

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, March 18, 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	

ALSO PRESENT:

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

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser the minutes from the February 19, 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: NA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of February was \$25,241.98.

Lewis Moyer the Borough's Health Officer and Food Sanitarian submitted a written report.

The Lykens United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Borough Park. The Facility Use Agreement form was submitted.

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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

There was nothing to report this month.

REVITALIZATION REPORT

A written report was submitted by Terry Sherman

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

LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY REPORT

All members were given the February 14, 2024 monthly meeting minutes.

MAYOR REPORT

There was one parking warning given out.

Mayor Barge advised that PSP reported that from January 1st through December 31, 2023 the following calls were handled by PSP.

1. 688 calls.
2. 78 total arrests.
3. 26 crash investigations.
4. 218 traffic citations.

Council President, Kerry Teter discussed the complaints from people regarding the Wiconisco cop being seen in Lykens. Kerry explained that the Wiconisco Township Supervisors have told Cappy that he can not sit in Lykens however if he is called by the State Police to respond to a call he is allowed to respond even if it is in Lykens. Also, Kerry explained Cappy maybe in Lykens to visit a business. Mayor Barge rides along with Cappy since she is the Chief of Police in Wiconisco Township and she advised that they sit at the breaker however it is safer to pull a car over in Lykens rather than along the highway by the breaker. Kerry further discussed that having Cappy's presence is good for Lykens and it is free which does not cost the tax payers. Kerry said he saw two cars today

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speeding and one ran the red light but he figured Cappy will get them once they get outside of Lykens.

Mayor Barge advised Cappy loves his job but knows he can not pull anyone over in Lykens.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

At last month's meeting a discussion took place regarding installing Brake Retarders Prohibited within Municipal Limits signage. Council tabled the issue until pricing for the signage was obtained. U.S. Municipal quoted four (4) signs with the post kits to cost \$473.48 plus shipping and handling. Upon looking into PennDot rules it was brought to council's attention that PennDot is the only one who can approve the signage. A letter from the Borough requesting PennDot to conduct a study would be the first step in the process. If PennDot approved a restriction, a local ordinance would need to be passed before signage could be placed. Council will revisit the issue in September.

The ADA Curb Ramp at North 2nd and Edward Street was destroyed due to a water leak on a fire hydrant. The secretary contacted HRG to see if this ADA Curb Ramp could be replaced with the grant funding the Borough was awarded through the TISIP Program to install 25 ADA Curb Ramps. HRG they did not think it would be a problem to include one additional ADA Curb Ramp with the project.

Nathan Pental reported the new salt spreader arrived two weeks ago.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz 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

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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 February is included on the Treasurer's report. Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Carole Wertz the Treasurer's Reports were accepted with permission to pay the following bills.

1. U.S. Municipal in the amount of \$4,897.13 for the spreader. (This invoice was paid from the ARAP Funds)
2. North County Unlimited in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the spreading of the playground mulch.

There is a remaining balance of \$2,931.09 in the ARPA funding (Covid) after paying for the spreader and earlier this month the work on the ceiling at the GAR Building was completed in the amount of \$2,412.89. President of Council, Kerry Teter and Nathan Pental inspected the work and noticed the wood framing around the windows on the outside of the building at the GAR Building are in need of painting. The secretary has reached out to Chubb Construction for a quote to have the painting taken care of. Council was in favor of moving forward with the work once a reasonable quote is obtained.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin followed up with the revitalization report by informing council that a hearing with the Heister's is scheduled for April 24th.

Council President, Kerry Teter reported the tickets he wrote to the renters at 608 South 2nd Street did not go to warrants they pleaded guilty and are paying the fines.

At this time 7:21p.m. through 7:34 p.m. an Executive Session took place for personnel matters.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Terry Sherman the resignation submitted by Councilman Ryan Bateman was accepted.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Glenn Sedesse, Resolution #2024-03 appointing Spencer Yates to fill the vacated seat by Ryan Bateman was approved. Spencer will be sworn in at the April monthly meeting.

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

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 Vice Chairman Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz at 7:36 p.m.

Jeanette M. Crabb, Borough Secretary