

**Albion Borough  
Study Session  
March 11, 2021**

**PRESENT** President G. Hemmis, Vice President Jason Harayda, James Vorse, Brett Hall, Rebecca Marshall, Sam Steff, Peter Rotko, Mayor Will Rogers, Borough Manager Gary Wells.  
Absent:

**CALL TO ORDER** 6pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Approve** **J. Vorse:** motion to approve 03/11/21 agenda  
**03/11/21** **J. Harayda:** second motion  
**Agenda** **Vote:** All in favor. Motion passed

**Liquid Fuels** Liquid Fuel monies came in, \$48,536.68 and the turnback annual maintenance monies has been received, \$2,720.00.

**LMI Grant** Low to Moderate Income Grant, we received \$100,000.00 and still have money to use. Still trying to get people to apply to put towards improvements to their homes. We have only had 3 people take advantage of this grant opportunity. **J. Harayda:** How have we been reaching out to people? **Borough Manager:** There have been articles in the newspaper, our website, and the Borough's Facebook page as well. People need to apply in order to be considered and they need assistance in applying help is readily available. **R. Marshall:** Is this a matching grant? **Borough Manager:** No **J. Harayda:** Can we put it on Facebook? **Borough Manager:** We will blast it out there again.

**Raccoon Refuse** Raccoon Refuse will be picking up the Borough residents yard waste starting Wednesday March 17, 2021 and will continue on a regular basis per their contract with the Borough. We have an ordinance that states every Borough resident is to have garbage services. Whether it is tags or the quarterly services and we have several who do not so they will not get their debris picked-up because they are not paying for garbage services. The yard clippings and debris must be in 30-gallon clear bags and stick must be bundled.

**General Code** At the reviewing stage of the General Code Ordinance. There are 94 pages that we need to go through and review.

**Internet Security** We have had attempts to hack into our system, need to investigate getting better security to protect our system. Spoke with a company that is working with several Municipalities and they will do an assessment and provide the results with us.

**Albion Fair  
Project 70**

**J. Harayda:** I want to be fair and look at all the possibilities. I spoke with Jeannie Miller about the Fair Board possibly paying the legal fees so we may consider looking further into this. **S. Steff:** I have reached out to Randy Hites so we can work together on this. **Steve, Albion Fair Board President:** That's all we are looking for, is to see where your interests are in it. We are getting to the point where, on our end, we would have to start putting money into it to see if it's even a possibility. If it was going to be a firm no on your part, then obviously we are not even going to go down that road. If you are interested in moving forward, then we too would be interested in moving forward. We are looking to acquire the land down by the bridge. **R. Marshall:** Do you have to own the land or are you able to lease the property and still be able to obtain grants? **Steve, Albion Fair Board President:** A lot of the ones we are looking at, you have to own the property. **G. Hemmis:** Would it be sufficient if Council gave approval of not prohibiting it but not giving it away? Do you think that the Fair Board would find that sufficient to move forward? **Steve, Albion Fair Board President:** I can go back to them and like with a good faith effort on your part to say that we are not saying no if we both agree to move forward to see what else this entails. **J. Harayda:** Give something in writing to them. **R. Marshall:** We would need something in writing from them too. How far is the Borough willing to go spending taxpayer's money on this? **G. Hemmis:** If you could look into the cost of things on your end. We want to work with the you. **J. Harayda:** We need to get something in writing from the Fair Board stating they would help with the costs. **Steve, Albion Fair Board President:** Right. The Fair Board is not opposed to being fair about things like that.

**Albion Reservoir**

Discussion on Insight Groups report on the decommissioning of the Reservoir Well Site. We are looking into grants as well.

**Street Sweeper**

Discussion on having a couple street sweepers come out and give demonstrations to get a better comparison. Not committing to purchasing one, but with interest rates so low right now it is something to consider. With the amount we have put into our current street sweeper for repairs, it will be good to look into and see what our options are. **G. Hemmis:** We are all in agreeance to have Gary look into financing options for a street sweeper.

**Borough Bonds  
A&B, Pennvest**

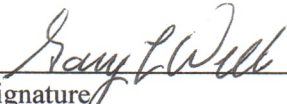
Discussion regarding refinancing Borough Bonds A & B, the Pennvest Loan. The possible savings with PNC is around \$589,000.00 over ten years. Looking at putting back around \$55,000.00 every year into the Municipality, that is about one mill. The Pennvest Loan is sewer money, and the savings there is about \$75,000.00. The A & B Bond is primarily water, but you do have some sewer and a small amount from general. We would prorate it back based on that. With Huntington we are at \$590,000.00 in possible savings and that is without the Pennvest Loan. They will be giving updated numbers to include the Pennvest Loan. We will keep track of the interest rates. Will bring up at the Finance Committee Meeting and present numbers at next Council Meeting.

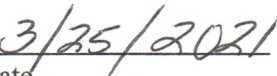
**Mockenhaupt  
Actuarial 2021**

Discussion about the Mockenhaupt Actuarial Assumptions for 2021.  
Recommend going with option #1.

**Adjourn  
Meeting**

Motion made by **J. Harayda**, seconded by **B. Hall**  
to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. All in favor.  
Motion carried.  
Minutes submitted by Angela Telega

  
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Signature

  
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Date