

**Albion Borough
Council Meeting
January 12, 2023**

PRESENT President Jason Harayda, Vice President Jim Vorse, Brett Hall, Scott Seaton, Donald Bambarger, Jacqueline Ksenich, Charlie Stiles, Manager Gary Wells
Absent: Borough Mayor Will Rogers

CALL TO ORDER 6:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Approve
01/12/23
Agenda** **J. Vorse:** Motion to approve 01/12/2023 agenda
J. Ksenich: Second motion
Discussion: remove Borough Manager's Succession Plan, move Fire Department discussion prior to Public Comment
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed

**Approve
of Minutes
09/08/22 &
12/08/22** **B. Hall:** Motion to approve Council Meeting minutes 09/08/22 and Council Meeting minutes 12/08/22
J. Vorse: Second motion
Vote: C. Stiles, Yes; B. Hall, Yes; J. Harayda, Yes; J. Vorse, Yes; D. Bambarger, Yes; J. Ksenich, No; S. Seaton, No. Motion passed

**Approve
Purchase
Order** **J. Ksenich:** Motion to approve purchase order listing dated January 12, 2023, for a total of one hundred ninety-nine thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars and twelve cents (\$199,368.12).
D. Bambarger: Second motion
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed

MMESC **J. Harayda:** discussion explaining the decision made regarding the Albion Volunteer Fire Department and the Cranesville Fire Department. This situation has been going on since 2021, we have discussed this at almost every council meeting. Both departments were originally talking about merging, which failed to happen. The four municipalities, Albion Borough, Cranesville Borough, Conneaut Township and Elk Creek Township, came together and formed the Multi-Municipal Emergency Service Commission (MMESC). The four Municipalities hired a consultant to investigate both fire departments. The report produced, which has been posted on our website. All four Municipalities reviewed the information provided and made the decision to move forward with making Cranesville Volunteer Fire Department the provider for fire protection for all four Municipalities and Albion Volunteer Fire Department the provider for all EMS matters. **Bill Vassen, MMESC Board Member:** The Commission has continually made attempts to contact AVFD, but they refused. **John Grappy, Erie County Department of Public Safety:** 911 is not affected; if you call 911 that call will be answered and emergency personnel will be dispatched. **Robert Soltis, MMESC Board Member:** Speaking about why the MMESC came together, it wasn't just Albion Borough. Conneaut Township, Elk Creek Township, and Cranesville

Borough all came together to put the residents' needs first. This didn't just happen; we have been working together on this for years. **D. Bambarger:** I encourage residents to read the report that was done. We still believe AVFD is capable of handling the EMS portion. **Al Duda, AVFD Vice-President:** AVFD is still willing to work on the EMS side of this. Financially, we are in pretty good shape, all of our equipment is paid off.

Recycling Day The 2022 Recycling/Clean-Up Day Report gives the breakdown of the day. There was no cost to our residents again this year.

Master Site Plan Study Group met last night to discuss potential improvements at the park. February 23, 2023, we will be hosting an Open House for the Public here at the Borough Office, 4pm to 6pm to discuss the Master Site Plan.

Motion to Approve Stormwater Grant **S. Seaton:** motion to approve the H2O Stormwater Grant of \$276,550.00, a 1:1 match.
J. Vorse: second motion
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed

Veteran Banners **J. Harayda:** I would like to start this on Pearl Street. We will need to get the pole numbers to obtain permission from Penelec. The families will be responsible financially for the banners.

Adjourn Meeting Motion made by **J. Vorse** seconded by **J. Ksenich** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Angela Telega

Angela R. Telega
Signature

02/24/23
Date