

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 200 Main Street. Gary Bopp, President of Council presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carl Slough Sr.	Gary Bopp
Delton Kreiser	Zachary Smeltz
Mike Tiazkun	

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Judith Musick, Treasurer
Carl Slough Jr., Mayor
Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Dale Musick, Citizen
Shane Ressler, Citizen
Sue Matter, Citizen
Angela Bixler, PFAC
Terry Sherman, Fire Chief
Stanley Engle, Citizen
BL Witmer, Citizen
Raelene Gabriel, Glace Associates
Nathan Pandal, Public Works
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the minutes from the July 18, 2016 monthly Council meeting were approved.

CITIZENS:

At this time Angela Bixler was present to update the community on how successful the first round went with the TNR program. Ang reported 40 cats were brought to the clinic. Ang said the basement of the Wiconisco Township building is where the cats are held

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prior and directly after they are returned from the clinic until they are ready to be returned to the location they were trapped at. Ang said several cats have already been given to good homes while a few are in foster care. There was \$825.00 raised through the whoopie pie fundraiser, \$733.00 through donations and \$344.00 was raised through a bake sale that took place at Wal-Mart. There will be another fundraiser planned to help keep the Borough's cost down. There were 46 traps purchased with some of the funds that were donated. Ang said there were 40 cats trapped, some were lactating, 2 pregnancy's were aborted and 5 out of the 40 were sick. There were 8 skunks trapped which were relocated to on top of the mountain, and one possum. Ang informed everyone the next two clinics will be on August 25th and September 14th.

At this time Shane Ressler Jr. addressed Council. Shane asked permission to organize and host a free community movie in the park night. Shane said he would like to use the gazebo, park and the restrooms as well as the electric located on the gazebo to hold the event. The event would be held on October 1st. There is no rain date it's a once and done deal. There will be free hotdogs, drinks and a bag of chips provided. A pop corn machine will be available and possibly a cotton candy machine.

The event will begin at 5:00 P.M. and the movie starts at dusk, no movie is currently selected however the movie will be family oriented and possibly be a Pixar or Disney movie. Prior to the movie starting there will be other groups and organizations present such as, Paws for a Cause, Lykens Fire Co, and Lykens United Methodist Church with face painting.

Mayor Slough Jr. will talk to the Police Department to make sure someone will be available to ensure the safety of everyone is taken care of.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission was given to Shane Ressler Jr. to hold his community movie in the park event.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A written report was submitted by Secretary Jeanette M. Crabb.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Halloween Parade was set for Tuesday October 25, 2016 with a rain date on Wednesday October 26, 2016.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz, Trick or Treat was set for Monday October 31, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz the Secretary's Report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT

The minutes from the July 13th monthly meeting were given to Council.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A written report was submitted by Mayor Carl Slough Jr.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the Mayor and Police Reports were accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

A meeting has been set up for September 12th at 7:00 P.M. with the Authority Board to discuss salaries for the 2017 budget.

A budget meeting was set up for Tuesday September 20th beginning at 6:00 P.M.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Nathan Pandal reported the little dump truck will need tires.

Nathan also reported the week of August 29th the road project will take place, signs will be posted and the school will be notified.

Nathan said he is not sure when the work on Spruce Street will be completed by Drum Excavating.

Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Zachary Smeltz the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORTS

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There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

INSURANCE AND PENSION REPORTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

SALARIES AND BILLS

A written report was submitted by Treasurer Judith Musick.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. permission to pay the bills listed below was given as well as the Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

1. Glace Associates in the amount of \$523.50 for inlet piping at Main Street through Penn Dot.
2. Glace Associates in the amount of \$5,198.71 for Rattling Creek - flood related repairs.
3. Glace Associates in the amount of \$816.50 for issues related to the Glen.
4. Glace Associates in the amount of \$708.75 for issues related to the parking lot on Main Street with Home Leasing.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. C.O. #2 was accepted to upgrade geogrid under R-7 riprap due to deletion of aggregate under R-7 riprap. Approximately 1,500 s.y. @ \$3.99 = \$4,500.00.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz, C.O. #3 was accepted for removal and disposal of 34 additional trees due to riprap encroachment, including stump removal and filling, grading, topsoil and seeding. 34 trees @ \$500.00 = \$17,000.00.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun, C.O. #4 was accepted contingent on approval from DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers for the extension of the retaining wall, extending the wall 112 linear feet including scour wall, concrete block wall, drain pipe, geotextile fabric, aggregate and

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related work. This change will be paid on actual quantities installed at bit unit prices at an approximate cost of \$109,036.00.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin reported the deed was received for 645 & 647 Main Street in which demolition of the two properties has already taken place.

Solicitor Kerwin explained that Greg Underkoffler is looking for a release agreement in connection with the work that is taking place along the bank of his property for the flood related repairs to Rattling Creek.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun approval was given for a release agreement to be signed with Greg Underkoffler in connection with the work related to Rattling Creek.

President of Council Gary Bopp asked Solicitor Kerwin to look into an Ordinance to regulate the feeding of animals to be permitted on your own property unless permission is given from the owner of another location.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

ENGINEERS REPORT

A written report was submitted by Max Stoner from Glace Associates.

At this time Raelene Gabriel, Glace Associates addressed Council. Raelene went over most of the report submitted with highlights to the following areas.

1. Rattling Creek work is on schedule and the scour hole upstream has been repaired.
2. Reservoir work is completed and looks good.
3. Raelene explained at this time the issues regarding the cleaning out of the old swimming pool area at the Glen. Raelene reported Glace is diligently trying to obtain permits in days when the process takes months. Raelene said everyone feels misled and is still having trouble understanding why only a portion is being cleaned out and not the entire area, Raelene further explained that cleaning upstream of the dam in Lykens Glen Park was not completely covered under the County financed flood project. On October 22, 2015 the County received the GP-11 permit necessary to do this work. The Army Corps of Engineers signed off on the project permits and county portion of the work should proceed shortly as their permit has a similar condition to be complete and out of Rattling Creek by September 30th. A major issue was discovered several weeks ago when the County's contractor, Lycoming Supply, indicated that their contract only covered the upstream portion

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of the swimming area. Glace immediately contacted DEP, the Fish and Boat Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Borough is in a tough situation as the County permit cannot be modified. A new permit may not be able to be issued prior to the September 30th deadline for working in Rattling Creek. The County's contractor plans to start this week. He is mainly to remove enough material from the swimming area to fill in the large scour hole near the ball field. They plan to be working for about 2 to 3 weeks. Hopefully the Corps of Engineers will issue some type of expedited permit so the Borough can use Lycoming's access to the swimming area to save money. Glace will let us know as soon as any new developments take place.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Engineer's Report was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun at 7:50 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary

OPEN ITEMS:

1. L&W Little Tigers - (pumping fees)
2. Angie Bixler - TNR project (final clinic 9/14/16)
3. Glen Park/Pool Area- (waiting on permits)