

Tuesday 5th of July 2022 - July 5, 2022 Council Meeting



Pen Argyl Borough Council held their Meeting for July on Tuesday, July 5, 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.

Visitors:

Ethan Habrial, 100 A Street, expressed his frustrations with his solar panel application and the zoning officer's decisions. Council President Joseph LeDonne 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 June report.

All Council Members received email correspondence From PA Costars, the 2022-2023 salt contract will be available in August. It is anticipated that there will be a sharp increase in costs due to supply issues and delivery costs. In hopes of mitigating that increase, a salt order has been placed with this year's pricing.

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to accept the Barry Isett expanded sketch plan for the Weona Park playground to include the 2-5-year-old play structure and the 5-12-year-old play structure due to additional grant funding, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Kemp. Unanimous by roll call.

Manager Zmoda provided all Council Members with a copy of Techo Bloc's submitted plans to PennDOT for a property they purchased in Plainfield Township on George Street.

Zoning Report:

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

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 720, requiring registration of vacant and abandoned properties and storefronts, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Tammy Kemp, Scott Brumbaugh, Janell Connolly and Josephine Hildabrant. Voting against the motion were Council Members Joseph LeDonne, Charles Kandl, Jr., Stephanie Cooper and John Apgar. There being four (4) yes votes and four (4) no votes, Mayor Male broke the tie and voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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Police Report:

All Council Members were given a copy of the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission's minutes from May 19, 2022 and the June 7, 2022 agenda.

Councilman Scott Brumbaugh made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 719, amending the Slate Belt Regional Police Charter Agreement as recommended by the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Kemp. Unanimous by roll call.

All Council Members received a copy of correspondence from Goudsouzian Associates, representing the Slate Belt Police Commission, to the Plainfield Township Supervisors, the Slate Belt Police Commission requests they reconsider the additional lease credit.

Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Chief Parsons was not present.

Minutes:

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of June 7, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

All Council Members received the June 8, 2022 Park Board Agenda and minutes from May 11, 2022.

All Council Members received the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee May 27, 2022 minutes and the Slate Belt Council of Governments June 22, 2022 minutes.

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Correspondence:

Nothing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Male reported Techo Bloc donated a pallet of pavers to the dog park.

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Planning Commission:

All Council Members received a copy of correspondence to Pen Argyl Borough and Plainfield Township, from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, informal review of Delabole Junction Road sketch plan for 520 townhouses and 33 single-family dwellings, located in both Pen Argyl and Plainfield Township.

Special note: Solicitor Peter Layman arrived at the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

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Solicitor:

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Solicitor Layman provided information to all Council Members about recreational fees for developers.

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to request for proposals for consultant services for recreation fees due from developers, seconded by Councilman John Apgar. Unanimous by roll call.

Sanitation, Solid Waste & Recycling:

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

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Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 721, to increase the quarterly sewer rentals to \$153.00 for properties served by a well where no well meter has been installed to measure water usage, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. Unanimous by roll call.

All Council members received a copy of a draft review of the NPDES Permit for the wastewater treatment plant, from Wastewater Engineer Ron Madison of Colliers Engineering,

All Council Members received a notice of price adjustment from Coyne Chemical.

Finance, Tax Exoneration & Insurance:

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to accept the June 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 accept the 2021 audit as prepared by Palmer & Company, seconded by Councilwoman Janell Connolly. Unanimous by roll call.

Property & Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Community Outreach:

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

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp provided all Council Members with social media consultant proposals.

All Council Members received a copy of Slate Belt Rising's Steering Committee June 9, 2022 agenda and May 10, 2022 minutes.

Borough Manager's Report:

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

Borough Manager Zmoda announced the Borough received a \$147,000 Local Share Account grant from Senator Lisa Boscola and Representative Ann Flood for playground improvements, and a State Funding Grant from Senator Lisa Boscola \$500,000 for the pool.

All Council Members received a copy of Resolution No. 2012-3, establishing rules & regulations for the conduct of public meetings in Pen Argyl and speaking policy samples from other communities for Council's review.

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to approve the block party request from Richard Martin, 502 N Robinson Ave., to close E. Laurel Avenue between N. Robinson and Schanck Avenues on August 27, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Kemp. Unanimous by roll call.

Payment of Bills:

The following bills were presented for payment: General Fund, \$203,293.52; Sewer Fund, \$61,851.17; and Reserve Money Market Fund, \$7,180.54. Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman John Apgar. Unanimous by roll call.

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Executive Session:

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Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate, seconded by Councilman John Agar. Council Members in favor of the motion were: Joseph LeDonne, Tammy Kemp, Scott Brumbaugh, Janell Connolly, Stephanie Cooper, Josephine Hildabrant and John Apgar. Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. voted no. There being seven (7) yes votes and one (1) no vote, the motion passed.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. and reconvened at 8:59 P.M.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. Unanimous by voice vote. Council meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juli Lemak

Borough Secretary

Workshop - Tuesday, July 26, 2022 - 7:00 P. M.

Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - 7:00 P. M.