

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, June 17, 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
Harold Paul	
Terry Sherman	Spencer Yates

ALSO PRESENT:

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

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Spencer Yates the minutes from the May 20, 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: NA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of May was \$24,431.03.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Terry Sherman, the Secretary's Report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

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LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

REVITALIZATION REPORT

Councilmen Terry Sherman advised there was no Revitalization meeting held this month.

LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY REPORT

All members were given the May 8, 2024 monthly meeting minutes.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Nicole Barge reported the following activity for the month of May and beginning of June.

1. On 5/27 one parking warning was given by the laundromat on Main Street.
2. Several high grass letters were sent for the North & South side of the Borough.
3. Three letters were sent for trees that need trimmed away from the roadway.
4. Two citations were filed at the District Justice Office for failure to pay their Quality-of-Life Violations that were issued.
 - a. One was an unpaid parking ticket that was issued during street sweeping.
 - b. One was issued for high grass. The grass was cut but the violation was not paid.
5. One Quality-of-Life violation was given for illegally dumping at the yard waste site. An opportunity was given to allow time to dispose of the debris properly. The debris was not pickup in the allocated time frame. A dumpster was ordered from VW and the Borough will bill the resident and file a citation for collection if needed.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Harold Paul 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.

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1. Curb painting is in progress.
2. The inlet at Arlington Street and South 2nd Street will be replaced next week.
3. The loader bucket will be worked on beginning June 24th.

Upon a motion by Harold Paul and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser 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 at this time.

SALARIES AND BILLS

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

1. Quality Contracting Services in the amount of \$2,795.00 for the repair of the curb on the South side of the Borough at Main & West Street that was damaged by an unknown vehicle.
2. Joseph Kerwin in the amount of \$9,925.00 for legal fees.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin reported the green house by the square maybe sold.

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

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President of Council, Kerry Teter reported 12 properties received violations today for high grass.

Harold Paul mentioned the roof at the old legion building has areas exposed and he asked who the property owner was.

At this time Trooper Chomiszewski addressed council. Trooper Chomiszewski touched on the following:

1. Reported the number of calls is down this year from last year. Last year there were 330 calls and this year there has been 311 calls.
2. Reported that traffic enforcement, crashes and DUI's are also down from last year.

Terry Sherman asked if drug over doses were down. Trooper Chomiszewski advised there are no recent over doses recorded. Troop Chomiszewski said the drug problems are very common in this area. He explained there is under cover work involved when dealing with drugs and trying to find the culprit.

Patricia Barder asked if the troopers carry Narcan. Trooper Chomiszewski advised that the troopers do carry Narcan.

Solicitor Kerwin asked how staffing was at the station.

Trooper Chomiszewski informed council that staffing is getting better. He said they just received four (4) new cadets so they are up to 17 or 19. He further said response time is increasing, however the new cadets are now coach pupils which takes time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jeanette M. Crabb

Lykens Borough Secretary