

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 200 Main Street. Kerry Teter, President of Council presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Delton Kreiser	Kerry Teter
Glenn Sedesse	Carole Wertz
Terry Sherman	Spencer Yates

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor  
Nicole Barge, Mayor  
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen  
Patricia Barder, Planning Commission & COG  
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

#### **MINUTES:**

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser the minutes from the March 18, 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

#### **CITIZENS: NA**

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The total deposited for the month of March was \$13,040.83.

Statement of Financial Interest forms are due to the office by May1, 2024.

Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 8:00-10:30 a.m. at 606 Pine Street.

A letter of support was given to Liberty Hose Company #2 to obtain the necessary permits for the Memorial Day Parade and the annual Fireman's Block Party Parade.

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Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser, permission was given to remove Glenn Sedesse as a check signer and add Treasurer Deborah Ketner as a check signer with Mid Penn Bank.

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Carole Wertz the Borough's property, worker's comp and vehicle insurance was renewed with EMC through Keystone Insurance Group in the amount of \$42,538.00.

Friends of Lykens submitted their 2024 schedule of events for the borough's approval.

1. Concerts in the park every Wednesday beginning July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>.
2. Christmas in the Park on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

The TISIP Grant opens on 4/15/24, Dan Beyer will complete the application for 25 ADA Curb Ramps.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Glenn Sedesse permission was given to pay the Cemetery Association the requested increase from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 towards the mowing.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Glenn Sedesse, the Secretary's Report was accepted.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was nothing to report this month.

### **LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT**

Patricia Barder advised that the COG meeting will be this Thursday.

### **REVITALIZATION REPORT**

A written report was submitted by Terry Sherman

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz the Revitalization Report was accepted.

### **LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY REPORT**

All members were given the March 13, 2024 monthly meeting minutes.

### **MAYOR REPORT**

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There were two (2) parking tickets issued. One for parking within 25 feet of an intersection and one for parking an inoperable vehicle in a prohibited area. Both tickets have been paid.

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Carole Wertz the Mayor's Report was accepted.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT**

There was nothing to report this month.

## **PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT**

In the absence of Nathan Pandal the secretary reported the following:

1. The white paint for painting the crosswalks has been ordered and is expected to be ready for pickup this week. Nate will coordinate with the guys to paint the crosswalks.
2. The new rope for the flag pole has arrived. Nate will coordinate with the Fire Department to use the truck.
3. Mowing has started and the weed spraying is dependant on the weather.
4. Pot holes are being cold patched.

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Carole Wertz permission was given to advertise the 2024 Road Project for paving. Bids will be opened and accepted at the May 20, 2024 monthly meeting.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Carole Wertz, council approved Jamie Klinger and family placing 3 or 4 benches in the Borough Park to be utilized during the concerts in the park. The benches are in memory of their parents Bod & Jean Klinger.

A short discussion took place on what kind of wood the benches would be made of and whether or not they will require maintenance. Carole Wertz will reach out to the Klinger family. Carole said the benches are being made by a guy in Gratz.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Spencer Yates the Park and Recreation Report was accepted.

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### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Councilman Terry Sherman reported that recently a second pedestrian was hit in the crosswalk uptown by Boyer's. Terry suggested thinking about ways to improve that area of the Borough.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the Public Safety Report was accepted.

### **INSURANCE AND PENSION REPORTS**

There was nothing to report this month.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **SALARIES AND BILLS**

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of March is included on the Treasurer's report. Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Terry Sherman the Treasurer's Reports were accepted with permission to pay the following bills.

1. Chemung Supply in the amount of \$562.80 from the Highway Fund for a cutting edge for the plow.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz, Resolution #2024-03 appointing Spencer Yates to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward on Borough Council was modified from March 18<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

A discussion took place regarding folks camping at the L&W Field in Wiconisco Township. Wiconisco Township would like to include Lykens Borough in creating something to prohibit camping in the parks and borough. Solicitor Kerwin will bring some documents to be reviewed.

Solicitor Kerwin advised he spoke with the DA's Office in connection with a property that has been on going with revitalization for several years. Solicitor Kerwin further advised the DA's Office has a heightened interest and hopefully closer attention will be provided moving forward.

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

At this time 7:27 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. an executive session took place.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Spencer Yates the letter of resignation submitted by Glenn Sedesse was accepted. The resignation will be effective April 17, 2024 once checks are processed.

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Carole Wertz approval was given for Nathan Pental to receive a \$1.00 per hour rate increase once DEP approves his Sewer License.

Council President Kerry Teter asked if anyone had anything else before adjournment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Spencer Yates at 8:09 p.m.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Lykens Borough Secretary