



Borough Council Minutes  
 May 14, 2024  
 7:30 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag. 7:30

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	Asst Chief Stewart Eastern Pike Regional Police	P
Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	P	Mr. Cory Homer Mayor	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	A	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office/Park Mgr	A
Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	A	Ms. Shannon O'Leary Junior Council	P	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A		
Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	L (7:35)	Mr. Nathaniel Carso Junior Council	P				

Mayor Cory Homer swore in Junior Councilmembers Nat Carso and Shannon O'Leary.  
 Public in attendance: approximately 17 members of the public were present.

**President's Remarks:**

Spring cleanup was well attended, the borough will begin to reclaim alleyways, flowers on PA Avenue will be planted this week and the borough has applied for a grant for 4 new flower pots and 4 trash receptacles. May 31<sup>st</sup> the grants will be awarded.

**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 Ave appeared at the meeting and voiced his concerns regarding tax cards and it being a Council decision on what is shown on the card. He then threatened the Council with the possibility of impending depositions, lawsuits and criminal charges if his building is not determined to be a residence.

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

- Approval of Minutes –Council meeting April 2024
- Approval of Treasurer's Report – April 2024
- Approval of bills to be paid – April 2024
- Approval of reimbursement to the recreation department for invoices paid on behalf of the Wade Trust Fund, copy of expenditures: April 2024

**Reports:**

- Mayor Cory Homer: Welcomed Shannon and Nat; noted he had the pleasure to throw the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch for DVSYL with his daughter; Bill Scheurer donated his time and skills cleaning up the property of a local senior resident, great to see community support; attended Jane Drake Day, along with other Council members at Vets Pavilion, it was great to hear everyone sharing stories of all the wonderful things she has done in for the community; presented Gary Babb with a certificate celebrating 50 years of service to the Matamoras Volunteer Fire Department.
- Government Committee: Mark Madsen/Harry Prey: Shawn Bolles is working remotely for the next 5 or 6 weeks.

- Fire Committee: Sean Alessandra/Lisa Salvato: Fire Department open house this weekend, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Works: Harry Prey/Jon Maney: Brush is every other week on Wednesday. The schedule is posted on matamorasborough.com; Precision Pipeline was contacted to fix a reported sinkhole on Ave I; cleanup day was a success.
- Facilities Committee: John Bush Jr./Mark Madsen: Nothing to report
- Finance Committee: Lisa Salvato/Scott Myer/John Bush Jr.: Lisa Salvato reported that Scott Myer assisted her in getting the contract for Raney& Raney in order to start the annual audit process.
- Planning Committee: Eddie Addison: Thanked Shannon and Nat. Planning has been quiet. Encouraged residents to attend the meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.
- Recreation: Jon Maney/Sean Alessandria: The walking trail is 75% complete, Bob Howard completed work on the river entrance, the basketball courts will be paved soon and the batting cage is also near completion.
- Eastern Pike Regional Police: On patrol; Sean Alessandria reminded all about the Law and Leadership Academy July 15-19 for high school students. Mr. Doty resigned from the Police Commission; Bill Nealis was voted on to act as Chairman until Westfall appoints a new Supervisor.
- Recreation Advisory Board: Angela Clark: Touch-a-Truck was well attended, despite the weather; going forward they will schedule the event for May. This Saturday, at 8:30 pm, they will be sponsoring a movie night at the park.
- Fire Chief: Todd Kowinsky: On May 18 the Fire Department will be having an open house; the Fire Department is selling raffle tickets for the Mets/Yankee game. Jr. Firefighters attended intense training last weekend and the instructors gave them a positive review. Mr. Kowinsky assured everyone that the junior members are well taken care of. They are not permitted to respond to local residences that are known to be dangerous. The high school and fire department are going to conduct a mass casualty training scenario. The fire department will be used as a staging area for children/buses in the event of an incident.
- Emergency Management: Tom Olver: Not Present, but submitted a report
- Police Commission: Dave Clark and Sean Alessandra: Nothing to report.
- Sewage: Mark Madsen reported they are waiting for Milford Township to run tests on some lots and to determine if they will be a part of the project or if the lines will just run through Milford Township. A report must be ready for their next meeting.
- 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: Both members introduced themselves and thanked the Council for this opportunity.
- 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

**Correspondence:** On file.

- John Bell, Port Jervis HS Superintendent – Graduation request of balloons on the Ave June 28<sup>th</sup>
- Ursula Stadler- Hazardous tree on I & 7<sup>th</sup>
- Tom Olver, EMA Director-Network security and email attachment reminder
- Unsigned- Letter expressing concern about 507 PA Ave
- Rainey & Rainey services for year ended December 2023
- PA Dept of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside rejection of “Safe Routes to Schools” grant application

- Pike County Tax Claim Bureau notice of Judicial Sale
- Pike Planning Mike Mrozinski – Sawkill Bridge Reconstruction May 29-January 15, 2024
- John Hellman, Dingman Township resident - proclamation request LGBTQ, Pride Month
- EMA response to borough-owned EMA poles at 10 Ave I
- O&R notice of bridge work
- Sequoia Tree estimate
- James Campistrous & Robert Keeney, Milford resident: Letter of support for Pride Month
- Pamela Sottolano, Dingmans Ferry resident: Letter of support for Pride Month
- Lisa Miller, Pike County resident: Letter of support for Pride Month

**Old Business:**

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

Mr. Ohliger reminded council and the public that §124-17 Sign Regulation pertains to the adoption of Section O; Mr. Ohliger read the new proposed section to the public. He also stated that upon County Planning review of the Sign Regulation, they made a comment regarding the Schedule of Development Standards. Pike Planning suggested adding a Front Yard setback that makes it clear what the setback is as it relates to signs. This comment requires an amendment to the Development of Standards.

Mr. Ohliger proceeded to advise Council on how to continue and move forward with the hearing. He then asked Council if they had any questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Ohliger then asked the same from the public. Joette Leblanc questioned what the ordinance was? Mr. Ohliger stated it's an existing ordinance regulating signs and then reread the addition.

- b) Motion to adjourn the hearing as it relates to §124-18 Off-street parking until the June meeting. **M: Prey/Madsen. All in favor.**
- c) Motion to close the hearing as it relates to §124-17. **M: Prey/Alessandria. All in favor.**
- d) Motion to approve amendment to Ordinance 2024-\_\_\_ §124-17 Sign regulations and Ordinance. **M: Prey/Alessandria. All in favor.**
- e) Motion to send the comments from County Planning regarding the Schedule of Development Standards to the Planning Commission for further review. **M: Prey/Maney. All in favor.**

**New Business:**

- a) Motion to approve Rainey and Rainey contract for auditing services for year 2023. **M: Maney/Alessandria. All in favor.**
- b) Brush dump chipping proposal. Mr. Prey explained the joint compost pile in Westfall has grown substantially. Mr. Prey received two quotes. One for \$18,000, which Keith Rodriguez from Westfall DPW said they would split with us. The second quote was \$5,950 per day based on a 7-day work week, roughly \$41,000. Mr. Prey would like Council to consider making a motion split the cost of the first quote with Westfall. Also, Mr. Prey would like Council to consider having the access area monitored, splitting the cost with Westfall, as it was done in the past. Mr. Madsen requested this be put off until next month so finance has an opportunity to review. Mr. Maney suggested that Council sit with Westfall to discuss.

- c) Motion to approve the expenditure of \$6850 for the removal of five trees and inspection of the walnut tree on I & 7<sup>th</sup> as listed on the Sequoia Tree bid upon receipt of the inspection report on the walnut tree on I and 7<sup>th</sup>. **M: Maney/Salvato. All in favor.**
- d) Motion to table LGBTQ Proclamation. **M: Maney/Prey. 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.**
- e) Motion to approve special events application for EPRP Foundation 3D Archery Shoot May 19, 2024, fee waived. **M: Maney/Prey. All in favor.**

**Public Comment:**

Dimitry Roby 105 Pennsylvania Ave: Commented that an unsigned letter was included in correspondence. Mr. Kudrich noted it was an oversight.

Eddie Addison 213 Ave B addressed Mr. Prey: Mr. Addison questioned the % of brush that is generated by Matamoras and % of we are considering paying. Are they equal? Mr. Prey explained the borough produces a lot of brush with no way for residents to dispose of it. It was noted that Westfall has other means of disposal.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Madsen at 8:27 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown  
Borough Secretary