

JANUARY 14, 2021

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough January Council meeting was held via the conferencing app, Gotomeeting. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:07 and stated that the meeting is being recorded.

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from December 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 the December Council Meeting Minutes was made by Kuter, 2nd by Rosenstock.

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, 2nd 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, 2nd by Rosenstock to pay the bills of \$14,045.53 and to accept the receipts of \$17,142.57.

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

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Barry Jacob requested to be reappointed as Zoning Officer for 2021
A Motion was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to reappoint Barry Jacob as Zoning Officer for the 2021 Calendar Year.
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.
Motion carried.
- Luzerne County Recycling Department is offering reimbursements for electronic recycling events, paper shredding events, and recycling education advertisements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Debra Krysicki– Gave thanks and special recognition to Walter Parry for his efforts on Christmas Morning to address three downed trees around the Borough.

Krysicki also will acknowledge residents for caring and for notable efforts in the Community each month and asked for nominations from borough citizens.

POLICE – Mayor Krysicki stated the Borough received 24.66 hours of service for December. There was a single incident involving a disabled vehicle.

SOLICITOR – Chad Sweigart – Nothing to Report.

ZONING – 1 permit was issued on West Hollenback Drive.

ENGINEERING – Rogan – Nothing to Report.

DAM- Rogan – Will address in Unfinished Business.

RECREATION– Kuter – Nothing to Report.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock – Nature Works will send a treatment report and proposal at the end of February. Rosenstock reported the DEP permit is still valid and noted the bladder wort cannot be treated until it begins to grow. The treatment for the Watershield involves glyphosate, the chemical used in Roundup, and Rosenstock hesitates to suggest dispersing this chemical in the lake. It was recommended by the Fish and Plant Life Club that lily pads should not be sprayed as a percentage of lily pads are needed for lake health.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – Nothing to Report.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – Nothing to Report. Burden thanked and recognized Deb and Joe Saracino for their efforts in clearing the water in the basement of the Community House after the power outage.

ROADS –Longmore – AQUA will continue a water main replacement project around Lakeview Dr. resulting in an edge-to-edge paving which will eliminate the need for pot hole repair in the area affected. The Borough provided specifications for asphalt paving to EnTech.

SEWER –Rogan – Permission to hook up to the sewer system was granted to Weisels and Tom Hughes. Hughes will assume the costs of road permits. Rogan stressed the need to maintain a solid balance in the Borough’s sewer account and spoke of the recent sewer line break on Middleburg Road which was a costly incident. A revised “Do Not Replace Pump List” was issued to AQUA and Sites Specific.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Rosenstock – Will revise language to specifically omit nuisance ordinance and noted a due date and late fee are needed on the permit form.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jeremy Clark – EnTech Aqua Main Replacement was addressed in Roads.

Tax Ordinance – The 2021 Tax Ordinance setting the tax rate at 4.6 mills, 4.2 mills for dam repairs and .4 mills for general Borough expenses was passed and forwarded to the County with an attachment for the 2021 Trash Bill of \$190.00

DCNR/ADA Grant – The Borough awarded the DCED grant project to Wayco Inc.

Engineer Totino is submitting paperwork to Pioneer Construction for an award of \$66,538.00. The Borough is waiting for Luzerne County to approve the project. Work should begin in April and be completed by Memorial Day.

COVID 19 –A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to extend the State of Emergency for 30 days.

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

Stop Signs / Speed Limit Signs – Will continue as Unfinished Business until favorable weather.

Dam –

- Case Con was engaged as broker to obtain a \$3,000,000.00 line of credit
- The Contact made by the engineering firm, Peter's Engineers, will result in including them as RFP recipients
- The Borough was not awarded the \$70,000.00 grant from PA
- The Dam Advisory Group submitted its first draft of RFP reviewed by Dan George and Rogan
- RFP's for Geotech analysis and Hydrologic Tests will go out in February
- A response to an email received from the Dam Safety Committee inquiring about current status was sent also informing the Committee that the \$3,000,000.00 minimum solution proposed by Borton Lawson was not well received by the Community
- A projection of approximately \$200,00.00 will be spent for engineering
- The Borough's hope is to secure grant money for other options including full dam replacement

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments –

- Barry Jacobs was reappointed Zoning Officer
- Zoning Hearing Board Appointments- A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to appoint the following:
 - Karl Heck – 3-year term
 - Richard Johnson – 2-year term
 - Kat Marth Ladof – 1-year term
 - Jenn Case – Alternate
 - Lois Glass – fulfilling Jack Glass's status as alternate

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

Motion carried.

Nuisance Ordinance- Krysicki received calls and emails concerning recent fireworks and believes the Borough should define specific events and times fireworks are allowed to be employed. Mayor Krysicki suggested restricting noise between 11 PM to 7 AM. Kuter suggested a review of the Ordinance is warranted and possibly more specific language is in order. A suggestion was made to list the Nuisance Ordinance as an item in the next work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Trish Bartlett questioned whether the Borough has a Water Fowl Ordinance. Bartlett has observed approximately 50 Mallard ducks and gave figures on the amount of waste produced by such a number. She also stated that residents continue to feed water fowl despite the Ordinance. Rogan stated that the Borough applies for and obtains Depredation Permits every year which is granted on the condition that pyrotechnics is employed.

Nests are difficult to find and an expert has been contacted for insights on identifying both duck and goose nests.

Josey Soriano has concerns about the effects of (pyrotechnics) gun shots on animals and residents working at home. She asked whether this occurrence is subject to the noise ordinance. Soriano complained her lakefront access is obscured and inaccessible due to lily pad growth. Rosenstock replied that this issue will be addressed with the Penn Lake Plant Life and Fish Club. Rogan stated that future work on the dam may increase the depth of the lake 8 to 12 inches which may affect lily pad growth.

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary