

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, January 16, 2023 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:

Ryan Bateman	Carole Wertz
Glenn Sedesse	Kerry Teter
Delton Kreiser	Terry Sherman

ALSO PRESENT:

Solicitor Joseph Kerwin
Mayor, Nicole Barge
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Teddie Esser, Citizen
Mike Phifer, Citizen
Nathan Pental, Supervisor of Operations
Patricia Barder, Planning Commission
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser the minutes from the December 19, 2022 monthly meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: NA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of December was \$90,896.36. The deposits were higher than normal because the salt shed was paid from Borough funds in the amount of \$64,550.00 instead of from the Water Department through grant funding. The Water Department has reimbursed the Borough.

The 2023 bidding threshold amounts were announced, they include an increase for 2023.

1. Purchases and contracts below \$12,200 require no formal bidding.
2. Purchases and contracts between \$12,200 and \$22,500 require three written/telephone quotations.
3. Purchases and contracts over \$22,500 require formal bidding.

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz the advertising of the 2021 annual audit was accepted. The auditors noted that a few Statement of Financial Interest forms were not accounted for during the audit and a few outstanding checks that vendors did not cash needed to be ratified. Anyone who would like a copy of the audit should let the secretary know.

Council President, Kerry Teter advised that next month after the meeting we all will complete the forms.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser, John Cessna was reappointed to continue to serve on the Zoning Appeals Board. The term will run from January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2024.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser, John Cessna was reappointed to continue to serve on the International Property Maintenance Appeals Board. The term will run January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2024.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Glenn Sedesse the three (3) year Sanitation Contract with Valley Waste was renewed.

The contract will run from January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2026.

There is a price increase from \$75.00 to \$80.00 per quarter net the Borough's admin fees.

The Borough's fee will be 7% or \$5.60 per quarter bringing the quarterly fee to \$85.60.

Valley Waste will continue to supply free dumpster pickup at the Borough office, seasonal dumpsters at the little league fields, daily dumpster service during the annual block party, the fall festival as well as supply dumpsters for spring clean-up. Orange bags will remain at \$4.00 per bag.

Valley Waste will stop collecting the ashes on June 30, 2023. The Borough will need to begin picking the ashes up once Valley Waste stops.

Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, May 20th.

The Borough received a request for a letter of support from Alice Zhang she is a family medicine physician at Penn State Hershey. The letter of support is for funding they are pursuing through Dauphin County for smart vending machines. The vending machines would have free items inside such as naloxone, fentanyl testing strips, HIV self-tests, condoms, pregnancy or COVID-19 tests, or even mittens, hats and socks for community members in need. Currently there are two (2) vending machines anticipated to be placed in Harrisburg and Reading, they are applying for the Dauphin County opioid settlement funds to place a vending machine in northern Dauphin County. Bonnie Kent has recommended Lykens as one potential location.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Glenn Sedesse, Council agreed that a letter of support should not be sent. Council is not in favor of supporting this idea and feels it is not a good idea for our area.

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

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser the Planning Commission terms were renewed for the following members.

Chairman – Patricia Barder 2023-2027

Secretary – Bonnie Krepich 2023-2027

Member – Glenn Sedesse – 2023-2027

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kresier the Lykens Planning Commission and COG Report was accepted.

REVITALIZATION REPORT

A written report was submitted by Terry Sherman.

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

LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT

All members were given the December 14, 2022 monthly meeting minutes.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kresiser and seconded by Terry Sherman, Kerry H. Teter was reappointed to serve on the Authority Board. The term will run January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2028.

Upon a motion by Glenn Sedesse and seconded by Carole Wertz, Allen Snyder was reappointed to serve as the Representative for Wiconisco Township on the Authority Board. This term is appointed annually and will run January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2024.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A written report was submitted by Mayor, Nicole Barge.

Mayor Nicole Barge reported the State Police are being seen throughout the Borough.

Mayor Nicole Barge further reported one handicap spot was inquired about however the applicant did not meet the criteria.

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser 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

There was nothing to report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Terry Sherman reported the 2022 run report was submitted by Liberty Hose Co. #2.

Terry further reported the pole and new siren will be installed on Thursday.

Council President, Kerry Teter advised there will be a final walk through for the Edward Street Bridge Project on Friday. Kerry said the grass will not be completed however he will make sure they follow through with planting the grass and putting the area back to the way it was.

Ryan Bateman advised he has been hearing about people backing out of the alley by Ciao's drive through. Ryan asked if a one-way sign can be installed. Nathan Pandal will take care of it.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kresier and seconded by Carole Wertz the Public Safety report was 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

There was nothing to report at this time.

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SALARIES AND BILLS

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of December are included on the Treasurer's report. Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser the Treasurer's Reports were accepted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin had the following areas to report on.

1. The chicken/fowl ordinance was ready to sign.
2. The dog leash ordinance was ready to sign.
3. Solicitor Kerwin advised a meeting needs set up with SAMBA the work they did is about 90% complete.
4. Solicitor Kerwin further advised he is working on an outdoor furnace ordinance.
5. Solicitor Kerwin said he is working on a draft feral cat ordinance to review.
6. Solicitor Kerwin reported the Property Maintenance Code needs to be readvertised for adoption once a few minor changes are made.

A short discussion took place regarding feral cats. Teddy Esser asked what needs to be done and how do you get a program. Teddy said if you do not do something like trap and neuter you cannot control the issue. Council President, Kerry Teter advised Teddy that volunteering is a way to get involved. Kerry further explained the situation we are referring to involves people feeding feral cats on someone else's property. Kerry further explained the local cops and State Police can not enforce therefore a local ordinance is needed.

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

Open Items: There are no open items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Carole Wertz at 7:27 p.m.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary