

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, June 20, 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
Zachary Smeltz	Delton Kreiser
Mike Tiazkun	

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Judith Musick, Treasurer
Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Robert Schreffler, Authority Chairman
Robert Rickert, WWTP Employee
Dwain Messersmith, Citizen
Janelle Messersmith, Citizen
Terry Sherman, Fire Chief
Nathan Pental, Public Works
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz the minutes from the May 16, 2016 monthly Council meeting were approved.

* At this time 7:05 P.M. the bid opening for the 2016 Road Project commenced. There were 2 bids submitted.

1. Meckey's Limestone Products, Inc. in the amount \$57,175.40.
2. New Enterprise Stone, Inc. in the amount of \$55,270.50.

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Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the bid was awarded to New Enterprise Stone, Inc in the amount of \$55,270.50.

CITIZENS:

At this time Chairman of the Authority Board, Robert Schreffler asked the Council to consider placing the Authority as first priority for the upcoming grant application process. Mr. Schreffler explained the Authority needs to replace three (3) filters at the water plant which are expected to cost around \$375,000.00.

At this time Terry Sherman, Fire Chief of Liberty Hose Co. #2 addressed council. Terry asked the council to consider giving Liberty Hose Co. #2 priority. Terry said any priority will help. Terry explained that Liberty Hose Co. #2 intends to apply for funding to help reduce the debt from the most recent truck repairs that were mostly but not completely funded through grants.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

There are no minutes this month due to the Authority not having their May monthly meeting.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Two (2) quotes were submitted for demolition of the two properties located on Main Street. The properties are located at 645 & 647 Main Street, Lykens.

1. Richard Raker in the amount of \$14,000.00.
2. A.R. Popple in the amount of \$6,800.00.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the quote was awarded to A.R. Popple in the amount of \$6,800.00.

There was one (1) quote submitted for the Spruce Street culvert project.

1. Drum Excavating in the amount of \$15,367.00 with the possibility of an additional cost of \$4,860.00 for curbing if needed. This cost includes the price of two (2) inlets.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the quote was awarded to Drum Excavating.

At this time Councilman Zachary Smeltz asked who is checking properties around town for weeds and grass? Zachary said he feels like the ball was dropped when our employee spent 8 hours weed whacking a property.

Patricia Barder stated she has been checking properties since May. Patricia said what does council want to do with all the properties that have high weeds, tag them all?

Council instructed Patricia to tag them all, follow the process.

Councilman Delton Kreiser said he received a complaint regarding a pool with frogs and stale water in it located at 343 South 2nd Street. Delton asked what are we doing to address the issue? Patricia said Chief Boyer is addressing the issue. Councilman Mike Tiazkun asked if Chief Boyer is writing citations.

Councilman Delton Kreiser said it was brought to his attention that someone at 329 South 2nd Street is burning plastic in an outdoor burner. Terry Sherman said he knows Chief Boyer is aware of the situation at that location. Terry said he has a few suggestions and would like to see the burning Ordinance changed or modified.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORTS

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Councilman Delton Kreiser at this time informed everyone that he had a chance to speak with John Coles regarding the expenses for the L&W Little Tigers.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz, Council agreed to split the December thru July bills with Wiconisco Township for the security lights and the Little Tigers will pay Wiconisco Township \$1,000.00 up front and the remaining balance at the end of the season for August thru November expenses at the L & W field.

Councilman Delton Kreiser will check with John Coles on how the \$317.00 for the pumping of the holding tank is billed.

Solicitor Kerwin will write up a simple agreement.

Bonnie Krepich asked when the GAR Hall is expected to have the new roof put on. Nathan Pental said Zook is expected to start the work by the end of June or beginning of July.

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

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

1. Trent Williard in the amount of \$3,500.00 for emergency tree removal work at 651 North Street as well as removal of dead trees along the creek bank. Proof of insurance will be required before releasing a check to Mr. Williard.

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2. Glace Associates in the amount of \$3,431.22 for the Rattling Creek Project.

3. Glace Associates in the amount of \$119.75 for Wiconisco Creek Storm water Improvements.

4. A.R. Popple in the amount of \$23,760.00 payment #2 for flood related repairs along Rattling Creek.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun, any employee who works over 40 hours per week while working on the Rattling Creek project will be paid over time.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Zachary Smeltz a change order for A.R. Popple to complete the maintenance portion of the Rattling Creek project in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid from the Borough's general fund was given. This amount is not covered under FEMA/PEMA grant due to it is considered routine maintenance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin at this time went over a few items. Solicitor Kerwin said he expects to have the houses on Main Street resolved and in the Borough's name possibly by the end of the week. The Borough will be able to move forward with demo once everything is resolved.

Solicitor Kerwin reported he is working on the Resolution for James Street.

Solicitor Kerwin advised there is an unnamed/undetermined alleyway between Machamer Ave. and RT 209 in which the only interest the Borough has is a water main running through that area. The Borough has no other interest in the roadway.

AT THIS TIME 7:55 P.M. AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FOR PERSONNEL ISSUES.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Delton Kreiser a change to zoning was approved. A property owner will be required to meet set back requirements when building or expanding but may utilize their entire lot as long as setback requirements are met.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Authority was given 1st priority for the 2016-2017 Grant application and Liberty Hose Co. #2 was given #2 priority.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Gary Bopp and seconded by Zachary Smeltz at 8:30 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary

OPEN ITEMS:

1. L&W Little Tigers pumping fees.
2. 343 S. 2nd Street - Pool