

Special meeting. Council Hall.

Jan. 9th. 1933. 7:00 P. M.

A special meeting of Borough Council to which the public was invited was held in Council Hall on the above date with the following present:-

President W. Earl Gardner; Burgess D. W. Shinham; Councilmen, Stover, Hoachlander, Bryson, Leshner and Frank.

A letter was read from the Rescue Hose Company calling attention to the fact that the Borough is liable for any damages caused by fire apparatus while enroute to or from fires, and requested that they be notified as to whether liability and property damage insurance was carried on the fire apparatus. Much discussion followed in which it was brought out that the cost of such insurance would be not far from \$ 200.00 per year. Because of the fact that the Borough is already paying for the compensation insurance on the members of the fire company at a cost of more than \$ 100.00 per year, it was the sense of Council that an attempt should be made to have the township pay at least part of the expense of any additional insurance. On motion the matter of insurance was tabled until a conference could be arranged with township officials.

Bids for furnishing stone for borough use on East Baltimore Street were received from H. T. Goetz, C. Earl Brown and Preston Eshleman. It was stated that the Borough of Shippensburg had been using labor under the Talbot Act for the purpose of quarrying stone and was suggested that the Borough might profit by a similar arrangement. Mr. Eshleman stated that he would rent his machinery at his quarry should council desire to quarry stone in this manner. Some discussion followed, but because no exact estimate of costs could be arrived at, the matter was deferred pending the report of a committee to be sent to Shippensburg to make a further investigation.

A number of citizens of the town having arrived, President Gardner stated that the public had been invited for the purpose of considering certain phases of the gas situation, and requested that visitors express themselves freely. Mr. Gardner explained in detail the gas situation from the granting of a franchise in 1929 to the present date. A letter was read from Mr. Claude King of the Public Service Commission giving notice that the Gettysburg Gas Co. had filed an application for a charter extension of territory to include Greencastle and vicinity. A hearing to be held in Harrisburg on Jan. 19th. 1933. Mr. Gardner stated that it was highly proper to oppose the granting of such a charter because of the fact that such a charter might make it difficult for the Borough to install its own plant should it so desire. Carefully prepared estimates indicated that a municipal plant could be installed for approximately \$ 20,000.00. Some discussion took place in which a difference of opinion was expressed as to the effect, if any, the granting such a charter might have upon borough operations, however opinion seemed unanimous that the Council should be represented at the hearing and oppose the granting of the extension. On motion of Mr. E. P. Wine, seconded by Mr. A. A. Morgenthall, that President Gardner represent the borough at this hearing and that Mr. Chas.

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W. Bert, Jr. accompany him to assist. This action was also ratified by vote of Council on motion of Mr. Stover, seconded by Mr. Frank. This motion also stipulated that any expenses incurred be paid by the Borough.

Mr. Stover of the Water Committee reported that Mr. W. S. Hostetter had not turned over to Mr. Bert certain reports, keys, testing apparatus. Mr. Bryson stated that the same were ready for delivery at any time and upon this information the secretary was requested to call for same.

Water Manager Bert asked for Council's interpretation as to how discounts should be computed on metered consumers when water used was beyond minimum. After due consideration it was agreed that the 5% discount should apply to the total amount of the bill, but that in no case should the discounted bill be less than \$ 1.50.

Mr. J. W. Homer exhibited a partly finished map of the Borough and watersystem. On motion it was ordered that he complete the same the Borough to pay for this work on the basis of 20 ¢ per hour.

Mr. Chas. Crider appeared before Council and asked whether the tax of \$ 1.00 per month was being collected from gasoline pump owners as required by ordinance. When told that no collections had been made, he asked that this ordinance be enforced in toto or that it be repealed. President Gardner promised consideration of this matter at the next meeting.

On motion adjourned.


Secretary.

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