

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, August 21, 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.
Zachary Smeltz	Carole Wertz
Mike Tiazkun	Delton Kreiser

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Carl Slough Jr., Mayor
Judith Musick, Treasurer
Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Dave Ney, Authority board member
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Dale Musick, Citizen
Glen Sedesse, Citizen
Kerry Teter, Authority board member
Jennifer Snyder, Citizen
Angel Snyder, Citizen
Rodney Snyder, Citizen
Jesse & Donna Cowden, Citizens
Mr. & Mrs. Pennell, Citizens
Rick Feese, Citizen
Carla Sauve, Business Owner(DQ)
Mr. Osenbach, Citizen
Sandra Oxendine, Citizen
Terry Sherman, Liberty Hose Co #2
Terry Koons, Citizen
John Platzter, Citizen
Sonya Motter, Citizen
Jessie Snyder, Citizen
Brandon Snyder, Citizen
Rose Minnich, Citizen
William Fee, EM Coordinator
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz the minutes from the July 17, 2017 monthly Council meeting were approved.

CITIZENS:

At this time John Platzer addressed Council. John reported due to new software the Fire Department is now able to track all calls as well as the man hours related to calls. John said he will be attending the monthly Council meetings to give a report. John also thanked the community for their help with the annual carnival.

Sandy Oxendine on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce addressed Council. Sandy said there are two (2) concerts left for the year and she reported there has been a great turn out this year for the concerts in the park. Sandy thanked Council for the restroom usage as well as the senior center. Sandy explained that next year will be the 20th year for holding the concerts and they plan to have other organizations sell bake goods and other items to gain some money for their organization. At a later date the Chambers will be requesting permission to have a winery on site, the winery will have their own license.

Sandy also reported the Chambers have reached out to the Klinger family to help fundraise to keep the tradition in Lykens going.

Sandy also asked if anyone realized the Borough is nine (9) years away from our 200th anniversary. Sandy asked if anyone knew of the Borough having a time capsule. Sandy said Elizabethville had a beautiful celebration which took five (5) years of planning.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

A dividend check from Keystone Insurer's group in the amount of \$284.23 was received.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun, Dockey Auctioneer was given permission to close North 2nd Street & North 1st Street between Edward & West Street from 1:00 - 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday August 23, 2017.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission to hold the Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 with a rain date of Wednesday, October 25, 2017 and Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 26, 2017 was given.

Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz 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 Authority's July 12, 2017 monthly meeting were given to Council.

President of Council, Gary Bopp said he is aware the Authority gave the second half of the year's raises to their employee but he does not feel the Borough should be given raises.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Zachary Smeltz all members agreed not to give raises at this time.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A written report was submitted by Mayor Carl Slough Jr.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Zachary Smeltz permission to advertise the sale of the old 2012 Police Car was given as well as advertise again for a part time Police Officer since the previous applicant took a full time position.

Mayor Slough reported he was contacted by the Census Bureau and would like to let them know we cannot take care of it in house and have them conduct the census on their own.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. reported the little dump truck is back from the garage and everything is working fine.

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Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. also reported paving will commence in mid to late September.

Member Delton Kreiser asked when will the discussion regarding the building at the garage take place again or where are we with the idea. Mayor Slough explained the Borough and the Authority around budget time should sit down together and discuss it further.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORTS

President of Council, Gary Bopp reported the Borough building is being painted and the playground equipment, basketball nets, and tennis nets have all been installed.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Councilman Zachary Smeltz at this time asked where are we with the property located at 301 Market Street. Councilman Mike Tiazkun reported that the property owner was cited and given a 30 day extension since the property owner's contractor could not fit the repairs into his schedule. After further discussion it was decided that solicitor Kerwin will check in to the status of repairs through Marty and make sure the property is not a safety issue since there are tenants living in the property.

Mayor Carl Slough Jr. reported the dump site has become a depository for large trees and construction material. Mayor Slough said this is not the intent of the area. Mayor Slough suggested something is done to control the issues either the gate needs locked and or big rocks need placed to prevent vehicles from entering. A short discussion took place regarding the issue. David Ney said for the record he wanted to clear up the fact that he placed limbs at the dumpsite not trees.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Public Safety Reports were accepted.

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

A written report was submitted by Glace Associates.

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

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. Light - Heigel in the amount of \$377.00 for their work in regards to Property Maintenance during the month of June.
2. Light - Heigel in the amount of \$110.00 for their work in regards to Zoning during the month of June.
3. Glace Associates in the amount of \$343.83 for their work related to the 2017 Local Share Grant Preparation.
4. Bingaman's Auto Center in the amount of \$3,463.96 for repairs to the little dump truck.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin reported the property transfer between the Borough and the Railroad was complete.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the changes to Ordinance (#07-01,1/15/2001) subsection 7-404 (3) Parking Restrictions and Regulation was approved.

Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz, Ordinance (#07-01, 01/15/2007) subsection 7-301 (1) Vehicle Weight Limits Established on Certain Streets and Bridges was approved to have the Edward Street Bridge added which is located between South 2nd and Lawley Road with a 32 ton Maximum Gross weight.

Solicitor Kerwin mentioned the gentleman that was interested in the old school is not interested at this time.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission was given to get a quote and have the trailer removed from the lot beside the old school.

Solicitor Kerwin reported he spoke with Marty from Light-Heigel and he will be composing a pamphlet for guidelines to be used for building permits. Light-Heigel has suggested the Borough lower our zoning hearing fee from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00 as well as Light-Heigel has hired a new guy to help administer.

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A discussion took place on whether we can organize a fall clean up with Valley Waste to help keep items out of our dumpsite area.

Solicitor Kerwin reported he did speak with DEP regarding the Rattling Creek Restoration Project and we expect to know a little more shortly however we cannot rule out a monetary fine.

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

At this time President of Council, Gary Bopp asked if anyone had anything else.

Mr. Osenbach asked why did only one side of the road get crosswalks painted and not the rest of town. President of Council replied that crosswalk painting will be taken care of shortly.

At this time several citizens voiced concerns with regards to a neighborhood issue. President of Council, Gary Bopp explained the Mayor has complete responsibility over the Police Department and the Mayor will meet with the citizens at the end of the meeting to discuss the issues.

Open Items:

1. 301 Market Street.
2. Garage/building issues to be discussed at budget with Authority.
3. Fall clean up prices with Valley Waste.
4. Crosswalk painting.

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 8:07 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary