

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, February 20, 2017 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:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Judith Musick, Treasurer
Carl Slough Jr., Mayor
Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Dale Musick, Citizen
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Dave Ney, Authority board member
Terry Sherman, Fire Chief
Robert Schreffler, Authority Chairman
William Fee, EMC Coordinator
Brian Witmer, Citizen
Carla Sauve, Business Owner
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Kevin Jury, Citizen
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the minutes from the January 16, 2017 monthly Council meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: At this time Kevin Jury addressed Council. Kevin said he wanted to discuss with Council how the county viewed the \$350,000.00 price tag for the demolition of the school. Kevin meet with the county in December in regards to applying for Gaming Grant funding. Kevin said he spoke with Musser who felt that due to the price tag of the project, if it was funded at all it would be over a 3 year period. Kevin said he

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wanted to plant a seed to the Borough to consider taking out a loan to have the school demoed. Kevin advised that Musser felt the county would not let the Borough hanging if a loan was taken out by the Borough.

Kevin stressed that the Lykens Community Development Corp is almost nonexistent at this point and just the liability insurance on the old school is \$1800.00. Kevin said he hears there is someone interested in rehabbing the place and he just cannot see how the property can be rehabbed instead he is looking forward to an end result. Kevin asked Council to discuss the situation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

At this time a discussion took place regarding the proposed increase submitted by L. Samuel Deegan, CPA, PC for the 2016 annual audit. The proposed fee will increase from \$6,200.00 to \$11,000.00 due to the Borough will need a single audit performed due to the amount of grant funding and FEMA/PEMA funding. This issue has been tabled until next month.

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

Patricia Barder gave an over view of the monthly COG meeting which was held in Washington Township in February. Patricia reported her and the secretary attended.

Patricia informed Council that Ed Boito with DEP was present at COG he gave a presentation of what DEP is all about, he wanted everyone to know that DEP is not responsible for picking up dead animals. Also Ed said Grant funding is very limited.

Several areas talked about during the monthly COG meeting included a discussion of electric hikes to be coming shortly as well as traffic flows are being monitored in the Halifax area and a flagger renewal course will be organized in the coming months.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz the Planning Commission and COG Reports were accepted.

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HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT

The minutes from the January 11, 2017 monthly meeting were given to Council.

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 Delton Kreiser approval to give a letter of support to the Fire Company to send for permits for the Memorial Day Parades to be held on Monday May 29th one at 6:30 AM and one at 9:00 AM was given as well as the Fireman's Block Party Parade to be held on Tuesday June 20th at 7:00 PM.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz permission was given to donate any items able to be donated from the old Police Cruiser. The light bar will be donated to the Sheriff's Department for training purposes.

Councilman Zachary Smeltz reported the new Police SUV should be here by the end of March.

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

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the secretary's rate of pay is to be increase to \$17.00 an hour, the same as the Authority agreed upon. At this time a short discussion took placed followed by a roll call vote concerning the increase in pay for the secretary.

Carole Wertz - yes on the vote
Carl Slough Sr. - yes on the vote
Mike Tiazkun - yes on the vote
Gary Bopp - yes on the vote
Delton Kreiser - no on the vote
Zachary Smeltz - no on the vote.

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

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

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Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. reported everything is going good. Two new tires were purchased for the loader and new pins have been ordered for the little dump truck.

President of Council, Gary Bopp asked the secretary to explain the insurance issue regarding the traffic light. The secretary explained that during the recent power outage the control panel was fried. Chief Boyer and Nate contacted Herr Signal for a service call. Herr Signal estimated that due to the age of the panel box it would cost as much to replace it as to repair it. The secretary reported we have opened an insurance claim.

At this time Carla Suave asked about stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks. President of Council, Gary Bopp explained it is a State law that a vehicle must stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORTS

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.

ENGINEER'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.

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1. Glace Associates in the amount of \$1,020.00 for their work in connection with the Rattling Creek Flood related project.
2. Glace Associates in the amount of \$239.50 for their work in regards to the Glen Park swimming pool area.
3. Wiconisco Township in the amount of \$499.81 for 2016 expenses related to the L&W field.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin reported there is a gentleman interested in using the old school for storage of antique construction imports. Kerwin said the guy promised to get something together for Council. Kerwin said he explained the back taxes to him and that Council is not interested in having the Borough pay the back taxes. Council agreed Kevin Jury should continue to pursue a grant since leveling the building seems to be the best option.

Solicitor Kerwin reported the Borough was contacted by Shipley Energy in regards to obtaining a response plan from them for the 500,000 gal tank they own. Kerwin will write a letter asking for the plan to keep on file with the Borough and Fire Department.

Solicitor Kerwin reported the Borough was notified of the bid for the trailer located beside the old school, Kerwin said the Borough has denied the bid and may be able to purchase the property at some point.

Solicitor Kerwin also reported he will notify Council when the DEP meeting is scheduled in regards to the flood related issue with the Rattling Creek project.

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

President of Council, Gary Bopp asked if anyone had any comments or concerns.

Stanley Engle said he wanted to thank the office for sending the notices along with this quarters billing, Stanley said he felt it helped get people to shovel their walks. Stanley asked if anyone received a fine or warning for not shoveling.

Mayor Slough responded he was not aware of any fines, however Slough said were not here for that purpose but rather to lend a hand.

Stanley further asked how can we afford a \$41,000.00 Police SUV when someone's not doing their job.

Brian Witmer asked how do you enforce someone shoveling sidewalks if they do not have a sidewalk.

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President of Council, Gary Bopp stated the Borough has a few areas that need sidewalks as well and the Borough does not always get their walks cleared either.

OPEN ITEMS:

1. Installation of the basketball hoops- This item will be taken care of when the weather permits.

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 7:54 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary