

Tuesday 2nd of August 2022 - 8/2/2022 Council Meeting Minutes



Pen Argyl Borough Council held their Meeting for August on Tuesday, August 2, 2022
at 7:00 P. M. at Borough Social Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council President Joseph LeDonne opened the Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Council Members present and responding to roll call: Joseph LeDonne, Tammy Kemp, Charles Kandl Jr., John Apgar, Janell Connolly, Stephanie Cooper, Josephine Hildabrant and Scott Brumbaugh.

Also present were Mayor Stephen Male, Borough Solicitor Peter Layman, Borough Manager Robin Zmoda and Borough Secretary Juli Lemak.

Executive Session:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion for Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Scott Brumbaugh. Unanimous by voice vote. Council went into executive session at 7:01 P.M. and reconvened at 7:52 P.M.

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to authorize Solicitor Layman to send a "Notification Letter" to Doli Construction requesting they state their willingness or parts thereof to do a remediation plan for N. Lobb Avenue and for them to respond in 10 days, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

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Visitors:

Ethan Habrial, 100 A Street, expressed his frustrations with his solar panel application and the zoning officer's decisions. Solicitor Layman reminded him that he may appeal the project through the Slate Belt Council of Governments, Council Members do not have the authority to override the zoning officer's decision.

Public Works Report:

All Council Members were given a copy of Public Works Director Steven Bender's July report.

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to approve the handicapped parking application for Milagros Feliciano, 424 William Street, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. Unanimous by roll call.

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to advertise employment vacancies for one (1) position at the Sewer Plant to preferably have an operator's license, and one (1) position at the Public Works Department to preferably have a CDL license, seconded by Councilwoman Janell Connolly.

Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Joseph LeDonne, Scott Brumbaugh, Janell Connolly, Charles Kandl Jr., Stephanie Cooper, Josephine Hildebrandt, and John Apgar. Councilwoman Tammy Kemp voted no. There being seven (7) yes votes and one (1) no vote, the motion carried.

Zoning Report:

All Council Members were given a copy of Zoning/Codes Office's July report.

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to modify the draft ordinance that will amend Chapter 108, Article VI, Section 108-21 IL Light Industrial, Commercial District, to allow for the conversion of existing buildings into apartments as a conditional use, and Article VII, Section 108-26, to modify the table of minimum requirements for parking areas to provide for changes to the minimum parking spaces for certain uses, seconded by Councilman Scott Brumbaugh. Unanimous by roll call.

Police Report:

All Council Members were given a copy of the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission's meeting minutes from June 7, 2022 and July 5, 2022 agenda.

Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Chief Parsons was not present.

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to approve the fire station insurance proposal, as presented by Kressler, Wolff & Miller, with a renewal rate of \$29,467.00 for 2022-2023, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

Minutes:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of July 5, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

All Council Members received the July 13, 2022 Park Board Agenda and minutes from June 8, 2022.

Correspondence:

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to approve the YMCA special event application for Slate Belt Sprint 5k and Kids Fun Run on September 3, 2022 from 8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M. to include West Babbitt Avenue, Masters Avenue, W. Applegate, and E. Applegate Avenues, seconded by Councilman Scott Brumbaugh. Unanimous by roll call.

All Council Members were copied on a NPDES site inspection #1 review letter from the Northampton County Conservation District to the Pen Argyl School District.

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Mayor's Report:

Mayor Male announced 114 Babbitt Avenue as the winner of this month's PIP contest and informed all Council Members he assisted the Public Works Department clean out of the pool's bath house.

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Planning Commission:

All Council Members received a copy of correspondence from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) to Bangor Borough, land development review for 428 Market Street.

All Council Members also received a copy of correspondence from the LVPC to the Upper Mount Bethel Planning Commission, details of upcoming meetings on July 19th for the Comprehensive Planning Commission and July 21st Full Commission Meeting to discuss a sketch plan application for a proposed warehouse on River Road.

All Council Members received a review letter from LVPC for a proposed development located on Railroad Avenue in Pen Argyl Borough.

All Council Members received copy of a preliminary/final plan review from Barry Isett & Associates Inc. (BIA) to the Planning Commission of a proposed mixed use from Hruatiak homes for the property located at 410 South Main Street.

All Council Members received a copy of BIA's draft Planning Commission meeting minutes from July 21, 2022.

Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper made a motion to approve a waiver from the Huratiak Homes application for 410 South Main Street, to allow the plan sheet size submitted to be 30" x 42" in lieu of the required 24" x 36" or 36" x 48" sizes, from section 93-15.B(1) & Section 93-15.B(2) of the SALDO, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

All Council Members received a copy of a review letter from Ott Consulting to the Plainfield Township Planning Commission for the Huratiak Homes application for 410 South Main Street.

All Council Members received a public meeting notice from the Plainfield Township Planning Commission for August 15, 2022, to include a preliminary land development/major subdivision/lot consolidation plan application submitted by CRG Development for 905 Pennsylvania Avenue, Pen Argyl.

Solicitor:

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Nothing to report.

Sanitation, Solid Waste & Recycling:

All Council Members were given a copy of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's July report.

All Council Members received notification from Suburban Testing Labs, price increase of 12% per workorder.

All Council Members received the Sewer Committee agenda from August 1, 2022.

All Council Members received a copy of the Engineer's report for the 2nd quarter of 2022 from Collier Engineering & Design.

All Council Members received the Authority agenda from August 1, 2022.

Finance, Tax Exoneration & Insurance:

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to accept the July treasurer report as prepared and submitted by Borough Manager/Treasurer Zmoda, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to adopt the Borough's investment policy statement, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

Manager Zmoda informed all Council Members that the money from the Mary's Mountain Estate's account was moved to the reserve fund.

Property & Utilities:

Manager Zmoda reported Borough Hall's gutters will be installed tomorrow, and she will attend a Northern Tier Trail Meeting on August 4, 2022.

Community Outreach:

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Borough Secretary Juli Lemak provided Council with the July feral cat report.

All Council Members received a copy of Slate Belt Rising's Steering Committee July 14, 2022 agenda and June 9, 2022 minutes.

Borough Manager's Report:

All Council Members were given a copy of Borough Manager Zmoda's July report.

All Council Members received a copy of Senator Lisa Boscola's press release announcing the state funding grant of \$500,000 for the Weona Park Pool Project.

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Payment of Bills:

The following bills were presented for payment: General Fund, \$13,233.54; Sewer Fund, \$79,002.10; and Reserve Money Market Fund, \$36,753.46. Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman John Apgar. Unanimous by roll call.

Adjournment:

Councilman John Apgar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Kemp. Unanimous by voice vote. Council meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juli Lemak

Borough Secretary

Workshop - Tuesday, August 30, 2022 - 7:00 P. M.

Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - 7:00 P. M.

