

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 200 Main Street. Carl Slough Sr., Vice President of Council presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor  
Carl Slough Jr., Mayor  
Patricia Barder, Health Officer  
Robert Schreffler, Authority Chairman  
Glenn Sedesse, Citizen  
Stanley Engle, Citizen  
Kerry Teter, Authority Board member  
Sandy Oxendine, Citizen  
David Ney, Authority Board Member  
William Fee, EM Coordinator  
Nathan Pental, Publics Works  
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Delton Kreiser the resignation of Councilman Zachary Smeltz was accepted.

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Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Council President Gary Bopp the minutes from the November 20, 2017 monthly Council meeting were approved.

**CITIZENS:** At this time Sandy Oxendine addressed Council on behalf of the Chambers. Sandy said the cat's meow fundraiser was very successful they ordered 500 sets and have a few left. Sandy said the money was placed into an account from the fundraiser to be used by the Bingaman's and the Klinger's for truck repairs.

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Sandy also reported there is a meeting set up at her residence for thoughts and ideas on how to light up the town next year. Sandy explained with the Hometown Hero flags they cannot put lights on the poles but maybe there are some other thoughts and ideas.

Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. thanked Sandy for the supper that was provided to Council, Authority Members and employees by Mid Penn Bank.

At this time Patricia Barder asked if former Councilman Zachary Smeltz moved back into town would he be able to take back his elected seat that he resigned from? Council explained that since the seat was vacated by Zachary he would have to run at the next election.

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission was given to advertise for the open seat on Council in the 1st Ward.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp 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

The minutes from the Authority's November 8, 2017 monthly meeting were given to Council.

## MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A written report was submitted by Mayor Carl Slough Jr.

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Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Council President Gary Bopp the Mayor and Police Reports were accepted.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Mike Tiazkun Tax Levy Ordinance #04-2017 was adopted with a tax increase of .25 mills setting the tax rate at 4.67 mills. (The old rate was 4.42 mills)

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Council President Gary Bopp the 2018 Borough Budget was adopted.

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Carole Wertz the 2018 Borough Highway Budget was adopted.

Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Council President Gary Bopp the Finance Committee and Budget Reports were accepted.

## PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission was given to have Wood wise take down and grind the stumps for \$1100.00 for two (2) trees in the Borough Park that are dead.

Nathan Pental reported the new truck has been lettered and the loader has been repaired.

Nathan reported the quote he was asked to obtain for a new bucket for the loader came in at \$7,500.00.

Council President Gary Bopp reported since the resignation of the Treasurer last month our auditor has been helping with payroll as well as the bills. Gary reported it has been a smooth transition. Gary further reported Debbie has been onsite one day a week and works an additional day from her office. Debbie said they can continue doing the job including payroll for \$400.00 a week of course this fee would be split with the Authority. Gary asked everyone to give it some thought until we reorganize in January.

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp 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

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Mayor Carl Slough Sr. reported the street lights have been converted to LED and they are much brighter as well as you can see much farther and better. Mayor Slough said the Borough should save a little money and our town is much brighter.

Sandy Oxendine reported as a walker she loves the new lights.

## 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

Ordinary and necessary expenditures have been paid and reported on the book keepers reports for the month of November.

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission to pay the bills listed below was given as well as the book keepers reports were accepted as submitted.

1. Kerwin & Kerwin in the amount of \$19,950.00 for legal fees over the retainer fee.
2. Glace Associates in the amount of \$3,429.21 for work related to the FEMA/PEMA closeout of the Rattling Creek Stream Bank Project. (This bill is not the Rattling Creek Restoration but rather the original funded FEMA/PEMA Project.)

Delton Kreiser said he expected Glace to be here this month to discuss their invoices. It was explained that due to the holidays Max was unavailable this month. Solicitor Kerwin will get something set up for January.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

A written report was submitted by Solicitor Kerwin.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Council President Gary Bopp Ordinance #05-2017, abandoning certain rights, titles and interest in land between Arch Street and South Street was adopted.

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Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Mike Tiazkun permission to let the county know the Borough has no interest in purchasing the property at 214 Division Street and that the Borough accepts the sale offer the county received was given.

Upon a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Solicitor's report was accepted.

Vice President Carl Slough Sr. at this time thanked Mike Tiazkun for his years of service on Council.

### **Open Items:**

1. Garage/building issues to be discussed at budget with Authority.
2. Crosswalk painting.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Council President Gary Bopp and seconded by Mike Tiazkun at 7:30 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary