

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

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 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a statement that the meeting is being recorded.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Tom Carter, Council President Paul Rogan, Council Members: Susan George, John Burden, Dan Eustice and Corey Beltz were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were made involving the ability of the White Haven Police to control speeding in the Borough, the identity of the new White Haven Police Chief and whether the Police Department can provide twenty-four-hour service. Another comment involved Dam funding shortfall.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the August Council Meeting were distributed to council members via email and posted on the Penn Lake Park Borough website. The copies will be recorded as the official minutes. A **Motion** to accept the August Council Meeting Minutes was made by Rogan, 2nd by Beltz. Roll Call: Rogan, Beltz, George, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented. A **Motion** was made by Eustice, 2nd by George to accept the Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Eustice, George, Burden, Beltz, and Rogan, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Burden to pay the bills of \$41,100.58 and to accept the receipts of \$40,516.39. Roll Call: Rogan, Burden, George, Beltz, and Eustice, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Carter – Nothing to Report

SOLICITOR – Kristyn Jeckell – Will contact Attorney Dave Phillips concerning the Borough's option to purchase the Phillips property. The Board of Review hearing concerning the Basler easement is scheduled in November.

ZONING – The Zoning Hearing Board will meet September 23 at 6 PM to hear a request from Joseph Podmore for a dimensional variance and special exception for enlargement of a nonconforming structure.

RECREATION– George – Nothing to Report

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice – Nothing to Report.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Eustice – Nothing to Report.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – One RTK was satisfied.

ROADS –Eustice – Contacted Kislan Trucking concerning brush cutting.

SEWERS – Beltz – Spoke with Environmental Service Corp to discuss flushing the sewer lines from 1627 Lakeview Dr. to the Pagoda. Environmental Service Corp feels that flushing the lines in the area will extend the life of the grinder pumps. Beltz was contacted by a resident on Hollenback Dr reporting water flowing at the end of the property on Acorn Dr. and Hollenback Rd. The water main leak in the area was resolved.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Burden – One permit request was received.

DAM – Rogan – 9-12-2024 Meeting- Dam Report

- 8/12/2024-At the August meeting, Council voted to have the Borough Solicitor negotiate and execute the Borough's option agreement on the property along Lakeview drive owned by "David W. Phillips, et al." in the appraised amount of \$34,560.00. That negotiation continues.
- 8/21/2024- A change order was received from Streamline for “Additional Engineering Services for Design & Permitting” in the amount of \$35,000.00.
- 9/8/2024-Jim Brozeena, our dam grant writer, submitted a reimbursement request in the amount of \$119,000 for our 2021 BRIC grant.
- 9/10/2024-Dan George, Attorney Jeckell, Attorney Dean, and Streamline Engineering continue to work through the details of additional easements needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARPA Funds - Penn Lake Borough Inlet Grade Adjustment Project –A **Motion** was made by Burden, 2nd by Rogan to accept the bid of Kislan Trucking in the amount of \$4,500.00 to complete the project.

Roll Call: Burden, Rogan, George, Eustice, and Beltz, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

Motion to Endorse Police Agreement – The Borough declined to enter into an agreement with the White Haven Police. The issue is closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Culvert Pipe Replacement- A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Beltz to accept Environmental Service’s bid of \$5,938.27 to repair the culvert pipe on Hollenback Rd. Money will be used from ARPA Funds.

Roll Call: Rogan, Beltz, George, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

Sewer Line Flushing- A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Beltz to have Environmental Service Corp flush 1,600 feet of sewer lines in the amount of \$2,200.00 plus a \$.15/gallon disposal fee.

Roll Call: Rogan, Beltz, George, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

Dam Inspection- A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by George to accept Borton Lawson’s proposal for the annual dam inspection in the amount of \$2,250.00.

Roll Call: Rogan, George, Beltz, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

Streamline Engineering Change Order #1- A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by George to accept Streamline Engineering’s Change Order #1 for additional engineering services for Design and Permitting in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Roll Call: Rogan, George, Burden, Beltz, and Eustice, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

Motion to Advertise Ordinance #1, Authorizing Collection of Attorney's Fees – A Motion was made by Rogan, 2nd by Beltz, to advertise Ordinance #1 of 2024 to authorize the Collection of Attorney's fees pursuant to 53 P.S. 7106.

Roll Call: Rogan, Beltz, George, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

Motion to Advertise Ordinance #2 to Amend Ordinance #1 of 2003, as Amended by Ordinance #4 of 2006- A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by George, to advertise Ordinance #2 of 2024 to amend Ordinance #4 of 2006, to increase the sewer connection fee to \$16,300.00.

Roll Call: Rogan, George, Beltz, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

Roll Call: Rogan, George, Burden, Beltz, and Eustice, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Meeting Reopened at 8:03.

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by George to add items to the agenda that occurred within twenty-four hours that does not involve any financial expenditure.

Roll Call: Rogan, George, Burden, Beltz, and Eustice, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

A **Motion** was made by Beltz, 2nd by Rogan to adopt Resolution #3 of 2024, for the Borough to apply for a Luzerne County Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$2,628,326.00, to be used for DEP mandated dam repair.

Roll Call: Beltz, Rogan, George, Eustice, and Beltz, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

A **Motion** was made by Beltz, 2nd by George to adopt Resolution #4 of 2024 for the Borough to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, to be used for DEP mandated dam repair.

Roll Call: Beltz, George, Burden, Eustice, and Rogan, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

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

Roll Call: George, Rogan, Eustice, Beltz, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary