

OCTOBER 14, 2021  
PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough October Council meeting was held via the conferencing app, Gotomeeting. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and stated that the meeting is being recorded.

Council President Rogan announced that a Special Meeting had been advertised and was held on September 23, 2021 to discuss and adopt a resolution formally requesting an LSA grant, designating an official to execute all documents, describing briefly the project scope, and identifying the grant amount of \$535,633.00. The Motion was passed and the meeting adjourned.

**ROLL CALL:** Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Shaun Kuter, Jill Rosenstock, David Longmore, and John Burden responded.

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to accept the resignation of Mayor Deborah Krysicki effective September 30, 2021.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to appoint Tom Carter as Mayor to fulfill the remainder of Krysicki's term.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Tom Carter was then sworn in by the Honorable Judge Hughes.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from both the September Council Meeting and the Special September Council Meeting were distributed to council via email. The copies will be recorded as the official minutes and will be posted on the Borough's website. A **Motion** to accept both the September Council Meeting Minutes and the Special September Council Meeting Minutes was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Report was presented. A **Motion** was made by Rosenstock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**RECEIPTS/BILLS:**

A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to pay the bills of \$104,568.22 and to accept the receipts of \$22,620.03.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:**

Bob Moser complained County Waste did not recognize his address and would not satisfactorily communicate with him concerning his request for larger trash and recycle bins. County Waste would not pick up his bagged garbage resulting from his too small containers.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Borough received notice that the PA Department of Community and Economic Development has processed the Borough's request for federal fiscal recovery funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- The Borough received calls concerning bus pick-ups and drop-offs at only two locations during the water main replacement project.
- A letter of resignation from Mayor Krysicki effective September 30<sup>th</sup> was received.
- The Borough received a request from Tom Carter to be appointed as Mayor along with his resume.
- Former Mayor Krysicki forwarded the August Police Report: The Borough received a total of 28.96 hours of service. Incidents were: 4 traffic violations, 2 EMS assists, and 1 Burglar alarm.
- Council President Rogan wrote a letter of support on behalf of Penn Lake Park Borough for the White Haven LSA 2021 grant application for the completion of the White Haven Area Community Library and Visitor's Center.
- Kathy Donaldson thanked the Penn Lake Garden Club for their efforts. Donaldson felt last month's Council Meeting was chaotic and was alarmed at verbal attacks by some Council members which were directed toward another Council Member. She calls for a general decorum of respect and civility from all Council Members. Mrs. Donaldson expressed sadness at Mayor Krysicki's resignation and wished to thank the former mayor for her exceptional years of service.
- The Borough received a single bid for snowplowing and salting which came from Jarick Construction.
- DGK Insurance offered to meet with a Council Member concerning the new policy.
- Council Member Longmore requested an update on the ADA grant.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MAYOR – Tom Carter** – Nothing to Report.

**POLICE** – No September Report was presented.

**SOLICITOR – John Dean** - On behalf of the Crestwood School District Attorney Dean asked the Borough to enter into an inter-governmental agreement to allow the use of a stop signal arm enforcement system on school busses allowing a photograph to be taken of any vehicle that overtakes a bus.

**ZONING** – No Report was received.

**RECREATION– Kuter** –Nothing to Report.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock** – Emails were sent to Council Members regarding the procedure for water testing. Rosenstock reported that all water tests were performed correctly and accurately.

**GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter** - Nothing to report.

**RTK/RECORDS –Burden** – One RTK was received and completed.

**ROADS –Longmore** – Rogan and Longmore have met with a representative of the company that will complete the paving for the AQUA water main replacement project. Council Member Kuter commented on the good work performed by Shiffer Bituminous for paving and pothole patching.

**SEWER –Rogan** – Tom Hughes questioned whether the Borough received his \$5,000.00 deposit/refund since DEP rejected his permit to connect to the Borough’s sewer system. Suzanne Winters had problems with her grinder pump resulting from tree roots on her homeowner’s side. Rogan made a request to AQUA that two new sewer connections for Larry Oliver and Cheryl Rohl be completed before the road is resurfaced in connection with the AQUA project.

**SHORT TERM RENTALS- Rosenstock** – Nothing to Report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

***Snow Removal*** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to engage Jarick Construction for snowplowing and salting.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

***DCNR/ADA Grant*** – Rosenstock gave an overview of the projects: in August 2018, a motion was made to apply for Community Development Money in the form of a Grant. March 2019 the DCNR grant wasn’t awarded due to poor maintenance; however, funds came from a DCED grant without involvement of taxpayer’s money. In August 2019, the DCNR grant was approved by the state. October 2019 all proposals were given to Council in hard copy. November 2019 Barry Islet Engineering was awarded the DCED contract and in 2020 Borton Lawson was engaged to complete the DCNR project. Rosenstock reported the DCED portion will be reimbursed after completion in 2022 if all requirements were met. DCNR gave \$25,000.00 several months ago. All paperwork has been submitted and \$25,000 to \$30,000.00 will be reimbursed to the Borough in 2021 from the DCNR grant, and approximately \$12,000.00 from the DCED grant will be reimbursed in 2022.

***LSA Grant*** – The Borough received \$75,000.00 in 2018 and \$86,000.00 in 2019 from LSA Grants. Currently the Borough applied for \$536,000.00 in September 2021 to address drainage in the North Lakeview area.

***COVID 19*** –A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to extend the State of Emergency for 30 days and continue to hold virtual meetings.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

***Dam*** –

- Multiple communications have been made to Senator Casey concerning the status of the FEMA Grant.
- The Borough’s application was marked for further review.

- Jim Brozena is working with the FEMA regional office to handle pre-award activities.
- Rogan reported that a Dam Safety HHPD grant could be a funding option for 2022.
- Streamline Engineering is continuing work including the survey of Wright's Creek impact, the basometric survey, and hydraulic analysis, geo-technical work, and core sampling,
- Several meetings were held with the Dam Advisory group
- A Public Information Meeting was held at the Community House on October 10, 2021. A link to the meeting is available on the Borough's website.
- Two letters of interest were filed by Council President Rogan regarding the FEMA grant and BRIC Hazardous Mitigation grant through PEMA.
- Streamline Engineering requested a Change Order which will be addressed at the November Council Meeting.
- The following Motions were made in connection with the Dam Project:  
A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to adopt Resolution 3 of 2021 to pursue a FEMA Grant not to exceed \$10,000,000.00.  
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.  
A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to adopt Resolution 4 of 2021 Committing the Borough to a 25% match on the FEMA grant application.  
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.  
A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to adopt Resolution 5 of 2021 to pursue a HMGP grant not to exceed \$10,000,000.00.  
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.  
A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to add the **Motion** to engage Jim Brozena for future grant writing.  
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.  
A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to engage Jim Brozena for grant writing for the FEMA and BRIC grants at a rate of \$150.00/hr. not to exceed \$15,000.00.  
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Trash Contract** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to advertise for trash removal in both the newspaper and on Penn Bid for a one-, two-, or three-year contract.  
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried.

**2022 Council Meetings** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to advertise the 2022 Council meeting dates as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month except for December, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, and to have the regular January meeting immediately following the Reorganization Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.

**Inter-Governmental Agreement** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to adopt the inter-governmental agreement to allow bus photographic systems in the Borough.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT-**

- Council welcomed newly appointed Mayor, Tom Carter.
- Ian Preedy is concerned the White Haven Police are over-stepping their bounds. Preedy detailed an incident where he and his wife, Katie, were returning home from the Penn Lake 80<sup>th</sup> celebration and were stopped by a plain clothed White Haven policeman who requested identification as there was a call that three suspicious people were reported around the lake. The following day Katie Preedy called the White Haven Chief of Police to express concerns regarding the incident. Mrs. Preedy felt the interaction was negative and felt she was treated in a rude and aggressive manner. Preedy requested an email of the report which was not received. A few days later Ian Preedy stopped at the police department to obtain the report which contained their names although they were never given to the plain clothed policeman as well as the name of a Council member along with other untrue statements.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rogan.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

**The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2021, at  
7:00 PM via the Gotomeeting App.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary