

OCTOBER 13, 2022
PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough October Council meeting was held at the Penn Lake Park Community House. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 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.

Council President Rogan announced that a Special September Council Meeting was advertised and held on September 19, 2022 to award the snow plowing contract.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Tom Carter, Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Shaun Kuter, David Longmore, Dan Eustice, and John Burden were present.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the September Council Meeting and the Special September 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 September Council Meeting Minutes was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore.

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

Motion carried.

A **Motion** to accept the Special September Council Meeting Minutes was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore.

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

Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

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

Motion carried.

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2nd by Eustice to pay the bills of \$56,307.59 and to accept the receipts of \$39,830.15.

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

Motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:

The Borough received a petition signed by 112 residents to retain the White Haven Police Department's services for the Penn Lake Park.

Bob Scott complained that the street light at the main entrance on Carter Dr. does not provide adequate lighting to make the turn visible. Scott asks that either the cover or the entire light be replaced.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Former Mayor Tim Lenahan is in favor of using the PA State Police rather than the White Haven Police for the following reasons: the Borough is facing a 3–5-million-dollar expense to fix the dam, the residents are experiencing rising inflation, garbage collection has increased by 30%, the Borough’s snowplowing contract will increase by an estimated 50% from the previous year, and the White Haven Police contract, from what Lenahan understands, will increase by 50% from the current cost. Lenahan feels the PA State Police are a highly trained, and well manned 24/7 Police Force. He adds that White Haven Poconos, Lake Agmar, Bear Creek Borough, and Bear Creek Township all rely on State Police services. Lenahan states the State Police Station is 5 miles away with easy turnpike access, the State Police can use radar for speeding, and currently there is no charge for coverage. Finally, Lenahan asks the community to focus on what is important at this time which is the dam.

The Borough received the results of the Bridge Inspection and although no immediate or high priority maintenance is currently needed; some lower priority recommendations were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – CARTER -Nothing to Report.

POLICE – The Borough received 21.06 hours of service for September. Incidents were: 1 noise complaint, 1 burglar alarm, and 1 harassment.

SOLICITOR – Kristyn Giarrantano Jeckell – Nothing to Report.

ZONING – 1 permit was issued for new construction. On October 4, 2022, the Zoning Hearing Board granted Jeffrey Shrader a variance for a rear yard setback.

RECREATION– Kuter – Nothing to Report.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice – Nothing to Report

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – Presently all is quiet.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – Nothing to Report.

ROADS –Longmore – Nothing to Report.

SEWERS – Rogan – The Borough recovered arrears money from a delinquent improved property and two unimproved lots. Rogan reported a severe sewer problem on Williams Drive that will be the responsibility of the Borough. Some exploratory digging was done by Milo and repair costs may exceed thousands of dollars.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Burden – A delinquent permit fee and penalty was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Pickle Ball / Tennis Court –No report, will continue to November Meeting.

Short-Term Rental Ordinance Changes – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Burden to adopt the changes to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and Permit Application.

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

Motion Carried.

Reconsideration of the White Haven Police Contract – Attorney Jeckell reported White Haven was agreeable to the suggested changes.

A **Motion** was made by Burden, 2nd by Eustice to continue to receive services from the White Haven Police Department.

Roll Call: Burden-aye, Eustice-aye, Kuter-nay, Longmore-nay, Rogan-nay.

Motion not carried.

Dam –

- September 18- the Dam Advisory Group met to discuss content for the October 1 Public Meeting. Margie Bastow developed slides to present at the Public Meeting.
- September 22- A Virtual meeting was held between Rogan, Dam Advisory Group member, Dan George, DEP Chief Kirk Kreider, and Streamline Engineering to discuss the approach/concept for spillway improvements and draft report from Streamline. DEP seemed agreeable with the approach for spillway improvements thru “Sag” areas and will contact the Borough with their decision in a few weeks.
- October 1- A Public Meeting was held at the Community House. The slides and video of the meeting can be found on the Borough website under “Dam Information Page.” The presentation and Q&A by the Dam Advisory Group and Streamline Engineering were well received. The grant portion of the presentation done by Jim Brozena states that an additional 410K in FEMA/BRIC grants will be awarded to Penn Lake Park making a total of over 800,000 for the dam project.
- October 13- An email forwarded to the Dam Advisory Group members Rogan and George by Streamline Engineering stated that DEP is reviewing the “Hydrologic and Hydraulic” modeling which suggests DEP will accept the concepts outlined in Streamline’s plan for spillway improvements.

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to endorse Change Order #4 in the amount of \$4,700 for the preparation of individual property easement drawings and related coordination.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Longmore, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor. None Opposed.

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

White Haven Public Library/YMCA Camp – Requests for a donation of \$500/year for the next 4 years to supplement the program will be carried over to the November Meeting.

Drain Repair- A **Motion** was made by Longmore, 2nd by Burden to accept Kislán’s proposal to complete catch basin/drain work near the inlet on Lakeview Dr for \$7575.00

Roll Call: Longmore, Burden, Kuter, Eustice, and Rogan, all in favor. None Opposed.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Dates for 2023 – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to advertise the dates for the 2023 Borough Council Meetings in the White Haven Journal.

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Longmore, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor. None Opposed.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Many residents expressed their concerns over the Borough’s current decision not to accept White Haven Police Services for 2023. The Borough was informed that it will be responsible for fees associated with ongoing police cases by White Haven Borough’s Manager.

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next Council Meeting will be held on November 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary