

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022  
PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough September Council meeting was held at the Penn Lake Park Community House. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:23 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:** Council President Paul Rogan and Council member Shaun Kuter were remote, David Longmore, Dan Eustice, and John Burden were present. Mayor Tom Carter was absent.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the August 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 August Council Meeting Minutes was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burden.

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

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

**RECEIPTS/BILLS:**

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eustice to pay the bills of \$43,020.59 with an additional payment to Nature Works for \$5,768.00 for a total of \$48,788.59 and to accept the receipts of \$36,267.93.

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

**PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Luzerne County will conduct two separate tire recycling collections at the following locations: Drums Elementary School on October 1, and Hanover Area Jr/Sr High School on October 8. Both collections will be held from 7 AM to 1 PM. Any resident wishing to participate must call 1-800-821-7654 to register.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MAYOR – CARTER** -No Report.

**POLICE** – The Borough received 22.5 hours of service for August. Incidents were: 1 Mental Health and 2 Assist Other PD.

**SOLICITOR – Kristyn Giarrantano Jeckell** – The proposed changes to the White Haven Police contract were sent to the Police Department but the Borough has not had an opportunity to review the response.

**ZONING** – 10 permits were issued: 1 shed, 2 add to structure, 1 Demo, 1 A/C unit, 1 Driveway, 1 Demo Zoning, 2 Zoning permits, and 1 new structure. Grant Carter variance was approved at a Zoning Board Hearing.

**RECREATION– Kuter** – The pickle ball court has been a popular addition to the Borough and Kuter suggests keeping the porta potty in place while the court is in use.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice** – Water testing is over for the remainder of the year.

**GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter** – The geese are moving now.

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

**ROADS –Longmore** – Was pleased with the quality of Kislan’s paving and pot hole patching. Longmore added that some other work was completed without charge. Longmore had Kislan complete some additional work and sealing will be completed shortly. Longmore mentioned a stormwater drain by the bridge needs repair and is seeking a proposal to repair the drain. A **Motion** was made by Longmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eustice to pay \$2,190.00 for additional work completed by Kislan.

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

Motion carried.

**SEWERS – Rogan** – The Borough has a balance of \$388,740.00 on the Penn Vest loan. Currently there is \$187,204.00 in the Sewer Fund and the Borough may consider paying off the loan earlier than the December 2025 expected date.

**SHORT TERM RENTALS- Burden** – Attorney Giarrantano Jeckell will make suggested changes to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and Permit.

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to make suggested changes to the Ordinance and Permit and advertise the changes to the Ordinance in the White Haven Journal.

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

Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

***Motion to Approve Payment for Additional Work-*** Was covered under Roads.

***Speed Bumps*** – The issue of speed bumps, speed humps, Liquid Fuels eligibility, and Storage will continue to be considered

***Pickle Ball / Tennis Court*** –Work was done at the tennis court involving cleaning, painting lines, and adding an additional net. The Borough has not received money from the Go Fund Me account. The item will be continued on October’s agenda.

***Short-Term Rental Ordinance Changes*** – Was covered in the Committee Report.

***Reconsideration of the White Haven Police Contract*** – Council has not reviewed the proposed changes resulting from the Executive session attended by Rogan, Eustice and Carter. The issue will be continued until the October Council Meeting when the Borough Council can review the changes. Attorney Jeckell will pass the changes to Council.

***Snow Plowing*** – Rogan suggested narrowing consideration to three bids and seeking clarification on equipment and staff capability for the bidders. Longmore suggested a Special Council meeting to evaluate the bids and reward the contract.

***Dam –***

- August 18 - The Dam Advisory Group has scheduled a public meeting for October 1, 2022 at the Community House to review progress and possible outcomes.
- August 19 - The Borough received the report on the supplemental analysis requested by DEP concerning the coefficients used in the H & H analyses and also the H & H analyses letter report.
- August 19 – Rogan and Brozena attended the ARPA grant webinar.
- August 29 – A meeting was held with attorneys, Brozena, and Dan George to discuss legal steps involved with easements.
- August 31- Rogan spoke with Brian Burd from the Luzerne Bank regarding a new account to receive 2020 grant money in the amount of \$301,000.00.
- September 5 thru 8 – The Dam Advisory Group met face to face with property owners that may be impacted by easements if the concept/solution submitted to DEP is adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 3 OF 2022 – A Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to accept Resolution 3 of 2022 to open a new bank account with Luzerne Bank for the deposit of the \$301,000.00 FEMA grant money.

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

Motion carried.

**ARPA FUNDS-** Elliot Greenleaf will advise.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Trish Breuer had concerns and comments regarding the lake covenant, the Penn Lake Community Facebook page, and wildlife issues. Bill Green had concerns about speeding and erratic driving by a delivery person. Angela Simko stressed the importance and necessity of a quick response by snow plowing contractors in regard to working people and school buses. Kislun reported paving, pot hole patching, and sealing are completed. A resident is eager to have police issues resolved and questions when a new contract will begin. Rosenstock stated she had produced phone records proving she did not initiate the 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration incident.

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

**The next Council Meeting will be held on October 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary