

August 7, 2023, Minutes

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Jim O'Connor with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were Pat Haley, Rafael Jimenez Gomez, Doug Hartman, Tricia Springer, Matt Urban and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Solicitor Collen Gallo and Melody Vanderveer, Borough Manager. .

Minutes from the July 10, 2023, minutes were e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting. **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley, to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Treasurer's report for July was read. **Motion by Matt Urban, seconded by Sam Wengert, to approve the Treasurer's report for July, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Doug Sider

The Fire Company report was submitted and reviewed by Council. Doug wanted to thank Bruce Kohr who has been with the Fire Company since 1980! Please thank Bruce when you see him. The Fire Company has seen benefits of the merger this Summer being able to respond to calls with manpower down due to volunteer fire fighters away on vacation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Farneski and Mayor Minnich

Chief's report submitted and attached to these minutes. They are moving forward with hiring for a new full-time police officer. The new vehicle will be outfitted with an e-ticket system since the state is moving in that direction. Mayor Minnich reported the tree at 16 Willow Street has been removed. Dauphin County Sheriff's department was out to serve the owner of the property with the letter regarding the municipal lien.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen's comments

PRESIDENT' S REPORT/COMMENTS – Jim O'Connor

Jim did a major upgrade to the network. There is a training session scheduled for August 10, 2023, with the office and Chris Miller to hopefully go live with the IWorQ software August 18, 2023 for IPMC.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Rafael Jimenez Gomez

An IPMC zoom meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2023.

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PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Doug Hartman

New sign has been installed and the grass is coming in nicely. Power has been turned off in the fire company to prepare for demolition. Doug only received one bid for demo from Ronald Hoffer for \$9,859.50. **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve Ronald Hoffer for demolition of the fire company space. Motion carried** Doug asked Melody to order a 30-yard dumpster. Drawings from the architect are available for council to review.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert

Milling will start August 14, 2023, on East Walnut first and then they will do East Maple. They are estimating it to take a week for milling and paving.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Pat Haley

They had a good turnout for movie night in July with Officer Wiley attending. Next movie night is August 18, 2023, showing “Goonies” sponsored by Central Medical. This is the last week for the summer program. They will finish the program with a pool party at the Annville/Cleona Pool on Friday. The Park and Rec will be applying for the LSA Grant, which uses casino funds, for 3 projects at the park. They will need a resolution to be passed at the next meeting.

FIRE SAFETY/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Tricia Springer

Tricia has the Chief’s letter of agreement that will be discussed during new business.

FINANCE – Matt Urban

Expenses are in line with the budget. Revenue is trending well with tax revenues coming in strong.

BOROUGH MANAGER/BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Melody Vanderveer

Lebanon County Association is having their annual meeting at the Lebanon Expo on October 10, 2023, for any council persons that would like to go.

We received a petition to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance from Maple Ridge Solar to install solar panels on the portion of 195 North Mill Street that sits in the Borough. The rest of the property is in North Annville Township. Melody will contact the Tax Assessment office to see if the portion they want to install the panels is in fact Cleona since we do not receive any tax revenue from this property.

Fred Siebecker is researching perennials for the area at the new Borough sign and the area where Mr. Fi

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Solicitor’s report was submitted prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes. A zoning committee meeting will be scheduled to finalize several items the committee is working on. Pat Haley will send out some dates to the committee.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve the letter of agreement for Chief Farneski. Motion carried

Replacement of heating system: Doug wants to wait until demolition of the fire company area to see what is in the walls before proceeding with the heating system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal Trash – Rafael is reviewing the ordinances that Collen provided from neighboring municipalities.

Excavation of streets ordinance – Doug read through the streets excavation ordinance he received from Steve Shirk and agrees with everything the ordinance covers. Colleen will draft an ordinance together following Jackson Township's template for Doug to review.

Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Tricia Springer, to pay the bills for July, 2023. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectively Submitted
Melody Vanderveer