

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, October 21, 2019 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.
Terry Sherman	Kerry Teter
Delton Kreiser	Carole Wertz

ALSO PRESENT:

Patricia Barder, Health Officer
Carl Slough Jr., Mayor
Solicitor, Joseph Kerwin
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Nathan Pental, Public Works

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Delton Kreiser the minutes from the September 16, 2019, Monthly Council Meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: NA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of September was \$35,560.18.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser, permission is given to gather quotes for auditing firms for 2020.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Carole Wertz, permission is given for the approval to pay all expenses for acquiring and/or the demolition of blighted properties acquired by the Borough from the Borough's Reserve Account. Any money recouped is to be deposited back into the Borough's Reserve Account.

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Upon a motion by Carl Slough, Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz, the Secretary's Report is accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT

Patricia Barder reported that the Nestor property, 500-acre separation has been signed. Additionally, she reported that there should be a review of the Valley Light House for use or installation of an updated kitchen area.

Ms. Barder reported for COG. At the last meeting, Electronics recycling was discussed. Lykens is requested to assist with the manning of the recycling drop off area in February of 2020. Bonnie Kent from the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center lead an informational session at COG to pass on information on the Services that the Center provides. The Center is looking for van drivers to assist with transportation requests that the Center receives. This is an all-volunteer service.

Ms. Barder reported on the need to have an accurate Census in 2020. The need for accuracy was stressed during the past COG meeting.

Upon a motion by Carl Slough, Sr. and seconded by Terry Sherman, the Planning Commission and COG report was accepted.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Carl Slough, Sr., the Health Officer's report was accepted. This was combined with the COG report.

LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT

The minutes from the Authority's September 11, 2019 monthly meeting were given to Council.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Slough reported the Police Department received 33 calls resulting in action by the department. The Department will assist with the Halloween Parade scheduled for the 29th of October and will assist with coverage for Trick or Treat on the 31st of October.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Carole Wertz, the Mayor and Police Reports were accepted.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Carl Slough, Sr., the intent to adopt the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance #03-2019 and advertise it for final adoption at the November 18, 2019 monthly meeting with a tax increase of .25 mills, setting the tax rate at 5.17 mills for 2020 was accepted.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Terry Sherman, the intent to adopt the proposed 2020 Borough Budget and advertise it for final adoption at the November 18, 2019 monthly meeting was accepted.

Upon a motion by Carl Slough, Sr. and seconded by Carole Wertz, the intent to adopt the proposed 2020 Borough Highway Budget and advertise it for final adoption at the November 18, 2019 monthly meeting was accepted.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Carl Slough, Sr., the Finance Committee and Budget Reports were accepted.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Nathan Pental reported that chipping continues at the refuge site.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser, the Property and Supplies Reports were accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Carl Slough, Sr. the temporary closure of West Street from Main Street to North Third Street to support the Trick or Treating activities in this area on the evening of the 31st of October, was accepted.

INSURANCE AND PENSION REPORTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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There was nothing to report at this time.

SALARIES AND BILLS

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

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Carole Wertz the Treasurer's Reports were accepted with permission to pay the following.

1. Glace Associates in the amount of \$122.50 for Engineering Services provided for the Edward Street Bridge Improvements.
2. Glace Associates in the amount of \$93.00 for Engineering Services provided for issues in regards to the sink hole by the retainer wall along Rattling Creek.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. Ordinance #1-2019 Amendments to the Uniform Pension Plan and Ordinance #02-2019 Amendments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan were adopted.

Solicitor Kerwin informed Council that the transfer of the Lavis property is pending.

Solicitor Kerwin further reported that there will be a Zoning hearing to address a fencing project with Keith Bingaman and Drew Peterson. This will take place on the 12th of November, 2019 in the Chambers meeting room.

Solicitor Kerwin added supporting information regarding the subdivision of the Nestor property.

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

Open Items:

1. Borough/Authority Pole Building – Looking into an area on Race Street owned by Alfa Laval.
2. Edward Street Bridge Replacement - The loan application through the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank has been submitted.
3. Ordinance review of Chapter 7.
4. Electricity pavilion- Council tabled. (estimate by Lentz \$9,635.00)

President of Council, Gary Bopp asked if anyone had anything else to discuss?

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Mayor Slough asked for an update on the status of the demolition of the old school. It was noted that the County Land Bank is awaiting additional Gaming Grant funding to proceed with this project.

Mayor Slough was asked to contact Chief Boyer to address a garbage issue in the parking area to the east of the old Dairy Building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser at 7:36 P.M.

Carl Slough, Jr.

Acting Secretary