

# September 11, 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, and Tricia Springer. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Solicitor Collen Gallo and Melody Vanderveer, Borough Manager. Doug Hartman, Matt Urban and Sam Wengert were absent.

Minutes from the August 7, 2023, minutes were e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting. **Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez, to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Treasurer's report for August was read. **Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley, to approve the Treasurer's report for August, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Doug Sider (absent)**

Due to a conflict with meeting dates, Doug was not able to attend but let Melody know the three housekeeping items Doug requested at the August meeting are being addressed with the Fire Company; everything is out of the meeting room space and is ready for demolition, the portable sign will be sold and he has asked Matt Zechman to head up a group to clean out the basement.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Farneski and Mayor Minnich**

Chief's report submitted and attached to these minutes. Mayor Minnich attended a meeting in North Lebanon. They are investigating North Lebanon and North Cornwall police departments merging.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen's comments

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Jim O'Connor**

Jim had nothing new to report

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT – Rafael Jimenez Gomez**

Rafael put together some documentation for Colleen to review for a municipal trash ordinance. One option would be residents would pay by bag instead of the quarterly service. An opt-out option for a resident would not be permitted.

IPMC: Wells Fargo is meeting with Chris Miller on September 13, 2023, to do an interior inspection at 420 East Walnut Street. 16 Willow is on the Lebanon County tax sale on September 11, 2023.

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### **PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Doug Hartman (absent)**

Doug has set up two appointments for the building renovations; Sieman is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> for the fire alarm and security. Brown's Glass is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> to replace the front window in the Fire Company.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert (absent)**

The paving is completed but there are several issues with the paving that Sam and Steve Shirk are addressing.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Pat Haley**

The last movie night is scheduled for September 16, 2023, at 7:00 showing "Moana". The Park and Recreation are meeting weekly for Fall Festival planning. Heather Herman, 134 East Penn Avenue, submitted a letter of interest to the Park & Recreation Board.

### **FIRE SAFETY/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Tricia Springer**

Civil Service Commission is conducting interviews for the full-time police officer position on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### **FINANCE – Matt Urban (absent)**

### **BOROUGH MANAGER/BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Melody Vanderveer**

The Authority is compiling a list of stormwater projects in the Borough. They did not meet in September.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Colleen Gallo**

Solicitor's report was submitted prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

Doug Hartman and Colleen attended the zoning hearing board hearing on September 7<sup>th</sup> for a solar farm at 195 North Mill Street. The petition was granted with respect to the special exceptions; provide financial security when construction begins, emergency services such as a knox box and cut-off switch, screening which will face the other property owners. They will not be storing any energy and they will plant native plants to encourage bee pollination. The lease is for 30 years. They still need to submit permits to DEP and UPC and a land development plan to Lebanon County Planning before any construction can begin in Cleona.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to approve the 2024 MMO for the Police Uniform and Non-Uniform Pensions. Motion carried**

**Motion by Rafael Jimenez Gomez, seconded by Tricia Springer to approve the 2023 code enforcement agreement. Motion carried**

**Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez to approve a new plaque and plants at the area between the Fire Company and Borough in memory**

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**of Richard Fields as well as plants for the new Borough sign, not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Rafael Jimenez Gomez to approve Resolution #2023-06, LSA grant for the Park and Recreation.**

**Motion by Tricia Springer, seconded by Pat Haley to allow Hill United Church of Christ to place signs along 422 for their Oktoberfest and Immanuel Methodist to place signs for their Fall events. Motion carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Municipal Trash** – Covered under Code Enforcement.

**Excavation of streets ordinance** – A draft of the ordinance was sent to Steve Shik for review.

**Motion by Pat Haley, seconded by Tricia Springer, to pay the bills for the month of August 2023. Motion carried.**

Council recessed into executive session at 8:05 for police personnel.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectively Submitted  
Melody Vanderveer