

FEBRUARY 10, 2022  
PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough February Council meeting was held in the Penn Lake Park Community House. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a statement that the meeting is streamed through the conferencing app., Gotomeeting, and is being recorded.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Carter, Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Shaun Kuter, Dan Eustice, Dave Longmore, and John Burden were present.

**MINUTES:**

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

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

A **Motion** to accept the January Council Meeting Minutes was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore.

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

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

**RECEIPTS/BILLS:**

A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to pay the bills of \$75,960.77 and to accept the receipts of \$36,236.34.

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

**PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- AQUA confirmed there was a billing problem with the December bills. Sixty-seven sewer customers who also have a water account received a bill for \$110.00 instead of \$79.00 for their sewer bill. AQUA's billing department said these customers will be short billed on their next bill to correct the overcharge.
- Atlantic Broadband informed the Borough and current customers that it has changed its name to Breezeline. It was noted this rebranding did not involve a change of ownership.

- Luzerne County Recycling Department is offering up to a \$2000.00 reimbursement to the Borough for hosting a paper shredding recycling event, a 50% reimbursement for an electronics recycling event, and up to a \$2,500.00 reimbursement for running educational advertisements for recycling programs.
- Ian and Kate Preedy requested the following letter be read into the minutes of the February Council Meeting:

Penn Lake Borough Council,

Since many have asked us if the police incident that occurred on September 4th was resolved, we would like this letter to be read at the next borough council meeting, and text of the letter captured in the meeting minutes. The details of our police encounter were reported at the October borough meeting, then again reflected in the minutes from 10/21 and 12/21.

For clarity, the purpose of us reaching out to the police after this September incident was to respectfully request that if police are patrolling Penn Lake in unmarked cars, as a courtesy to the residents of Penn Lake, it would be appreciated if the officer always identify himself or herself as a safety measure to protect not just the residents, but also the police as well. This had NOT occurred in our interaction. What transpired after that has been very eye opening for us.

We later learned that police officer Mocofan had filed a report with allegations made by Ms. Rosenstock that were 100% false and potentially defamatory. We spoke with Ms. Rosenstock about these allegations and she informed us that she would talk to the police to resolve the matter and she also said she “never said any of that” to the police. She told many other Penn Lake residents the same.

If Council person Rosenstock did not say what was in the report, why would she not want to have the erroneous report cleared up? Ms. Rosenstock has since stated that she did **not** talk to the police to clear this up, and she has also avoided our calls and texts since that conversation. When we saw her at the lake in person on Saturday, January 22nd, Jill said “I will not speak to you, and whatever vendetta you and your husband have against me— you can just go on your merry way”.

Police chief Szoke initially said he would meet with us to discuss the report, however, he would not meet us via zoom and although we gave them several dates to meet in person in the month of January since we are not frequently at the lake, he did not schedule this meeting. Although he reported having “tried to reach us”, neither of us have any missed calls or voicemails from the White Haven Police. We received an email on January 10th from the police chief Szoke stating “There is no reason to have any other meetings and we will not be scheduling any”. We want our good name cleared by either removing the false police report or having an addendum added stating that it is inaccurate.

So to answer the question many have asked us— no, this issue was not resolved.

Sincerely,  
Ian and Kate Preedy

Note: An executive meeting will be scheduled to discuss this matter.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MAYOR – Tom Carter** – Extended condolences to the family of Donald and Erma Reimold on Donald’s passing. Carter reported that someone had damaged property on the corner of Acorn and Lakeview Drives used by the Linde Corporation in conjunction with the water-main

replacement project. Mayor Carter had several complaints of people leaving dogs outside in freezing temperatures which were passed to the Luzerne County Humane Control Officer.

**POLICE** – The Borough received 32.183 hours of service for December. There was 1 DUI arrest. The Borough received 30.73 hours of service for January. Incidents included a suspicious auto and one report of criminal mischief.

**SOLICITOR – Kristyn Giarrantano**– Nothing to Report.

**ZONING** – 1 permit was issued for demolition of a house.

**RECREATION– Kuter** –Reported that residents have requested a pickle ball court. A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to erect a pickle ball court at the tennis court and purchase equipment not to exceed \$500.00.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Burden, Longmore, and Eustice all in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice** – Spoke with Irv Carter and the Penn Lake Fish and Plant Life Club regarding bladderwort spraying.

**GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter** – The resident population is down by one with four remaining residents. The Depredation permit is good until the end of October.

**RTK/RECORDS –Burden** – Nothing to Report.

**ROADS –Longmore** – Nothing to Report. Rogan and Longmore will mark out where risers need to be installed in the coming weeks.

**SEWERS – Rogan** – Nothing to Report.

**SHORT TERM RENTALS-** One application fee has been received.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**DCNR/ADA Grants Reimbursement Status** – Paperwork has been submitted, waiting for reimbursement.

**Dam** –

- Letters of Support for the HMGP Grant were received from Dennison Twp., the White Haven Ambulance, the White Haven Police, and Congressman Matt Cartwright.
- January 7 – Jim Brozena submitted the HMGP Grant.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> draft was received from Streamline Engineering and was reviewed by the Dam Advisory Group. There will be a meeting with Streamline to discuss the draft.
- A Letter of Support for the HMGP grant was received from Senator Casey.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Burden, Longmore, and Eustice all in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

**The next meeting will be held on March 10 at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary