

Borough Council Minutes April 11, 2023 7:30 pm

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

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

Public in attendance: approximately 16 members of the public present.

- 1. **President's Remarks**: President Kudrich welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He introduced Yvonne Merrill who is running for Prothonotary. She stated she would be available after the meeting if anyone would like to talk with her.
- 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)

 None
- 4. Unanimous Consent Agenda M: Losee/Clark. All in favor.
 - a. Approval of Minutes March 14, 2023 and March 21, 2023
 - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report –March 2023
 - c. Approval of bills to be paid March 2023
 - d. Approval of reimbursement to the recreation department for invoices paid on behalf of the Wade Trust Fund, copy of expenditures: NONE

5. Reports:

- Mayor: Janet Clark: Nothing to report.
- General Government Committee: Harry Prey: Nothing to report.
- Fire Committee: John Bush Jr.: Not present
- Public Works: Harry Prey: Read DWP report, stated the drainage issue on 4th and 5th report has been received from Kiley and the projected rain garden project is estimated to cost between \$60 to \$75 thousand dollars. \$3,000 \$5,000 is the estimate for the blueprints. Stated that the backhoe is back from being serviced. Brush pickup is resuming. Borough Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 6th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Facilities Committee: John Bush Jr.: Not present. Electric work was performed in the firehouse and the sewer drain has been fixed.

- Finance Committee: Dave Clark: The DPW credit card issue has been resolved. Milford reimbursed the Borough monies owed. Mr. Clark stated that some municipalities have been advertising that they are moving their funds to interest bearing accounts. Mr. Clark and Mr. Myer has been fiscally responsible and have been transferring monies back and forth in interest bearing accounts as a matter of course.
- Planning: Mark Madsen: Planning will be reviewing all ordinances and updating them as needed.
- Recreation Advisory Board: Jon Maney/Lisa Salvato: Mrs. Salvato noted that the official opening of Airport Park is this Saturday April 15th. The workshop for this month is cancelled.
- Eastern Pike Regional Police: Corporal Adams read the monthly report. The department is looking for applicants for the leadership class. It is open to students in 8th to 11th grade. Applications are available on EPRP website. It's a great program and looks great on resumes. \$103,000 grant has been received for RMS upgrade and two in-car cameras, Corporal Adams has completed more CPR and 1st aid training and noted the 3d archery shoot is on May 21st at airport park.
- Fire Chief: Tom Long: Not present
- Emergency Management: Tom Olver: Report on file, not present.
- Police Commission: Dave Clark and Sean Alessandria: The Police Pension Fund has been transferred to Morgan Stanley. The Commission is trying to figure a way to get recruits for the department. The training program is a 6-month program. The commission is considering various recruitment strategies such as providing a stipend to the officers while in training. The next academy is starting in January. They are still short officers and the pool of available candidates is small.
- Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement/Park Manager: There were two zoning permits applications received. The park is opening this weekend. He will be burning the collection of Christmas trees that were collected. 903 Ave N is still a concern. Shawn would like council to consider having the town clean up the property since he is unable to resolve the issue with the bank who holds the note on the property. Mr. Ohliger stated he will speak with Mr. Bolles after the meeting to discuss how to handle this matter.
- Sewage: Dave Clark: No change. The report has been submitted; he doesn't expect to hear anything more until the end of the year.
- All other Reports on file:

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

- 6. **Correspondence**: On file:
- Workforce Development Agency RE: Summer Youth Program
- US Census Bureau Release
- Tour of Honor Veterans Park
- Autism Walk postponed
- PennDOT RE Winter Service feedback survey
- Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau-Beautification grant approved. We will be ordering 40 commercial grade flags and brackets for the Ave, purchasing commercial grade garbage cans for

the Ave and 10 planter boxes. This was a matching grant, there is money in the budget put aside for this.

• Letter of interest from Hector Fernandez to join the Planning Commission

8. Added agenda items: None

9. Old Business:

- a. Motion to send Chapter 118 §118-25 Parking to the Planning Commission. M: Maney/Prey. All in favor.
- **b.** Motion to advertise the spring cleanup on May 6 from 9 am to 2 pm. **M: Prey/Maney.** Discussion ensued regarding pricing. No change to pricing from last year. **All in favor.**

10. New Business:

- a. Motion to reject the bid on the 2006 Chevy Silverado from Municibid. **M: Prey/Alessandria.**Discussion ensued. This was advertised in the paper requesting sealed bids. There is one sealed bid that has been received. Municibid publishes the bids received, the bid offer was \$2,800. We would be violating the terms of the advertisement published in the paper if we accepted the Municibid. **All in favor.**
- b. Motion to accept the sealed bid received from Paul Curran for the 2006 Chevy Silverado in the amount of \$3,100. M: Clark/Prey. All in favor.
- Motion to accept the Municibid offer of \$8,000 for the 2004 OBD Leaf Collector. M:
 Prey/Clark. There were no sealed bids submitted, therefore we are able to accept this bid. All in favor.
- d. Street paving bids were opened by President Kudrich. There were two bids submitted. Heidelberg Materials Northeast, LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$192,867.30 and Wayco Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$177,451.24. Mr. Prey listed the proposed streets. Mr. Maney pointed out that last year Council gave him a "wrath of crap" for strongly objecting and rejecting the proposed bids due to the outrageous pricing. Motion to accept the bid from Wayo Inc. in the amount of \$177,451.24. M: Losee/Clark. Mr. Ohliger reviewed the contracts. All in favor.
- e. Motion to advertise repeal of Fireworks Ordinance 252 §78-15. M: Losee/Alessandra. Discussion ensued, we need to repeal §78-15 and we will follow the PA State guidelines known as Pennsylvania Act 74 of 2022, P.L. 762. All in favor.
- f. Motion to approve Workforce Development summer youth program. M: Clark/Maney. All in favor.
- **g.** Motion to nominate Hector "Danny" Hernandez to the Planning Commission. **M: Losee/Maney.** This fills all openings on the Planning Commission. **All in favor.**
- h. Motion to approve "Movie Night" at airport park on Friday August 25th at 8pm. M: Maney/Prev. All in favor.
- i. Motion to authorize Kiley to draw bid specs to design a rain garden to alleviate the drainage issues between 4th and 5th Street and Ave C and D. M: Prey/Clark. Blueprint estimated cost is expected to be between \$4,000 \$5,000. All in favor.

11. Public Comment:

• Robert Roby of 107 Pennsylvania Ave made a statement to the Council that he is suing the Borough over a land development and use issue on PA Ave. His lawsuit is moving through the County Court and he is appealing the judge's decision and bringing it to Harrisburg court. If the

- project that he objects to goes on, he would like the fence installed and water retention barriers put in place. He thanked Council for their time.
- Shawn Bolles stated that at the last meeting there was a concern brought up regarding the sidewalk on Ave K. He measured the sidewalk in multiple places and it is in compliance. He also verified that the fence is on the property line and is also in compliance with Borough Codes.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 by Mr. Maney.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Brown Borough Secretary