



Borough Council Minutes
March 14, 2023
7:30 pm

• Call to Order, Salute to the Flag and Roll Call 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	A	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	*	Mr. Kowinsky Fire Department	A
Mr. Dave Clark Vice President	P	Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P	Mr. Greg Myer Treasurer	P	Mr. Eric Steward EPRP Asst Chief	P
Mr. Dayne Losee Councilman	P	Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	A	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Recreation	P
Mrs. Janet Clark Mayor	P	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office/Park Mgr	A

*Mr. Ohliger attended via zoom due to weather.

Public in attendance: approximately 12 members of the public present.

1. **President's Remarks:** Welcomed everyone and noted we have a busy schedule tonight.
2. **Motion to amend the agenda:** NONE
3. **Public Comment** (When recognized by the president, per Borough Code, state your name and address for the minutes)

Cristin Cavalaro 500 DE Drive: The Matamoras Salutes Banner Committee had their first in person collection, but due to the storm only one person came. There were several requests for banners to be rehung and a couple that were sent in. Honored to be a part of the program and thanked Mayor Clark and Kay Lemon. The next in person collection will be Saturday March 25 from 8 am to 11 am.

James Hall 106 Ave N: Complaint about fence on DE Drive. Questioned the widths of the new sidewalks being installed.
4. **Unanimous Consent Agenda M: Prey/Maney. All in favor.**
 - a. Approval of Minutes – 02/140/2023
 - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report – February 2023
 - c. Approval of bills to be paid – February 2023
 - d. Approval of reimbursement to the recreation department for invoices paid on behalf of the Wade Trust Fund, copy of expenditures:
5. **Reports:**
 - Mayor: Janet Clark: Pleased that the Matamoras Salutes program is continuing. Noted 100th birthday celebration for Ed Kuhn and read part of the proclamation that will be given to him. Shared her thoughts of the color of the bridge.
 - General Government Committee: Harry Prey: Stated Shawn Bolles has been working on zoning issues and noted the new program that was purchased for zoning is working well.

- Fire Committee: John Bush Jr.: Nothing to report
- Public Works: Harry Prey: Read DWP report, still working on pot holes. Thanked Delaware Valley school for letting us use their equipment to load the trucks with salt while our backhoe is being repaired. Bush pickup will resume when the salters are removed from the trucks. Reminded residents that PCLP will need to make appointments with residents, please return their calls. Would like Council to review parking situation on Ave K and 7th Street and Hill Street between Ave B and C. Would like to have those designated as “No Parking”.
- Facilities Committee: John Bush Jr.: Broken ceiling tiles have been replaced, signed a quote for the fire house door to be ordered, leak at DPW building addressed. Advised that the building grant application that we submitted would be reviewed by March 16 and we will be advised of the outcome. Recreation concession booth roof was repaired.
- Finance Committee: Dave Clark: Secretary is reporting to Myer & Myer once a week for the purpose of learning the bill paying process/software.
- Planning: Mark Madsen: Ordinance Chapter 105 is being looked at. Meeting next week.
- EPRPD: Chad Stewart read report. Law & leadership is academy July 10 through 14. Department had CPR first aid training.
- Recreation Advisory Board: Jon Maney/Lisa Silvato: Special events are on the agenda. Nothing to report.
- Fire Chief: Tom Long: Report read and on file. CPR class was conducted. Some members are taking certified scuba class. Thanked the Borough for AED. Mentioned they are planning a circus/carnival event. Mr. Maney reminded them to submit a special activities application.
- Emergency Management: Tom Olver: No report, not present.
- Police Commission: Dave Clark and Sean Alessandria: In the meeting last night there was a lengthy discussion regarding recruitment of new officers. There needs to be competitive recruitment strategies, such as paying for schooling and paying a stipend while the candidate is in school. Suggested this would be in exchange for a commitment from the candidate to serve the department for a specified period of time. They are looking at grants to help pay for this. Grants will pay for ¾ of the class and the department would be responsible for paying the other quarter plus a stipend. The class is approximately \$9,000 and takes six months to complete. Mr. Clark noted that Mr. John Dalton shared an article with him, that was published in the Dispatch, entitled “PA has a growing crisis: Recruitment Retention of Police Officers” and stated this is a statewide issue. All departments are having problems with recruitment.
- Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement/Park Manager: Not present
- Sewage: Dave Clark: Nothing to report.
- All other Reports on file:

Police Report X	Recreation X	Police Commission
Planning X	Fire Department X	Municipal Authority
Myer & Meyer Financial Report	Berkheimer EIT Report X	Pike Tax Maintenance Updates X

6. Correspondence:

- Letter from PennDOT regarding Traffic Counting on Municipally Owned Roads
- PA Route 6 Alliance request for letter of support
- Pike County Conservation District RE: Matamoras Gas Line inspection report

- Letter from HRG with a copy of the Transmittal Letter to DRBC for Eastern Pike County Regional Act 537 Plan
- PA Department of Transportation notice of payment of liquid fuels.

8. **Added agenda items:** None

9. **Old Business:**

- Motion to authorize our Solicitor to draft a repeal of Firework Ordinance Section 78-15. **M: Clark/Prey. Discussion ensued. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-003 New Fee Schedule, increasing various existing fees as discussed and adding Property Rental fees. **M: Maney/Prey. Passed 5-1 Mr. Losee opposed.**

10. **New Business:**

- Motion to send a letter of support to PA Route 6 Alliance for the PA Route 6 Façade Program in the Pocono Mountains. **M: Losee/Prey. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to approve Special Activities Event for Pike Autism Support Services Walk for Autism, Saturday April 22, 2023, fee waived conditioned upon receipt of Additional Named Insured endorsement and a copy of their Increased Limit rider. Rain date April 23, 2023. **M: Losee/Prey. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to approve Special Activities: McAteer & Will Estates Easter Extravaganza, Saturday April 1, 2023, rain date Saturday April 8, 2023, fee waived. **M: Clark/Maney. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to approve Special Activities: Eastern Pike Regional Police Department Foundation 3D Archery Shoot, May 21, 2023, fee waived. **M: Prey/Losee. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to authorize the secretary to advertise the Spring Cleanup for May 6, 2023 8:00 am to 2 pm. **M: Clark/Maney.** Discussion ensued; Mr. Prey discussed the quotes received. Fees were not set, similar to last year. **Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to advertise for bids on paving of Borough Streets. **M: Prey/Maney.** Discussion ensued; Mr. Prey listed the streets to be put out to bid. There was thoughtful consideration as to which roads should be paved based on knowledge of upcoming projects that would affect the streets such as sewer and PCLP gas main replacements. **Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to have Borough Engineer review drainage issues on 5th and 4th Street near Ave D for possible remediation. **M: Clark/Maney.** Discussion ensued. **Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to apply for DCNR Grant for Airport Park. **M: Losee/Prey. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to approve "Touch a Truck" event on Saturday April 15, 2023. **M: Prey/Maney. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to authorize secretary to advertise sale of 2004 Chevy Silverado "as is". **M: Prey/Clark. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to authorize secretary to advertise sale of 10ft 6-yard hydraulic Fink spreader box "as is". **M: Prey/Clark.** Discussion ensued. This unit does not fit any of the vehicles we currently have. **Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to authorize secretary to advertise sale of 2004 ODB self-contained leaf collector "as is". **M: Prey/Maney. Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to authorize purchase of new leaf machine with a trailer in the amount of \$11,720.10 from Sawkill Power Equipment. **M: Prey/Maney.** Discussion ensued. Mr. Prey discussed the various quotes he obtained. Council discussed the possibility of sharing equipment, the benefits of purchasing a piece of equipment that is serviceable. **Passed 6-0.**
- Motion to authorize the secretary to advertise a conditional use hearing on April 11, 2023 for 201 Ave C. **M: Losee/Maney. Passed 6-0.**

- o. Mr. Prey requested a motion to amend Chapter 118, section 118-25 Parking prohibited at all times. President Kudrich recommended that this item be tabled. A motion to table was made by Mr. Losee.

11. Public Comment:

James Hall 106 Ave N commented that people put items in the brush piles and this causes the machine to break.

Cory Homer 200 Ave E noted that they were able to secure \$5,000 to \$10,000 worth of equipment from Kittatinny Canoe for dive operations and water rescues. Also commented on the pool of available candidates for police recruitment and noted that creativity will be needed to attract good candidates.

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 by Mr. Losee.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary