

MAY 13, 2021

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough May Council meeting was held via the conferencing app, Gotomeeting. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM 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 the April 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 April 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 Kuter, 2nd by Longmore 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 Longmore to pay the bills of \$21,134.47 and to accept the receipts of \$260,400.51.

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

Rogan noted the increase in real estate tax revenue is due to the dam.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:

- Barbara Sudimak brought to the Borough's attention that the storm drain at the intersections of Hollenback, Horseshoe, and Lakeview Dr. was blocked. The matter was forwarded to Councilman Longmore.
- Felicia Perlick complained that the thorns along a portion of Lakeview Dr. need to be trimmed as they are protruding into the road. Rogan will trim the area.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- DEP sent notification that AQUA's Water Main Replacement project has been approved.
- The Luzerne Conservation District notified the Borough that AQUA's Water Main Replacement Project is adequate to meet the erosion and sediment control requirements.
- The PA Turnpike Commission sent its annual notice concerning encroachments and incursions onto Turnpike property.

- Entech Engineering requested a pre-construction meeting regarding the Water Main Replacement project.
- Lawn care bids were received from RFM Home Services, Paragon Total Home Maintenance, and Four Diamond Lawn Care.
- The Borough was made aware the state of Pennsylvania requires a Loan Ordinance in order to borrow 3 Million Dollars for the Dam Project. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to approve and authorize the enactment of the Loan Ordinance in order to issue a general obligation note.
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Debra Krysicki– Thanked residents for their random acts of kindness and also thanked all who are decorating the street signs and other areas.

POLICE – Mayor Krysicki stated the Borough received 25.58 hours of service for April. 30 minutes were in response to a theft, the remaining time was for patrol.

SOLICITOR – Krysten Giarratano– Nothing to Report.

ZONING – Two permits were issued.

RECREATION– Kuter/Rosenstock –Addressed in Unfinished Business

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock – Bladderwort and water shield growth are being monitored and must appear before treatment by Ecological Solutions can occur. Water testing will begin in late May. Rosenstock informed Council that buoys, markers, and Shepherd’s Crooks are needed for both beaches and will be purchased by the Association.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – A couple pairs of geese have goslings and will be moved along when the young are capable.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – A RTK Request by James Halpin of the Citizen’s Voice Newspaper concerning the Borough’s budget for Police Protection has been fulfilled.

ROADS –Longmore – Will address signs and line painting in the near future.

Longmore requested input regarding sign placement and sign message. A bid may be necessary due to the cost of the signs. Longmore will contact White Haven Police Chief Szoke for input on the nature of the signs as well as the lines on Hollenback.

SEWER –Rogan – The billing of vacant lots has proven difficult because of changes in ownership. Rogan suggested filing liens on the properties. The Borough was issued an Occupancy Permit allowing the Tom Hughes property to connect to the sewer system.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Rosenstock – The owners of six of the seven known rental properties have complied. The Borough has received numerous complaints concerning the property of the noncompliant rental owner, Mr. Rammos. Council Member Rosenstock feels a letter from Attorney Dean is warranted. Rogan suggested the Borough file a lien against the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lawn Work – A **Motion** was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by Rogan to accept RFM Home Services bid for Lawn Care.

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

Nuisance Ordinance- Continued until the next Council Meeting.

DCNR/ADA Grant – Construction has begun on the Playground and Rosenstock asks the residents to refrain from using the area until it is completed in late May. Work on the Gazebo area is set to begin May 17. Incidentally, Rosenstock added that a study of the timber rattlesnake and wood rat may be necessary for the FEMA Grant.

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 – Was addressed under Roads.

Roads-Repair Winter Damage – Bids are due by June 8. Several signs were damaged near the beach and need repair or replacement.

Dam –

- The final RFP was released to the Engineering Community and Penn Bid.
- Eighteen companies attended the Pre-Proposal Meeting on May 4th.
- Preliminary work with Luzerne Bank continues regarding funding. There will be three authorized signers for checks. Two signatures will be necessary on checks.
- Questions from bidders are being categorized by the Dam Advisory Group and managed by Dan George who will respond.
- Council recognizes and thanks Dan George and Jude Cooney for their work on this segment of the project.
- The Loan Ordinance was passed earlier in this meeting.
- The turnover of the piezometer readings to Richard Campbell and Patrick Knuepoll was cited and pictured in the White Haven Journal. Council Member Kuter wishes to thank Robert and Richard Johnson for their many years of work and also thanks Campbell and Knuepoll for assuming the responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Extension – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Rosenstock to connect the Larry Bond property to the Borough's sewer system.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2021, at 7:00 PM via the Gotomeeting App.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary