

**Albion Borough  
Study Session  
October 8, 2020**

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

**CALL TO ORDER** 6pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Approve 10/08/20 Agenda** **S. Steff:** motion to approve 10/08/20 agenda  
**J. Harayda:** second motion  
**Discussion:** add 72 North Main Street  
**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passed

**Erie County CARES Reimbursement** Last meeting the Resolution 04-2020 was approved, we have received a reimbursement check last week.

**66 East State Street** United Refinery knows that not taking care of the lot creates conflict, would like to know if we could continue taking care of the lot and maintain the insurance. United Refining would pay the property taxes.

**Motion 66 East State Street** **J. Harayda:** motion to keep up with the maintenance and pay the insurance, United Refinery, Inc. will pay all property taxes for 66 East State Street.  
**J. Vorse:** second motion  
**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passed

**AVFD** Elections for Northwestern Emergency Services were held, Rick Houston is President and Jim Vorse is Relief President

**Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority** Asking for a donation for services provided to the Borough. **Mayor Rogers:** would like to have a meeting with them, they have a formula. Gary can handle this; it won't impact the Lift Services.

**44 Canal Street** Resident asking to purchase property to put a storage unit/garage. According to our zoning there must be a primary residence on property. The property will also have to go out for bids.

**Reducing Number of Elected Council Members** **S. Steff:** as I see the future, if we go with an Authority, there will be less work for Council. So really no need for as many. Would need a minimum of fifty registered voters to sign a petition. I think this would streamline things.  
**J. Harayda:** I am not really keen on this idea. I think if we narrow it from 7 to 5, we really wouldn't be representing the mass. **Mayor Rogers:** I am not in favor; we have seen what 3 people can do and not in a good way. **J. Vorse:** I am not in favor of this either. **S. Kramer:** Needs to stay at seven. **B. Hall:** I agree, needs to stay with seven.

**Employees Chain of Command Guidelines**

**S. Steff:** In the past employees would go straight to council members and create a rift in moral. **G. Hemmis:** This is something we as Council should follow. **J. Vorse:** If an employee approaches us to discuss issues, we need to tell them to go to their supervisor.

**Albion Fair Board**

Interested in buying acreage at the Borough Park. Erie County Planning has advised us not to sell any property at the Borough Park.

**Zoning Fees**

Last time prices were looked at for Zoning was in 2005, there is a lot that goes into this. The Zoning Hearing fee especially needs to be looked at; the fee doesn't even cover the bare requirements needed to have a hearing.

**Park Board**

**S. Steff:** Would like to reach out to the Fair Board prior to proceeding.

**Motion Council Meeting 11/26/20**

**R. Marshall:** motion to change the Council Meeting scheduled on Thursday November 26, 2020 to Thursday November 19, 2020 at 6pm.

**J. Vorse:** second motion

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passed.

**72 North Main Street**


**J. Harayda:** Mr. Brockett approached me; he would like to reblue rifles. There would be no employees and no shooting. He is a Gun Smith, Class 1. **G. Hemmis:** this would be a zoning issue; he would need to contact Gary at the Borough Office.

**Adjourn Meeting**

Motion made by **S. Steff**, seconded by **J. Vorse** to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Angela Telega

  
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Signature

  
10/22/2020  
Date