

December 5, 2014

Council convened for the regular monthly meeting at 8 PM at the Prompton Fire Hall. Members attending were Mayor Stacy Wentzel, Dan Biondo, Dale Odell, Allen Heberling, and Lynn Holl. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Michael Wolfe and Prompton Borough Tax Collector Chase Holl.

The minutes of November 7, 2014 were read and approved unanimously without amendment.

Old Business

The Balsam Swamp Road project has been approved for funding through the Dirt and Gravel Road program. Once the state releases funding, the Wayne Conservation District will send a contractual agreement for the borough to sign and approve. Work on the project may not begin until Spring 2015 and a signed agreement is in place.

The county assessment office sent the certified assessment totals for 2015 budgetary purposes. The total taxable real estate assessment is about \$12.9 million. This is down about \$250 thousand from last year. The total number of residents subject to the per capita tax is 178, about the same as last year.

The secretary spoke with Randy Bodie. Mr. Bodie said his insurance company was unable to name Prompton Borough as an "additional named insured." He said that was not something Bethany Borough ever asked him to do. He has provided proof of liability insurance. He also stated that Bodie Snow Removal is a partnership with no employees, so they do not need to carry Workers' Compensation insurance.

New Business

Recycling pick-up is canceled for December and January. Use of the program has declined in recent years with many residents switching to private, single-stream, curb-side recycling pick-up.

There are new regulations for tax collectors. Tax collectors must name deputies and take state-approved courses to become "certified tax collectors." Existing tax collectors are grandfathered in for the remainder of their elected term, but must be certified to be placed on the ballot in their next election. Chase Holl told Council that he does not intend to take the required courses and will therefore not run for re-election. He suggested that Council consider asking the County to take over tax collection duties.

Council scheduled the annual budget meeting for 7 PM on Monday, December 29. Under §1308 of the 2014 edition of the borough code, small boroughs (defined as those in which the estimated budget receipts for 2012 were under \$50,000) are no longer required to advertise the proposed budget in a local newspaper. Notice must still be conspicuously posted for at least ten days prior to the budget meeting. Secretary will post the proposed budget on the borough website at <http://promptonpa.com/budget>.

Accounts Payable

Lynn Holl moved to approve all bills for payment. Dale Odell 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

December Treasurer's Report

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Balance</i>
General Checking Beginning Balance		\$ 6,499.22
Allen Heberling, Dale Odell Council Pay \$130 each	\$ (260.00)	\$ 6,239.22
Robert Mikulewicz, Stacy Wentzel Council Pay \$120 each	\$ (240.00)	\$ 5,999.22
Lynn Holl, Dan Biondo, Brian Mikulewicz Council Pay \$110 each	\$ (330.00)	\$ 5,669.22
Kirk Fries (\$90), Dennis Millon (\$20) Council Pay	\$ (110.00)	\$ 5,559.22
Millon's Evergreen Nursery - fix River Rd/patch roads	\$ (725.00)	\$ 4,834.22
Michael Wolfe - Secretary Pay	\$ (334.54)	\$ 4,499.68
Bodie Snow Removal - Plow and Cinder	\$ (225.00)	\$ 4,274.68
Jake Odell - Park Mowing	\$ (125.00)	\$ 4,149.68
Chase Holl - Tax Collector Commission	\$ (7.25)	\$ 4,142.43
Allen Heberling - Borough Cinder Shed Purchase	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,742.43
Bank error in our favor? - duplicate refund of svc fee charge	\$ 6.00	\$ 4,748.43
General Checking Ending Balance		\$ 4,748.43

Highway Checking Beginning Balance		\$ 122.18
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Highway Savings Beginning Balance		\$ 6,495.40
20% Equipment Fund	\$ (2,893.83)	\$ 3,601.57
Street Lights (10/3/2014 - 11/3/2014)	\$ (297.00)	\$ 3,304.57
November Interest	\$ 0.50	\$ 3,305.07
20% Equipment Fund	\$ 2,893.83	\$ 6,198.90
Highway Savings Ending Balance		\$ 6,198.90

TOTAL		\$ 11,069.51
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