



Borough Council Minutes

April 9, 2024

7:30 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag. 7:33

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P	Chief Todd Kowinsky Fire Department	P
Mr. Mark Madsen Vice President	P	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Councilwoman	P	Mr. Scott Myer Treasurer	A	Sgt Zegarski Eastern Pike Regional Police	P
Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	P	Mr. Cory Homer Mayor	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	P	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office/Park Mgr	A
Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P	Ms. Shannon O'Leary Junior Council	E	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A		
Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Mr. Nathaniel Carso Junior Council	E				

Public in attendance: approximately 10 members of the public were present.

**President's Remarks:**

Welcomed Jeffery Olsommer and Robin Skibber, candidates for the State House seat in the 139<sup>th</sup> District; both candidates gave a brief statement of who they were and why they were running and seeking support. They noted they would be available after the meeting for any questions from the audience.

President Kudrich noted that the Easter Events were well attended.

President Kudrich read a proclamation dedicated to Jane Drake and designated April 13, 2024 Jane M. Drake Day. This day coincides with the opening of the park.

President Kudrich announced council positions as follows: *General Government*: Mark Madsen and Harry Prey; *Fire Committee*: Sean Alessandra and Lisa Salvato; *Public Works*: Harry Prey and Jon Many; *Facilities*: John Bush Jr and Mark Madsen; *Finance*: Lisa Salvato and John Bush Jr.; *Recreation*: Jon Maney and Sean Alessandra;

**Added Motion(s): None**

**Public Comment** (When recognized by the president, per Borough Code, state your name and address for the minutes)

Dimitry Roby 105 Pennsylvania noted upcoming legal dates of interest; stated he wrote President Kudrich a letter 5 weeks ago and followed up with a second letter requesting to be put on the agenda. He stated his tax card was outdated and he went to Pike County to have it updated. Claims his building has been nothing but residential, 3 units, since the mid-70's. This would have been 10-15 years prior to zoning enforcement. He stated Pike County made the change and then a borough employee opposed the change. He stated that only the council could make such a decision, not an employee. He then handed all members of the Council a letter he had written. President Kudrich responded to Mr. Roby noting that he looked into this issue. Discussion ensued. President Kudrich stated that he was not being treated any differently than any other resident would be treated. President Kudrich said he would continue to look into his claim.

**Unanimous Consent Agenda M: Alessandra/Madsen. All in favor.**

- Approval of Minutes –Council meeting March 2024
- Approval of Treasurer's Report – March 2024
- Approval of bills to be paid – March 2024

- Approval of reimbursement to the recreation department for invoices paid on behalf of the Wade Trust Fund, copy of expenditures: March 2024

**Reports:**

- Mayor Cory Homer: Thanked the candidates for coming tonight, noting the importance of the upcoming election to the residents. Mayor Homer met with Senator Casey’s office regarding a grant for the Borough Hall renovation project if the LSA grant is not awarded and Senator Cartwright’s office regarding a grant for a new exhaust system and bay floors for the fire departments. He also noted the many events attended, upcoming events and noted the businesses of the month. His full report is on file.
- Government Committee: Mark Madsen/Harry Prey: The employee handbook has been finalized, coming up in old business and Mr. Madsen has been attending sewage meetings.
- Fire Committee: Sean Alessandra/Lisa Salvato: Nothing to report.
- Public Works: Harry Prey/Jon Maney: Read the DPW report; the past week or so they have been helping get the park ready, repairing pot holes and placed crosswalk signs on the Avenue. Announced that the brush schedule will be changing from pickup every week to every other week.
- Facilities Committee: John Bush Jr./Mark Madsen: Heater repair in the fire hall has been completed. Borough locks will be replaced in various buildings and he requested a list of who will require keys.
- Finance Committee Lisa Salvato/Scott Myer/John Bush Jr.: Noted that there will be an inspection of the foliage on the river as it pertains to ice jams on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning Committee Eddie Addison: Not present.
- Recreation: Jon Maney/Sean Alessandria: Nothing to report.
- Eastern Pike Regional Police: Sgt Zegarski: Read the report. Full-time and part-time positions are available, investigating mischief complaints and arrests are imminent. Thanks to the residents for reporting and sharing camera footage.
- Recreation Advisory Board: Angela Clark: Announced Touch-a-Truck will be held from noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Fire Chief: Todd Kowinsky: Super Bingo will be held on April 21, the fire dept is selling Mets and Yankee tickets for June 26th (4 seats), 7 members of the Jr Fire Dept will be participating in 2 training days on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Drivers have been certified and the department will continue to certify their members on an annual basis. May 18 the Fire Department will be having an open house from 10 am- 4 pm
- Emergency Management: Tom Olver: Not Present
- Police Commission: Dave Clark and Sean Alessandra: Nothing to report.
- Sewage: Eric reported on the meeting he attended yesterday with Mark Madsen.
- Code Enforcement/Recreation Shawn Bolles: Not present.
- Tax Collector: Amy Turner: Running smoothly, less than two weeks left for the 2% discount. Borough office hours are held Wednesdays from 4-7 pm and noted taxes can be mailed or placed in the lockbox at 205 Ave N.
- Junior Council: Shannon O’Leary & Nathaniel Carso: Excused.
- All other Reports on file:

Police Report X	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

**Correspondence:** On file.

- PA Department of Transportation Notice of payment of Liquid Fuels
- Pike County Commissions dated RE approval of 2024 EMS Matching Grant
- Pike Planning comment RE §124-17 Sign Regulations

- Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Audit

**Old Business:**

Motion to re-open the hearing on Ordinances 2024-\_\_\_ §124-17 Sign regulations and Ordinance 2024- \_\_\_ §124-18 Off-street parking **M: Alessandra/Maney. All in favor.**

Motion to adjourn the hearing on both Ordinances until next month. **M: Alessandra/Maney. All in favor.**

Motion to close the hearing. **M: Madsen/Prey. All in favor.**

**New Business:**

- a) Motion to adopt Matamoras Volunteer Fire Department Sublet Addendum. **M: Madsen/Alessandria. All in favor.**
- b) Motion to approve revisions to the Employee Handbook. **M: Prey/Maney. All in favor.**
- c) Motion to authorize the secretary to order 3 30-yard dumpsters and 1 30-yard dumpster for metal collection from Gotta go Dumpsters for the annual spring cleanup on May 11, 2024. **M: Prey/Alessandra. All in favor.**
- d) Motion to approve Delaware Valley Middle School to hang sponsor signs on field B, donations to benefit DVMS. **M: Salvato/Alessandra. All in favor.**
- e) Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel discussions. **M: Maney/Madsen. All in favor.**

**8:21 pm – 8:30 pm**

Motion to hire part-time office assistant Kelly Arias at a rate of \$17.50 per hour. **M: Maney/Madsen. All in favor.**

**Public Comment:** None

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Madsen at 8:33 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown  
Borough Secretary