

August 28, 2020  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

The Borough Council of Mifflintown met this date for a special meeting of Council to address the Cross Street Bridge Project and any other matters presented before council. The following were in attendance: President Samuel Klinger, Vice-President Rick Singer, Polly Digon, Kira Zimmerman, Richard R. Zimmerman, Jr., resident Vicki Shellenberger, solicitor Randy Zimmerman, and secretary/treasurer Nancy Zimmerman. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Klinger.

President Klinger asked Polly Digon as chairman of the bridge committee to speak. Solicitor Zimmerman requested an executive session because it involves legal matters. Councilman Kira Zimmerman thinks we do not need to have an executive session. A motion was made by Vice-President Singer for an executive session, but failed for lack of a second. Councilman K. Zimmerman spoke stating that the reason for the meeting was because of an impromptu telephone call with Heather Kelly-Weisen of SEDA-COG, Brad Kerstetter, Wilson Consulting, and the three bridge committee people. Basically instead of bidding out the engineering portion of the project, the County wants us to use Wilson Consulting their engineer and they will use Act 13 monies for the engineering portion of the project. This would be the \$100,000 that the County has allocated for this bridge project. The County's original letter to us pledging their \$100,000 was to be given after the completion of a structurally sound bridge. Basically the County's monies are contingent on our using Wilson Consulting to do the engineering work. We have spoken with Senator Corman's office and Representative Hershey's office about getting an extension on the grant and found out that you cannot apply for an extension until six months before the ending time of the grant. This time frame puts us at December 21 or January 2021 according to what K. Zimmerman was told. We can either go with bidding out the engineering with extra time, or go with the County's option of pushing forward and get the project done. Councilman K. Zimmerman stated that she is leaning against bidding and going with the County's offer of \$100,000 and we don't have to advertise for engineering. Secretary Zimmerman stated that she is worried about auditing issues. President Klinger stated that we can always go after more money or grants if we don't have enough; the use of the County money makes sense.

Councilman R. Zimmerman stated that we basically need more clarity from the County. If we agree with the County fine, no bidding; if the bridge comes in underfunded, are they, i.e., the County going to make us pay back the \$100,000?; or are they going to help us with the shortfall?; and if we are audited and cited for any findings, are they going to indemnify us? Councilman Digon stated that we need something in writing.

Councilman R. Zimmerman is willing to commit \$100, 000 of borough funds toward the bridge project. President Klinger stated that he is also willing to commit \$100,000 of borough funds for the project. Solicitor Zimmerman stated that the bridge committee needs to sit face to face with Brad Kerstetter and Alice Gray, Chairman of the Commissioners and addresses these issues. On motion of President Klinger, second by Digon, council agreed to spend \$100,000 of borough funds for the Cross Street Bridge Project. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Digon, second by R. Zimmerman authorizing the bridge committee to meet with Alice Gray and Brad Kerstetter to get these definite answers to these three questions listed above. Motion Carried. Councilman K. Zimmerman will call the commissioners. The bridge committee will direct Heather Kelly-Weisen to take no action until hearing from us.

On motion of R. Zimmerman, second by K. Zimmerman the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Motion Carried.

President \_\_\_\_\_  
Samuel Klinger

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary