

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough February Council meeting was held in the Penn Lake Park Community House. Council Vice President Shaun Kuter 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 being recorded by the Secretary and residents of the Borough.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Debra Krysicki, Council Vice President Shaun Kuter, Council members Jill Rosenstock, David Longmore, and John Burden were present. Council President Paul Rogan was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the January Reorganizational and Council meetings were distributed to council and copies were placed on display. The copies will be recorded as the official minutes. A **Motion** to accept the January Reorganizational and Council minutes was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore.

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

Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented. A **Motion** was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by Longmore to accept the Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion carried.

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Longmore, 2nd by Kuter to pay the bills of \$40,020.98 and to accept the receipts of \$15,244.93.

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

Motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- PPL notified the borough that the Davey Resource Group will be trimming and clearing trees near PPL power lines.
- The Times Leader asks the borough to utilize their newspaper to promote local recycling and forwarded information concerning advertising packages.
- The Luzerne County Recycling Office is offering municipalities reimbursement for educational advertisements concerning recycling, as well as paper shredding and electronic recycling events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Debra Krysicki– Nothing to Report

POLICE – No Report.

SOLICITOR – John Dean- Commented on a RTK seeking advertisement for the Reorganizational meeting and for the regular January Council Meeting. The advertisement for the Reorganizational meeting was found but not for the January

Council meeting. However, it is unclear whether one was needed since business may be conducted after the Reorganizational Meeting. Attorney Dean suggested Council make a motion to adopt all actions taken at the January 6, 2020 Council Meeting.

A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore to approve all actions taken at the January 6, 2020 Council Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

ZONING – No Permits

ENGINEERING–Rogan – Nothing to Report

DAM- Rogan – Nothing to Report

RECREATION–Kuter – Council member Rosenstock sent the contract to Luzerne County for the DCED Grant. Work should begin soon and be completed by the end of June.

LAKE MANAGEMENT- Rosenstock – A tree will be taken down near the bridge.

GOOSE ABATEMENT– Kuter- The geese have been moved along.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – 4 RTK requests were received, two were completed prior to the meeting, another completed through statements made earlier in this meeting, and the fourth will be completed tomorrow.

ROADS –Longmore – Nothing to Report

SEWER –Rogan – Six new grinder pumps were purchased. Council person Rosenstock requested the following statement be read into the minutes:

Following the removal of a resident's grinder pump without her knowledge, and, in the fallout of that action and the subsequent damage and embarrassment that action caused, I strongly feel Penn Lake needs to halt activity on pursuing what we perceive as delinquent sewer accounts. We need to feel confident that the billing notices we see are accurate, both for Penn Lake's purpose as well as the property owner. We should ask our solicitor to look into this with AQUA so that we can be confident in what we determine to be actual delinquent accounts. When that is achieved, then we can pursue collection on delinquents with confidence and integrity. I would also hope that when that occurs, we pursue collections on delinquent accounts across the board and without selective enforcement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADA Grant – The appointment of an engineer for the DCNR Grant was postponed.

Gaming Grant – Rogan has supplied all the necessary information and expects to hear from the State in March or April.

Short Term Rentals – This issue will be carried over to the March Council Meeting.

Borough Web Site –Tom Thornton has provided an initial sample, more information will be added.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT- A resident inquired when the 2020 Trash Bills will be sent out. Council explained the trash fee was included with the county and municipal tax bills.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore.

Roll Call all in favor, all ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

The next meeting will be held on March 12, at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary