

BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, November 16, 2015 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
Carole Wertz	Mike Tiazkun
Zachary Smeltz	

ALSO PRESENT:

Joe Kerwin, Solicitor
Judith Musick, Treasurer
Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Dale Musick, Citizen
Robert Schreffler, Authority Chairman
Nathan Pandal, Public Works Worker
Brian Witmer, Citizen
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the minutes from the October 19, 2015 monthly Council meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: N/A

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 Carole Wertz permission to advertise the 2016 monthly meetings for the 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M. as well as the 2016 Reorganization meeting was given. A list of the 2016 employee paid holidays was included with Council's packets.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Carole Wertz, the 2016 Borough fee schedule was adopted. There will be an increase in the non UCC building permit fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per each \$1,000 in assessed value of work.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz 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

Council received the minutes from the October 14, 2015 Authority monthly meeting.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission was given to advertise an open seat on the Authority board effective January 1, 2016. Council agreed that moving forward to avoid complaints from the community all vacancies will be advertised.

Councilman Zachary Smeltz at this time said he would like to have a firm look into whether there could be a savings benefit if the Authority was eliminated and the Borough and the Authority were joined together to form a Public Works Department. Council agreed there would be no harm in exploring the idea.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A written report was submitted by Mayor Carl Slough Jr.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Carole Wertz Tax Levy Ordinance #03-2015 was adopted with no tax increase, the tax rate will remain at 4.42 mills.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the 2016 Borough Budget was adopted.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Zachary Smeltz the 2016 Highway Budget was adopted.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Finance Committee and Budget Reports were accepted.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. permission was given for Nate to obtain quotes for purchasing overhead doors to be able to use the bathhouse at the pool for storage of equipment.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Carole Wertz the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

At this time President of Council Gary Bopp said a meeting was held with Representative Tobash and Kerry Kirkland to discuss possible funding for the demolition of the old school.

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 Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the following bills were approved to be paid as well as to be sent to the county for reimbursement whether from FEMA/PEMA monies or from Hazard Mitigation Grant funding.

- * M2 Construction LLC for Reservoir Repairs in the amount of \$86,968.75.
- * Lykens Borough Authority for the cleaning of the Reservoir in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- * L/B Water for Reservoir Repairs in the amount of \$17,007.49

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz the Treasurer's report was accepted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. Resolution #04-2015 was approved to appoint Light - Heigel as the Borough Code Enforcement Officer as well as adopting a fee schedule.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun, Council agreed to have Marty from Light-Heigel send a letter to the Lykens Community Development Corporation notifying them of the violations present at the old school. Council also agreed to contact Max with Glace Associates and have him write up the specs to have the demolition of the school placed out for bids. Council agreed to hold off on placing the ad in the paper until Councilwoman Carole Wertz has a chance to speak with Kevin Jury and see if he will give approval for the Borough to place the demolition out on bid and also to see if the Community Development Corporation has obtained any written quotes and specs.

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Carole Wertz the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. at 7:33 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary