

September 6, 2013

Council convened for the regular monthly meeting at 8 PM at the Prompton Fire Hall. Members attending were Mayor Stacy Wentzel, President Dennis Millon, Robert Mikulewicz, Brian Mikulewicz, Dale Odell, Allen Heberling, Dan Biondo, and Lynn Holl. Also present was Secretary/Treasurer Michael Wolfe.

The minutes of August 2, 2013 were read and approved unanimously by council with one correction: change the phrase "approval to order a load of modified" to "approval to order modified."

Old Business

Wayco Inc. finished installing the offset for the Haddens' driveway. With the completion of that work, Wayco satisfied the terms of the contract. Borough council was still disappointed in the overall project. They asked secretary to submit payment of the contract along with a strongly worded letter expressing Council's dissatisfaction with the job. That letter is attached following these minutes.

Borough work night was a success. Several volunteers met on the evenings of August 9 and August 16. The work detail filled in 2A modified along the shoulders and unpaved driveways where the recent roadwork was completed.

New Business

Allen Heberling discussed the need to re-seal the basketball court. He priced the materials at about \$225. Council tentatively planned to do that project during a borough work period sometime in the spring.

Brian Mikulewicz mentioned that there are several trees growing through the stone wall along the banks of the Lackawaxen River—alongside the Prompton Borough Park—that need to be cut back. Council scheduled a work night for Monday, September 9, at 5:30 PM.

Accounts Payable

Included in the bill payment authorization was approval to pay the un-received bill for 2A modified from Henshaw Trucking. **Robert Mikulewicz moved to approve all bills for payment. Lynn Holl seconded the motion which carried unanimously.** The accounts payable approved for payment are detailed in the Treasurer's Report on the reverse side of this page.

Meeting adjourned. Michael Wolfe, Secretary

September Treasurer's Report

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Balance</i>
General Checking Beginning Balance		\$ 10,045.03
April Mohrman - 2012 Audit	\$ (70.00)	\$ 9,975.03
Chase Holl - Tax Collector's Commission	\$ (431.08)	\$ 9,543.95
Jacob Odell - Park Mowing	\$ (200.00)	\$ 9,343.95
Michael Wolfe - Reimburse - Printer Toner	\$ (47.65)	\$ 9,296.30
Michael Wolfe - Secretary Wages	\$ (334.54)	\$ 8,961.76
August Interest	\$ 0.34	\$ 8,962.10
Annual PURTA Distribution	\$ 18.16	\$ 8,980.26
Chase Holl - August Tax Collections	\$ 424.65	\$ 9,404.91
Volunteer Fire Relief Fund	\$ 1,692.88	\$ 11,097.79
General Checking Ending Balance		\$ 11,097.79

Highway Checking Beginning Balance		\$ 21,476.90
Wayco, Inc. - Church St Paving Project	\$ (20,907.73)	\$ 569.17
Henshaw Trucking - 2A Modified and Delivery	\$ (446.99)	\$ 122.18
Highway Checking Ending Balance		\$ 122.18

Highway Savings Beginning Balance		\$ 2,161.62
Future borough truck earmark	\$ (12,718.30)	\$ (10,556.68)
Street Lights (7/3/13 - 8/2/13)	\$ (285.65)	\$ (10,842.33)
August Interest	\$ 1.00	\$ (10,841.33)
Future borough truck earmark	\$ 12,718.30	\$ 1,876.97
Highway Savings Ending Balance		\$ 1,876.97

TOTAL		\$ 13,096.94
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September 12, 2013

Wayco, Inc.
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RE: Church Street Paving Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Prompton Borough Council. On Saturday, July 27, a crew from Wayco, Inc. completed a paving project on Church Street in Prompton. The Council is deeply disappointed with the results.

One of the councilmen overheard the crew complaining about having to work on a Saturday after an already long week. It was clear that no one wanted to be there. That attitude showed itself in the workmanship.

Council members had several specific complaints about the job:

- The transition from old pavement to new pavement at the intersection of Church Street and Prompton Road is awful. A noticeable dip has been introduced at that spot. Council has received several complaints from borough residents about that section of the job. There is concern that that spot is especially vulnerable to breakdown from freeze-thaw cycles.
- Roadway adjustments to adjoining bituminous surfaces were poorly done. Normally, material is added on top of the existing driveways to create a gentle transition to the new pavement. On this job, however, material was *taken* from the roadway to create the transition. This results in noticeable dips in the road as vehicles pass by these driveways.
- The paving crew began its work at the west end of Church Street and worked its way towards the intersection with Prompton Road. As they approached the intersection, they appeared to run short of material. It seems the crew simply spread the material a bit thinner than usual rather than bring in more.
- The new pavement has jagged, zigzagging edges. While this is primarily an aesthetic concern, it speaks to the overall sloppiness of the work.

One of the councilmen remarked that he had visited the site of a different project that Wayco recently completed. He was thoroughly impressed with the quality and care put into that other job. In the end, that is what Council found so frustrating. Council accepted your bid in part due to your company's reputation and track record. This project failed to live up to your usual standards.

Enclosed you will find full payment of the agreed-upon contract price. While you completed all of the requirements of the contract, you seemed to go to great lengths to do absolutely nothing more. We will be sure to share our experience with other municipalities and to keep this experience in mind when bidding future projects.

If you have any questions or would like to respond, my contact information is listed in the letterhead above.

Sincerely,

Michael Wolfe
Secretary/Treasurer

Encl:
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