



BOROUGH of ARONA

Monthly Regular Meeting
St. Marks Church, Arona, PA
March 3, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Sikora
Dave Rupert
Mark Sikora
JoAnn Berlin
Clint Jacobs
Joe Levandosky

GUESTS:

Doug Regola
Stanley Armstrong

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by council President Kathy Sikora at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Regola was in attendance, and he will begin reviewing streets for 2025. He hopes to have a tentative list for the April meeting.

NEW COUNCILMAN SWORN IN

Resident Stanley Armstrong was sworn in by council President Kathy Sikora. Armstrong will serve out the term vacated by Lorne Dimon.

MINUTES REVIEWED

The minutes from the February 2025 meeting were reviewed. Dave Rupert made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Stanley Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BILLS/RECEIPTS

Bills and receipts for March 2025 were reviewed. Mark Sikora had an addition to the bills from Lake Erie Traffic for \$211.54. JoAnn Berlin made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Mark Sikora seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.



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NEW BUSINESS

FACT FINDING

Kathy Sikora relayed information from the solicitor that council could reduce the sitting members from 7 to 5 with a ballot referendum. The borough could also merge with neighboring Hempfield or Sewickly. It is also possible to contract with neighboring municipalities for snow removal service. These steps were fact-finding in nature in the event there is difficulty in retaining council members or if public services are no longer available to Arona.

PORT-A-JOHN

Joe Levandosky will contact Lori-Gailey Sanitation to have the park port-a-john setup in early April.

GRASS CUTTING BIDS

Joe Levandosky reported there was only one bid for grass cutting for the 2025 season. Lawn Sharks submitted the loan bid with a rate of \$400.00 per cut. Stanley Armstrong made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Clint Jacobs. The motion passed with Kathy & Mark Sikora abstaining.

BLIGHT REPORT

Stanley Armstrong presented information about blight and the Land Bank in Westmoreland County. He is going to continue to research and work on options to see if the borough can correct some of the blighted properties within the borough.

SOFTBALL SEASON

Mark Sikora advised council about the upcoming softball season. He suggested we charge participating teams \$600 per team for the year. He also reported that the infield will need a load of dirt before the season begins. He will report back at the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.