fire.com or our Facebook page.

Tickets are advance sales only. Proceeds from the BBQ to benefit the all volunteer Browndale Fire Company.

Purse Bingo at FCAES Sun., April 26

The Forest City Area Emergency Services will host a purse bingo on Sun., April 26 at the EMS building 380 Railroad St. in Forest City.

Tickets are \$25 for 16 games and 4 specials. Basket raffles will also be available. Doors open at noon, games start at 1:30. Featured designers: Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Burke & Tory Burch.

For tickets or more information, call 570-785-3837

Uses for ACT 13 Impact Fees are discussed by Clifford Twp.

by Theresa Opeka

Various items were on the agenda at the Tuesday, February 11 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors. The supervisors discussed the Property Grant Update. Supervisor Chris Marcho said a man spent \$13,000 to take down a building in Dundaff. He said he would like to give a \$2,200 grant to him. The amount is based on the square footage of the property. The supervisors agreed to accept the update and to issue the grant to the man.

DEP

Marcho said DEP wanted to raise the well casing in the township building. He said they took it apart and had to put in a new pump at a cost of over \$3,000. He also said the person who does the water testing wants to do some "serious" testing but Marcho said he would like to wait a month or two for the new DEP director to come by. Secretary Joan Hertzog said the water testing guy will be coming tomorrow. Marcho said okay.

Supervisor Barry Searle

said they can look into using Act 13 money for the well and water testing. Marcho said they put drains in the parking lot. He would like to put a bid out for black-topping the parking lot and made a motion. All the supervisors voted in favor. Motion passed.

SPRING CLEANUP

Marcho said he would like to see E-Cycling take place at the Annual Spring Clean Up on April 4. He said it would cost \$486 for the truck and 50 cents a pound. He would like to use Act 13 money so there would be no charge to residents but they would allow non-residents and businesses to come and pay a fee. Searle said, "I like the concept but there are pitfalls. People were showing up with washing machines at the county recycling event. You don't want that showing up here." Marcho said, "We do take stuff on the other side." Marcho made a motion to do the E-Cycling. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

TREE SIGNS

Supervisor Dennis Knowl-

ton asked who put the signs by the trees in the park explaining what type of tree they are. Larry Wilson said he did and the money for the signs came from the Endless Mountains Heritage Region. DONATION

The supervisors agreed to donate \$250 to the Susquehanna County Conservation District's Envirothon. The amount is the same as last year.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm.

Cornhole Tourney at B'dale Fire Co. Sat., March 7

Browndale Fire Company will be holding a Cornhole Tournament. The event will take place at 620 Marion St., Browndale, PA 18421 (Rte. 247) on Saturday, March 7, 2020, with registration beginning at 5:00 PM and the first game will be at 6:00 PM. The games are double elimination, and \$40 per team.

Pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register please contact us through browndalefire@gmail.com or 570-785-5300. Cornhole Tournament rules and registration maybe downloaded from our web site: www.43fire.com All proceeds benefit the all volunteer Browndale Fire Company. We thank you for your support!

FCAES Meat Raffle Sat., March 21

The Forest City Area Emergency Services will hold a meat raffle on Sat., March 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the EMS building, 380 Railroad St.

Five spins per ticket, with one choice each spin for different meat prizes, and chances are on sale now for 18 different meat prizes at a cost of \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Available from any member. Tickets will also be available that night for two \$100 boxes of meat.

Admission is free, and food will be available for purchase. Call 570-785-5025 or 570 785-3226 for info.

FC Teener League accept- ing registrations

Forest City Teener League is currently accepting registrations for the summer 2020 season. This is a 15U league so players must be 13, 14, or 15 years old and be born between May 1, 2004 and April 30, 2007. Forms are available at www.leaguelineup.com/wcjbri under the handout tab. Forms and payment are due by March 1st.

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• MARCH 2 – FOREST CITY TOWNSHIP – 7 P.M.
• MARCH 3 – JACKSON TOWNSHIP – 7:30 P.M.
• MARCH 10 – OAKLAND TOWNSHIP – 7 P.M.
SEE YOU THERE!