

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 200 Main Street. Gary Bopp, President of Council presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Bopp	Carl Slough Sr.
Zachary Smeltz	Carole Wertz
Mike Tiazkun	Delton Kreiser

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Judith Musick, Treasurer
Carl Slough Jr., Mayor
Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Dave Ney, Authority board member
Terry Sherman, Fire Chief
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Sandy Oxendine, Citizen
Dale Musick, Citizen
Robert Schreffler, Authority Chairman
Carla Sauve, Business Owner(DQ)
Nathan Pental, Public Works
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the minutes from the April 17, 2017 monthly Council meeting were approved.

CITIZENS:

At this time Stanley Engle addressed Council. Stanley asked if there will be any black topping this summer and if so there is a huge pot hole by his house. Councilman Mike Tiazkun informed Stanley that the pot hole by his house has been identified for repair.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

A written report was submitted by Secretary Jeanette M. Crabb.

An invitation to the open house hosted by Union House Apartments was received. The open house will be on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 12-7 p.m.

The Borough Secretary will be on vacation May 22nd through May 26th.

There will be a flagger renewal course held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 9:00-noon in chambers. The course will be sponsored by COG.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz the Secretary's Report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT

Patricia Barder reported at last month's COG meeting there was a presentation regarding the Co-Stars Program and how it works.

Patricia reported she is out and about tracking the areas in town that have trash and junk lying around. Patricia said about 75 letters have been sent regarding high grass, trash and furniture lying around.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz the Lykens Planning Commission and COG Reports were accepted.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT

The minutes from the Authority's March 8th and April 19th monthly meetings were given to Council.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A written report was submitted by Mayor Carl Slough Jr.

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz permission was given for Tobash's office to use the Senior Center on June 1, 2017 to host a meeting with local municipalities regarding Police consolidation.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz the Mayor and Police Reports were accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Three (3) quotes through the Co-Stars program were obtained by Councilman Zachary Smeltz for purchasing a new dump truck.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Zachary Smeltz permission was given to purchase a new dump truck through Keystone in the amount of \$74,004.00, this amount includes the up fitting of the truck.

Nathan Pental reported the loader has been repaired.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. permission was given to advertise and agree to hire through polling Council member a part time summer helper. Pay is to be based on experience between \$8-\$12 an hr and the applicant must be 18 or older and have a current driver's license.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Mike Tiazkun the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORTS

Dave Ney advised Council that the Hometown Hero Flags are scheduled to be hung on Saturday the 27th and anyone who would like to help is welcome to. Dave said there are 110 flags to be hung which will cover Main Street, Market Street and partially cover South 2nd Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

At this time Councilman Zachary Smeltz said line painting is tentatively set for next week. Zachary said curbs will be after line painting.

Carla Suave asked what happens when a curb is not present and how does someone file a grievance? Carla further expressed her concerns, she said she does not feel our guidelines are proper and why are the changes the Borough proposes not seen the entire way up 209. Carla said she is afraid businesses will lose parking once the changes are made.

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A short discussion took place. Councilman Zachary Smeltz explained we must follow Title 75 which is part of the Pennsylvania State Law.

Mayor Carl Slough Jr. explained the Borough must following the law and consider the safety factors which effect the entire community.

President of Council, Gary Bopp announced that President Trump has denied reimbursement for the March snowstorm.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Public Safety Reports were 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

A written report was submitted by Glace Associates.

Nathan Pental advised that on Monday, May 22nd Drum Excavating is scheduled to start the Spruce Street Storm Drain Replacement Project.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Carole Wertz the Engineer's Report was accepted.

SALARIES AND BILLS

A written report was submitted by Treasurer Judith Musick.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. permission to pay the bills listed below was given as well as the Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

1. Light - Heigel in the amount of \$335.48 for their work in regards to Property Maintenance during the month of March.
2. Light - Heigel in the amount of \$206.25 for their work in regards to Zoning during the month of March.
3. Light - Heigel in the amount of \$15.00 for their work in regards to Floodplain Administration during the month of March.

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4. Plasterer Equipment Co. in the amount of \$3,382.49 for Wheel Loader Maintenance.

The Authority has chosen to give their employees the choice of OT or Comp Time when working on an emergency other than during regular working hours. Since each entity pays its own employees Borough Council agreed to go along with the same practice regarding Nathan Pandal.

The Authority received an invoice from Glace Associates in regards to the Reservoir Repair Audit in the amount of \$589.50. Because this was a Borough Grant on behalf of the Authority the Borough needs to be aware of the invoice however the invoice will be paid from the Water Authority.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Zachary Smeltz and seconded by Carole Wertz permission was given to pass a Resolution and sign an agreement with PP&L to have the street lights in town switched to LED lights.

Upon a motion by Mike Tiazkun and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. a Resolution was passed to send a letter of support to the county in favor of keeping the CDBG Grant Funding Program.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz, Solicitor Kerwin will move forward with the Borough purchasing the 2 tracks of property owned by the Railroad Co. for \$1,000.00.

Solicitor Kerwin reported Alvin Boyer purchased the burned out property from Thomas Harner. Alvin Boyer plans to have the house taking down.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Zachary Smeltz, approval was given to advertise the intent to adopt a False Alarm Ordinance with final adoption at the June monthly meeting.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

OPEN ITEMS:

1. Installation of the basketball hoops- This item will be taken care of when the weather permits.
2. Storm Drain by Kelly's.

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Councilman Delton Kreiser at this time asked if we settled the issue with the county taking over as Tax Collector, it was discussed and determined that since no one was on the ballot as running for office that the county will take over in the new year.

At this time President of Council, Gary Bopp explained a citizen from town has been volunteering their time pulling weeds and is now asking to power wash the gazebo and sidewalks as well as paint some benches in the park black and orange. Council discussed the matter and decided it is not a good idea and the Borough should limit the risk of liability.

President of Council, Gary Bopp asked if anyone had anything else to discuss 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 Mike Tiazkun at 8:05 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary