

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, August 17, 2020 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:

	Carl Slough Sr.
Kerry Teter	Gary Bopp
Delton Kreiser	Terry Sherman

ALSO PRESENT:

Solicitor, Joe Kerwin
Mayor Carl Slough Jr.
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
Stanley Engle, Citizen
Robert Schreffler, Authority Chairman
Nathan Pental, Public Works
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser the minutes from the July 20, 2020 Monthly Council Meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: N/A

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of July was \$6,137.38.

This year's insurance dividend check received from Deibler, Straub and Troutman was in the amount of \$2,862.47.

There will be a budget workshop held on Tuesday, September 29th at 1:00 P.M.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Terry Sherman the advertising of the 2019 annual audit was accepted. There were no findings.

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Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Delton Kreiser, the Secretary's Report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time.

REVITALIZATION REPORT

A written report was submitted by Councilman Terry Sherman,

Upon a motion by Vice Chariman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Terry Sherman the Revitalization Report was accepted.

LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT

Council was given the Authority minutes from the June 8th monthly meeting and the July 23rd special meeting.

MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS

A written report was submitted by Mayor Slough.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser permission was given to hire a part time Police Officer.

Kerry Teter advised that he was asked by Larry Hoke to have Reiff Street temporarily closed on Saturday, September 5, 2020 for a public auction to take place. Mayor Slough asked for an email.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Terry Sherman the Mayor and Police Report was accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

There was nothing to report at this time

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Carl Slough Sr. said he had nothing to report at this time but wanted to comment on the nice job Meckley's did on the road project.

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Nathan Pental reported that an inlet was installed by Zerby's alley and the wing wall was removed.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

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 Kerry Teter the Treasurer's Reports were accepted with permission to pay.

1. Glace Associates in the amount of \$1,518.00 for Engineering Services provided for the proposed pole building on Race Street. (This bill was split with the Sewer Authority the total bill is \$3,036.00)
2. Glace Associates in the amount of \$699.13 for Engineering Services related to the storm sewer issues on Arlington Street.
3. Joseph Kerwin in the amount of \$9,245.00 for legal fees over and above the retainer fee.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin said he had several items to discuss.

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1. The old Legion Building. The new owners had an appeal hearing with the county to have their property taxes reduced. The county reduced their property taxes effective in 2021. The owners wanted their current 2020 taxes reduced so the county told them to go to the school board and the Borough and see if the taxes could be reduced. The school most likely will do nothing because they do not want to set a president. The Borough can follow the school if they agree to reduce the 2020 taxes. However, at this time the Borough will do nothing.
2. 211 North Street has been placed out for bid with a bid opening at the September monthly meeting.
3. Solicitor Kerwin is working with Nick from SAMB on signage.
4. Solicitor Kerwin reported half of the Lavas property has been signed over to the Borough. Solicitor Kerwin said he spoke with the county and there is funding available to help take the property down.
5. Alfa Laval has the sales agreement paperwork once the paperwork is returned Solicitor Kerwin can take care of the deed transfer. Max is working on the Land Development plan.
6. A report was received from Dan Wells with PP&L. The pole placement is moving forward and everything is in order. There will be gates by Alfa Laval only.

President of Council, Gary Bopp asked what happens if the bids for 211 North Street come in low. Solicitor Kerwin advised the Borough can reject or accept a bid. Solicitor Kerwin suggested posting a for sale sign at the property location.

Delton Kreiser asked how the general election will work in the fall if someone voted by mail in the primary. Solicitor Kerwin advised that if someone voted by mail and checked the permanent box for mail in ballots they will need to contact Voter's Registration to file a form to cancel mail in ballots or when they go to their polling location an additional form will be needed when they vote.

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

President of Council asked how does Council wish to handle opening the Borough Office to the public? All members agreed to open the office on Monday's for the first few weeks then move on to being open on Monday and Wednesday. Kerry suggested placing some signage to ask the public to take care of their business and move on.

Solicitor Kerwin asked if there were any additional expenses the Borough incurred due to Covid-19.

A short discussion took place regarding the criteria for submitting expenses to the county.

Mayor Slough agreed that if the county's criteria were worded in a different manner the Borough may have been able to submit something to the county.

A short discussion took place regarding fire works in the Borough. Terry asked how does the Borough enforce people setting fireworks off in the Borough. Council felt we enforce

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it with the help from the public or when Chief Boyer sees them. Terry advised Chief Boyer has given a citizen a warning.

Stanley Engle said he was told Chief Boyer is not allowed to work on the holiday because the Borough does not want to pay holiday pay. Council informed Stanley that was not true.

Open Items:

1. Ordinance review of Chapter 7.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Delton Kreiser at 7:39 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary