



Borough Council Minutes

August 8, 2023

7:30 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag and Roll Call 7:34 p.m.

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P	Mr. Kowinski Fire Department	A
Mr. Dave Clark Vice President	P	Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P	Mr. Greg Myer Treasurer	P	Assistant Chief Stewart EPRPD	A
Mr. Dayne Losee Councilman	P	Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	P	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Recreation	A
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

Public in attendance: approximately 15 members of the public present.

- President's Remarks.** Councilman Harry Prey suffered the tragic loss of his son. A moment of silence was held for Austin Prey.

Noted the splash pad is out of service, the street paving project has started, refuse containers and planters for the Avenue have been received. Betty Riggs was recognized by the Board of Elections for 50 consecutive years of voting. Kelly Johnson of the Heart of Matamoras was invited to speak. She stated that on October 19th the Heart of Matamoras would be holding a Photo Exhibit/Auction. All entries must be from the 18336-zip code. Proceeds will be put towards future events sponsored by the Heart of Matamoras. She asked Council if they would like copies of the auctioned pieces to display around town buildings. Council was stated that they would.

- Added Motion(s):**

Add to the agenda a Motion to issue a Borough Tax Refund to Kelly and Steve Weber in the amount of \$1,693.78. **Motion to add: Clark/Alessandria. All in favor.**

- Public Comment** (When recognized by the president, per Borough Code, state your name and address for the minutes)
 - Dimitry Roby 105 Pennsylvania Avenue: Inquired if the existing building located at 111 Pennsylvania Ave was coming down, if so, it will then be new construction and becomes a nonconforming use. Also commented on the liquor permit. Noted he is officially an intervener for the hearing with the PA Liquor Authority about the liquor license request at 111 PA Ave and because of this he needs to know if the building is scheduled to be demolished. Also noted that he could not get an answer from our Building Inspector on this matter.
 - Pete Sigreto 602 Ave N: Read in the paper that the Borough is applying for a grant for sidewalks to the school. He noted that over the years he has observed that the children use 6th Street to get to school and that there will be a need for more trees to be removed on 7th than 6th. He would like Council to take this under consideration.
 - Betty Riggs 700 PA Ave shared upcoming events such as Sunday the 13th of August the Historical Society will have a meeting at 2pm. Sept 9th and 10th there will be an historical exhibit in the Annex and on September 11th Veterans Park will be holding their annual candlelight vigil at 6 pm.

- Unanimous Consent Agenda M: Prey/Clark. All in favor.**

a. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2023

- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report –July 2023-with a correction to be made on incorrect coding applied to the purchase of the lawn mower.
- c. Approval of bills to be paid – July 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: The Matamoras/Westfall Historical Society will be putting on a display September 9th and 10th. There will be quizzes and prizes.
- General Government Committee: Harry Prey: Shawn Bolles is working on violations ranging from illegal burning, work being performed prior to obtaining permits and chickens running around the town.
- Fire Committee: John Bush Jr/Sean Alessandra: Mr. Bush noted the he gave the Fire Department an insurance check that has been received and the fire truck may need to be brought to Lancaster for repairs, he will keep everyone posted. He spoke about installing a ductless air/heat unit. Hose testing needs to be done on the fire trucks. Tires need inspected on the truck; they may need replacement.
- Public Works: Harry Prey: Read DPW report. Right-a-ways are being cut back. Paving has started. Bob Howard is spearheading the project; he noted that catch basins are outdated. Keep this in mind for the next paving project. Brush pickup is ongoing.
- Facilities Committee: John Bush Jr.: Stated the Firehouse Hall emergency door is broken. He is obtaining quotes.
- Finance Committee: Dave Clark: Noted he initiated the refund for the Kelly and Steve Weber. They paid a total of \$2527.47 in taxes, of which \$1,693.78 is due from the Borough and the remaining balance is due from the County. At next month's council meeting all Council members will their budget worksheets and will have two weeks to complete them.
- Planning Mark Madsen: August 22 Peter Wulforst will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation to on responsibilities of the Planning Committee. Mr. Madsen invited Council and the public to attend.
- Recreation Advisory Board: Jon Maney/Lisa Salvato: Nothing to report
- Eastern Pike Regional Police: Report is on file, read by Dave Clark. Still working on repairing the servers and other equipment affected by the lighting strike.
- Fire Chief: Tom Long: Not present. Dave Clark noted he has their budget report, a copy was given to Sean Alessandra.
- Emergency Management: Tom Olver: Report on file, read by Eric Kudrich. Noted the recent power outage and loss of internet. Reminded all everyone that Matamoras Radio Station1630AM is available in case of an emergency.
- Police Commission: Dave Clark and Sean Alessandra: Nothing new to report. Joint meeting is September 18, 2023 in the Borough Annex at 7pm.
- Code Enforcement/Park Manager: Shawn Bolles: 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 X
Myer & Meyer Financial Report X	Berkheimer EIT Report X	Pike Tax Maintenance Updates X

6. Correspondence: On file:

- Tour of Honor statistics
- Request from Kelli Johnson to join the Planning Committee

- Pike County Tax Refund of Current Taxes – Veteran’s Exemption - Richard & Kelley Weber
- Testing Results 608 Pennsylvania Ave - Citgo Station
- Violation Closure Letter from the DEP regarding 608 PA Ave
- Open invitation to join the Planning Commission for a workshop meeting on August 22nd at 6 pm to learn about what is involved with being on a Planning Commission. Presented by Peter Wulforth, Economic & Community Development Extension Educator.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

- Motion to enact Ordinance 2023-005 amending §67-1 removal of “construction wastes” and §67-2 establishment of a weight limit of 50 lbs. for containers. **M: Losee/Prey. All in favor.**
- Motion to enact Ordinance 2023-006 amendment to §105 (24-33) an ordinance regulating excavating, openings and repairs in all streets. **M: Losee/Prey. All in favor.**
- Motion to enact Ordinance 2023-007 amendment to §118-25 correcting parking restrictions on Avenue S from “North” to “East” and adding parking restrictions to the entire length of Matamoras Street and Hill Street; amending §118-26 by correcting parking restrictions on Seventh Street from “East” to “South”. **M: Prey/Alessandra. 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed.**
- Motion to issue a Borough Tax Refund to Kelly and Steve Weber for \$1,693.78. Noted that Borough Council is effectuating what was granted at the County level. **M: Losee/Alessandra. All in favor.**
- Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. **M: Alessandra/Prey. All in favor.**
Executive Session: 8:17 to 8:45.
 Motion to terminate Kevin Thompson effective immediately. **M: Prey/Clark. All in favor.**
 Motion to hire part time employee Thomas Van Dunk at a rate of \$17 per hour effective 8/8/2023. **M: Prey/Clark. All in favor.**

9. Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm. **M: Losee/Alessandra**

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary