

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, January 20, 2025 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
Harold Paul	Carole Wertz
Spencer Yates	Gary Sallada

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Nicole Barge, Mayor
Sgt. James Olinger
Nathan Pental, Manager Public Works
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser the minutes from the December 16, 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: Sgt. James Olinger introduced himself to everyone. Sgt. Olinger said he has 20 years' experience with the state. Sgt. Olinger reported there was a lot of work in the Borough during 2024, however the calls for service remained the same at 157 calls with 77 arrests.

President of Council, Kerry Teter thanked Sgt. Olinger for his service and left him know we appreciate everything the State Police does for our community. Kerry advised that the Borough is doing a lot of things in house through deputized individuals since closing our Police Department. Kerry further advised we have had some negative responses from the community and he continues to advise citizens to call the State Police.

Mayor Nicole Barge stated the State Police are doing good things and she has had more positive than negative feedback from the community.

Sgt. Olinger advised that there is 260 square miles to take care of with 23 members, however the department only has 19 members at the moment. Sgt. Olinger further advised that he can be reached anytime for questions and concerns.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of December was \$17,452.40.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Spencer Yates, Kaye J. Thoma was appointed to continue to serve on the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee for 2025 as the representative for Lykens Borough. There was no delegate appointed.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Harold Paul, Carole Wertz was appointed to serve as Pro Tem to chair the monthly meetings in the event the President and Vice Chairman of council are unavailable.

The 2025 bidding threshold amount were announced as the following:

- Purchases and contracts below \$12,900 require no formal bidding.
- Purchases and contracts between \$12,900 and \$23,800 require three written/telephone quotations.
- Purchases and contracts over \$23,800 require formal bidding.

Liberty Hose Company No 2 submitted their 2024 Run Report. All members were given a copy of the report.

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Gary Sallada, Jim Hoffman was reappointed to continue to serve on the Zoning Appeals Board. The term will run from January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2028.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Spencer Yates, Jim Hoffman was reappointed to continue to serve on the International Property Maintenance Appeals Board. The term will run January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2028.

President of Council, Kerry Teter advised we are always looking for someone to get on these boards. If anyone is aware of a good individual to serve, please let us know.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

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REVITALIZATION REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY REPORT

All members were given the December 11, 2024 monthly meeting minutes.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Spencer Yates, Glenn Sedesse was reappointed to continue to serve on the Authority Board. The term will run January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2030.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Gary Sallada, Allen Syder was reappointed to serve on the Authority Board as the Wiconisco Township representative. The term will run January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Nicole Barge had nothing to report.

President of Council, Kerry Teter advised there were 2 parking warnings given out.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Spencer Yates the quote submitted by Herb Plumbing Heating A/C, LLC in the amount of \$5,900.00 to replace the furnace at 606 Pine Street the Borough garage was given. The quote includes labor and materials.

Nathan Pental reported the contractor has finished installing the new windows at the Borough Garage on Pine Street.

Nathan Pental further reported the contractor for the pool house demo is waiting on dumpsters and the weather to improve before the demo work will begin.

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Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Harold Paul the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was nothing to report this month.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

There was nothing to report this month.

INSURANCE AND PENSION REPORTS

There was nothing to report this month.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

SALARIES AND BILLS

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of December is included on the Treasurer's report.

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser the Treasurer's Reports were accepted. There was no permission to pay this month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Spencer Yates, Resolution #01-2025 was adopted to authorize the disposition of the 2017 Tax Records and 2017 Lykens Borough and Lykens Borough Authority administrative files that have surpassed the 7-year retention schedule.

Solicitor Kerwin asked if the Borough has any needs that they would like to apply for state funding towards. Solicitor Kerwin advised that obtaining a quote for any areas that are to be considered would help have things in order and ready if funding was obtained.

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

At this time 7:18 p.m. through 7:21 p.m. an executive session took place for personnel issues.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz at 7:21 p.m.

Jeanette M. Crabb,

Lykens Borough Secretary