

## DECEMBER 17, 2015

The Penn Lake Park Borough December Council Meeting was 12/17/2015 in the Penn Lake Community House. President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

It was stated that the record should note that several residents and the secretary are recording the meeting.

**Roll Call:** Paul Rogan, Shaun Kuter, Jill Rosenstock, Rich Campbell, all present, Robert Johnson, absent Mayor Tim Lenahan, present.

**MINUTES A Motion** was made by Kuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to accept the November 12, 2015 minutes.

All in favor: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT A Motion** was made by Kuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rogan to accept December 17, 2015 report. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, all ayes, motion carried.

### EXHIBIT A

**RECEIPTS/BILLS:** A Motion was made by Kuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell to pay bills of \$21,397.54 and accept receipts of \$32,089.23 Roll call: Rogan, abstained from his own reimbursement the rest, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, all ayes, motion carried.

**Petitions or complaints:** None.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from PennDot stating the Liquid Fuels account must be reimbursed \$6,500.00 from general fund as the proper project approval for paving done in 2011 was not given by Penn Dot. Letter from Luzerne County Recorder of Deeds stating they will no longer accept folded subdivision maps.

Notice of intent to defend Rosenstock and Roman

Email from the Commonwealth stating the 2014 financial report is approved.

Letter and Report from Leonard Smith, Borton Lawson on Dam inspection.

Letter from Vince Kimsal resigning from ZHB.

Letter from Debra Krynick resigning from Planning Commission.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**POLICE-** No Report

**SOLICITOR – Paul Galante-** reaffirmed reorganizational meeting at 6 on 1/4/2016

**ZONING Barry Jacobs –** 1 permit 1327 Lakeview Dr Deck

**ENGINEERING Don Totino –** No report

**LAKE MANAGEMENT Shaun Kuter –** No report

**RECORDS/ROADS Paul Rogan** 3 right to know, 1 completed.

A Motion was made by Rogan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to reimburse the liquid fuels account \$6,500.00 as mandated by the state. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, all ayes, motion carried.

**MAYOR-** No report

**DAM -Rob Johnson-** in the absence of Mr. Johnson, President Rogan gave an overview of inspection and Mr. Smith's letter. Long term repairs and monitoring will be addressed as soon as DEP is allowed to travel which cannot happen until a state budget is passed.

**RECREATION/SEWER Paul Rogan** – No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Two garbage bids were received and open by Attorney Galante and rendered in compliance with bid package. They are as follows:

County Waste: 1 year \$40,260.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$40,260.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> year \$41,280.00

J. P. Mascaro: 1 year \$45,096.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$46,500.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> year \$47,880.00

Discussion ensued on the wisdom of continuing with County or taking the increase a **Motion** was made by Kuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rogan to enter into a 3 year contract with County Waste at \$40,260.00 for year 1 & 2 and \$41,280.00 for year 3. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, nay, 3 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

At this point Rosenstock read a prepared statement and requested the secretary to include in minutes, secretary has complied. Rosenstock read

“As a Council member, I want this to go into this month's meeting minutes. December 2015 in response to Rogan's comments in the November minutes: 1. I, along with a previous council and the borough engineer, actively worked in 2012 and 2013 to repair the roads and find funding. As we learned, Lakeview had been paved of course decades ago, but never addressed correctly with under drain and base repair. With grants, we were able to repave Darby as well as the parking lots of this building and the recreation area. Due to the issue of no drainage existing for most of our roads, pothole patching in itself is a band aid and not the solution. I never said we should not repair the roads, nor fill the potholes, not ever. What was said was the money should go towards repairing the roads the correct way, to last the long haul and not just a season or 2. 2. Rogan knows, as well as does most of this Council, that he did intend to offer a private landowner here \$60,000.00 or borough “discretionary funds”. My argument all along has been that any discretionary income would be better spent on proper road repair and far more pressing issues.

3. In November, as you can hear on the audio from the borough meeting minutes, Rogan calls the White Haven Police Department a political football. He also stated that they are funded from discretionary income. For several years now, the police have been a line item included in the budget. They also are no football, and I am embarrassed to have him belittle the value of the police coverage by referring to them as that. The comment political football insinuated that the WHPD do not serve our community in a positive way, and it disregards what most residents want. It is the responsibility of Council to keep this community safe. Contracting with the WHPD achieves that.

Also, not mentioned in the minutes were 2 grant opportunities available SHOULD the dam need “several tens of thousands of dollars in repair” For the record, they are grants that, with a 30% match, would cover 70% of the funding. They are the Commonwealth Financing Grant and PennDot Multi Modal.

The Council I had been so grateful to be part of from 2008 to 2013 received over \$100,000.00 in grants to pave some roads and other areas, restore the main beach, winterize this building including the purchase of a generator, repair all the damage brought from Tropical Storm Irene, and write a Comprehensive Plan. Without raising taxes we entered into a regional police department, brought in the UCC, we build a playground, bought a dock, fixed roads, held

community events like summer fun days for our children, and took down problem trees for residents, etc. This Council did away with the UCC, dismantled the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission, and have reduced by also half the police coverage hours. And now they want to raise taxes.

Let me close by saying I value immeasurably my time on Council. I am so proud of what the previous council has accomplished...thing that hopefully will stand a long time after we are all gone. I am embarrassed and I apologize for having been a part of this one, however, Thank you. The 2016 budget was discussed the increase of .2 mills that would directly be put into a Dam account. A **Motion** was made by Rogan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to adopt the 2016 Budget with a .6 mill tax base. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, nay, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A **Motion** was made by Rogan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to appoint Beverly Yench as tax collector for the next two years. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, all ayes, motion carried.

A **Motion** to pass **Resolution #1 of 2015** the Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was made by Rogan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, all ayes, motion carried.

A **Motion** to pass **Resolution #2 of 2015** setting the 2016 garbage fee at \$175.00, due by February 29, 2016 a \$25.00 fee added after that date was made by Kuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, all ayes, motion carried.

A **Motion** was made by Rogan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to advertise the .6 mill tax ordinance for 2016 for adoption in January. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, nay, 3 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

A **Motion** was made by Rogan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuter to advertise to set meeting dates as the second Thursday of the month with the exception of December 2016 which will be the third Thursday, work session to begin at 7 with meeting immediately following. Roll call: Rogan, aye, Kuter, aye, Campbell, aye, Rosenstock, aye, all ayes, motion carried.

A **Motion** was made by Kuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rogan to un censor the Mayor, Tim Lenahan and thanked him for his service.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Topics of discussion were but not limited to:

The playground equipment had there been any news, and why people would be willing to pay \$20.00 more in garbage fees but not in taxes to secure the lake.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Kuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rogan all in favor, all ayes

**The next meeting will be on January 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**[www.pennlake.org](http://www.pennlake.org)**

Margo Beckerman, Secretary

# RECEIPTS: January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 MEETING

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\$ <u>4121.45</u>	HA Berkheimer, EIT December
\$ <u>11233.29</u>	Aqua Pa , Sewer Fees Coll, October
\$ <u>1009.81</u>	Real Estate Taxes Collected
\$ <u>205.00</u>	Garbage Fees Collected (Tini)
\$ <u>35.00</u>	Magisterial Fines Collected

**\$ 16604.55 TOTAL RECEIPTS**

## BILLS:

\$ <u>3720.00</u>	County Waste, December Garbage Collection
\$ <u>91.15</u>	Verizon, Telephone 12/7/15 to 1/6/16
\$ <u>10317.06</u>	Penn Vest Loan Monthly Payment January
\$ <u>350.00</u>	Atty. John Dean, December Retainer
\$ <u>437.50</u>	Elliott Greenleaf & Dean, Misc.add'l Borough Matters
\$ <u>350.00</u>	Barry Jacob, ZO Salary –Dec
\$ <u>141.07</u>	HA Berkheimer, Admin & Comm: November & December
\$ <u>86.02</u>	PPL Electric Utilities, streetlights November & December
\$ <u>1179.46</u>	Aqua PA Repairs to Olszewski Property (9-2015 Invoice)
\$ <u>1403.21</u>	Aqua PA Inv # 1-2016, Francis Casarella & Tanavage Properties
\$ <u>39.95</u>	Margo Beckerman Office Supplies
\$ <u>1300.00</u>	Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc, 2015 Dam Inspection
\$ <u>69.00</u>	The Journal Herald, Budet Ad, Tax Ord & mtg dates ad
\$ <u>524.81</u>	Jarick Constrauction, Snow plowing/cindering 12/28-29

**\$ 20009.23 TOTAL BILLS**

TREASURERS REPORT –January 14, 2016

**PNC GENERAL FUND**

Balance as of 12/10/15	\$ 811.35
Revenue Deposits from 1/14 mtg	<u>+1044.81</u>
	\$1856.16
Bills to be Paid (Approved 1/14)	<u>- 1564.69</u>
<b>Balance as of 1/14/16</b>	<b>\$ 291.47</b>

**PLGIT GENERAL FUND**

Balance as of 12/10/15	\$58554.18
EIT Deposit December	+ 4121.45
Interest earned 12/30	<u>+ 5.51</u>
	\$62681.14
Transfer to Liquid Fuels Acct	- 6500.00
Bills to be Paid (approved 1/14)	<u>- 1300.00</u>
<b>Balance as of 1/14/16</b>	<b>\$54881.14</b>

	<b>PLGIT GARBAGE</b>	<b>LIQUID FUELS</b>	<b>PETTY CASH</b>
Balance 12/10/15	\$ 4860.71	\$16555.28	\$25.38
Revenue Dep 1/14	+ 205.00	6500.00	
Interest earned 12/30	<u>+ .75</u>	<u>+ 1.44</u>	<u>.00</u>
	\$ 5066.46	\$23056.72	\$25.38
Bills to be Pd 1/14	<u>- 3720.00</u>	<u>- 524.81</u>	<u>- .00</u>
<b>Balance as of 1/14/16</b>	<b>\$ 1346.46</b>	<b>\$22531.91</b>	<b>\$25.38</b>

**FNCB SEWER FUND**

Balance 12/10/15	\$203119.99
Interest Earned	+ 8.40
Revenue Dep 1/14	<u>+ 11233.29</u>
	\$214361.68
Bills Pd 1/14/16	- 2429.68
Penn Vest Loan 1/01	<u>- 10317.06</u>
<b>Balance as of 1/14/16</b>	<b>\$201614.94</b>