

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, August 20, 2018 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.
Carole Wertz	Kerry Teter
Terry Sherman	

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Glenn Sedesse, Citizen
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Jeanie Stine, Citizen
Joanne Shultz Citizens
Vincent Bousman, Citizen
Nathan Pental, Publics Works
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

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Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the minutes from the July 16, 2018 Monthly Council Meeting were approved.

CITIZENS:

At this time Stanley Engle addressed Council with a few concerns. Stanley said there are two (2) properties next to him that look like a jungle and the one he was told the property owner has asked Light-Heigel for an extension to make the repairs. Stanley asked what is the Ordinance on unlicensed vehicles there has been two (2) across the street for at least a year he said.

Councilman Kerry Teter suggested that Chief Boyer maybe working on the unlicensed vehicles however he will look into it.

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President of Council, Gary Bopp explained to Stanley that it can be a long due process when Light-Heigel is addressing a property for violations.

Stanley further asked who gave Mike Tiazkun permission to move a levy prior to the flood? Stanley asked who owns the creek bank and can the levy be put back in? President of Council Gary Bopp advised Stanley that the Borough will have to look into it and have Solicitor Kerwin review the deed. Gary further reminded everyone we could not get an easement to fix the Rattling Creek on Underkoffler's side and this could prove to be the same situation.

At this time Jeanie Stine addressed Council with concerns of a half-way house going in on North 2nd Street. Jeanie asked what can be done to stop it?

Solicitor Kerwin advised the Borough will have to look into it and obtain further details.

Patricia Barder suggested a meeting with Tobash to ask questions and find answers to why our little town is having people brought in that do not help our tax base. Patricia further said everyone deserves a second chance but why place a half-way house in a prestige block of town.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of July was \$3,783.46.

The Secretary reported the Borough has received the PEMA portion of the money from the Rattling Creek Repairs in the amount of \$357,671.85.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Terry Sherman the advertising of the Borough's 2017 annual audit was accepted. Anyone who would like an electronic copy was encouraged to let the Borough Office know.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Carole Wertz the Borough set the priority status for the upcoming grant applications. The Lykens Borough Authority was given 1st priority and Liberty Hose Company No. #2 was given 2nd priority.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Kerry Teter permission was given to purchase a new computer for the Secretary from MIS in the amount of \$1,351.00. The Authority will be asked to split the cost. Councilman Kerry Teter suggested the Borough start budgeting to replace computers every two (2) years and keep going so we are up to date.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. 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

There was nothing to report at this time.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT

The minutes from the Authority's July 18, 2018 monthly meeting were given to Council.

The Authority has sent for direct payment #1 to the county from the Local Share Grant in the amount of \$93,423.60 and payment #2 in the amount of \$52,635.40 to be paid to JP Environmental LLC for work related to the Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement Project.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz permission was given to split the cost of a hydraulic compactor with the Authority for use with the back hoe. The total cost is \$8,650.00. The total split is \$4,325.00 from the Borough and \$4,325.00 from the Authority.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. at this time thanked the Borough and Authority Employees as well as Liberty Hose Co. #2 for all they did during the recent flooding.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. permission was given for Nathan Pental to purchase a 6X12 utility trailer to store hoses for the pumps. Permission was given for up to but not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. further reported there is a delay in the road project getting started due to all the rain.

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A short discussion took place regarding a few needs that have come to light due to the recent flooding. Liberty Hose Co. #2 is in need of a few pumps to share in 2", 3" and possibly 4" as well as discharge and suction hose. The Borough has filled out the forms with the county under hazard mitigation and is hoping to get funding for these types of items. In the event there is no funding through the county Council agreed to look into budgeting for a few of the items needed.

President of Council, Gary Bopp said last month George Skelton requested the Borough abandon the alley by his property. Gary advised the Borough can not abandon the alley with the sewer line going through it however the Borough will place signage to say "Authorized Vehicles Only".

At this time Vincent Bousman addressed Council. Vincent said he is concerned for his children when they are outside playing. Vincent said there is no stop sign by the alley on Edward Street. Council asked Nathan Pental to post a "Children At Play" sign at that location.

Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. Reported the windows in the Police Office are being replaced this week.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Terry Sherman the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Councilman Terry Sherman reported the fire siren by the old Borough building is not working. Terry said they are trying to repair it however they may need to explore another avenue.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter 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.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Max Stoner has completed and submitted the DAP-19 report to the county with the flood damage assessments for the Borough.

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

SALARIES AND BILLS

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

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Terry Sherman the Treasurer's Report was accepted with permission to pay.

1. Glace Associates in the amount of \$1,363.77 for work related to Borough wide flood areas of concern and issues.
2. Glace Associates in the amount of \$451.50 for work related to the Rattling Creek Stream Bank Repairs.
3. Glace Associates in the amount of \$537.50 for work related to the Edward Street Bridge.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin reported there is nothing new going on with the Heister Property it is under the DA'S orders for another month yet.

Solicitor Kerwin further reported the county has asked that the Borough have the old school secured to the best of our ability while in transition.

Solicitor Kerwin said he has obtained some information for Engineer Max Stoner regarding the area by Reiff and Nestor that sustained damage in the flooding.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Carole Wertz the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

Open Items:

1. Line painting.
2. Police windows - the windows are being replaced at this time.
3. Storm drains - It was determined this is an ongoing item completed weekly and or daily as needed.
4. Fireworks Ordinance - Terry Sherman said he reviewed and looked into this and it is covered under State Law. According to the law one cannot set off fireworks within 150

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feet of an occupied building. Terry said all fireworks except for sparklers would therefore be banned in the Borough.

5. Borough garage electrical work.
6. Installation of playground equipment.
7. Borough front door - Three companies were contacted, one estimate to replace the parts not the doors was received by the Flying Locksmith in the amount of \$2,966.40. Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Carole Wertz permission was given to have the parts replaced by the Flying Locksmith in the amount of \$2,966.40.
8. Part-Time Police Officers - An ad was placed in several newspapers to run for 30 days. A few applications have been received.
9. Edward Street Bridge Replacement - The bundle application with the county has been signed and submitted.
10. George Skelton - Council has approved "Authorized Vehicle Only" signage.
11. Pricing for 200 feet of 6" Hose

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 8:03 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary