

**SAXONBURG BOROUGH**  
**Minutes**  
**June 18, 2019**

President Sherry Weinzierl called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Roll Call** Carol Neubert, Scott Herbst, Josh Novotny, Sherry Weinzierl, Patricia Rinebolt, Dave Felsing, Joe Sepich, Mayor Gillespie

Also in attendance were Mary Papik/Manager, Mike Gallagher/Solicitor, Lieutenant Stiles, Karen Kennedy, Richard Foust, Clem George, Judith George, Ralph Davis, Rose Davis, James Bauer, Bernie Carr, Susan Miller, Peggy Lou Petrilla, Frank D. Petrilla, Fred Caesar, Min Green, Nancy Danik, Ella Milligan, Carol Young, Peter Watt, Louis Lutzweiler, Evan Pflugh, Bob Shipe, Carrie Welsh, Connie McCormick, Carrie Butler, Jim Pauli, Nancy Pauli, Maria Berzenski, Don Venturini, Carole Goldinger.

**Correspondence**

- Butler County Boroughs Association, April 29, 2019, sent notification of an event taking place on June 21, 2019.
- Shirley Pitlock, May 21, 2019, sent a letter registering a complaint about the condition of the property at 270 South Rebecca Street in the Borough.
- Linda Kovacik, June 5, 2019, sent letter to Borough Council requesting continued use of Borough Verizon account in the event of changes to employment status.
- Hannah Finke, June 12, 2019, sent letter to Borough Council explaining her current role and affiliation with Parks and Rec, and requested it be read to Council.
- Hannah Finke, June 13, 2019, sent letter to Borough Council requesting approval to set up early for July wedding.

**Executive Session Announcement** President Weinzierl announced that under the terms of Act 84, Section 8A, subsection 1, Council would meet in Executive Session just prior to adjournment, to discuss contract matters. After the Executive Session, Council will reassemble in open meeting and take any actions that are required.

**Minutes** Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/David Felsing to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019. The motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Karen Kennedy High grass

- Karen discussed the landscaping and high grass around Dollar General.
- She stated the grass mowing did not suffice and asked Council why Dollar General has not been cited or fined.
- She discussed the lack of overall maintenance throughout the Borough.

Richard Foust Park, Storm Water, main street signs, and vacant Friedman's building

- Richard stated the weeds behind Roebling park have not been cut.
- He discussed storm water run off, and the drains and catch basins not being cleaned.
- He stated there are too many cardboard signs along main street.
- He discussed the company MDI is seeking to put a grocery store in the vacant Friedman's building and said Council should offer them a tax break.

Nancy Pauli Dollar General

- Nancy stated she fell outside of Dollar General. She made them aware of what happened, but she did not get her bill paid for a year.

Jim Pauli Storm Water run-off

- Jim discussed the storm water run-off on 260 Fisher road and the problems with flooding.

Mayor William Gillespie

- Mayor Gillespie discussed an upcoming book by M. Boyle about Chief Adams. He stated the author has been getting quotes and information from residents, and the book should be ready in approximately one year.
- He discussed the storm water and catch basin problems throughout the Borough. Manager Papik stated the Borough follows a yearly schedule to clean the catch basins but will advise Superintendent McGee of the problems.
- He discussed the Clark Harvey property and the high grass on the large property behind the Harvey location.
- The Mayor presented Council with a storm water draw up and stated the ground is very saturated because of the large amount of precipitation. He also stated the catch basins are overflowing and pushing water into yards, specifically on East Main Street and the runoff from Cooper Hall.
- He suggested Council form a subcommittee to talk with property owners to find a stormwater solution. Multiple councilmembers expressed interest in the subcommittee.

Chief of Police Lieutenant Stiles no report

Manager Mary Papik

Bills

**Motion was made and seconded by Carol Neubert/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the bills as presented. \$25,048.43 paid from the Borough's General Fund, of which \$13,803.34 is the Borough's portion of the expense and \$11,240.09 the Authority's portion of the expense. In addition, decrease adjustments in May from the Borough General Fund in the amount of \$29,004.22 of which \$12,248.42 was the Borough's portion of the expense and \$16,621.75 was the Authority's portion of the expense, and payroll for May 2019. The motion carried.**

SAA/Borough Lot Consolidation

- Manager Papik stated the 420 W. Main Street lots were consolidated, recorded, and titled to the Saxonburg Borough and Saxonburg Area Authority.

Gulick's Garage Closing

- Manager Papik stated the closing on Gulick's garage is taking place on June 26, 2019 at 9:00 am.

**Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/David Felsing to authorize president of council, manager, or the secretary to sign any paperwork for the deed transfer. The motion carried.**

Mingle on Main

- Manager Papik stated Mingle on Main vendor slots are full.
- She encouraged Council to attend the June 20th Mingle on Main to assess the traffic maintenance and Main Street set up.

- She stated the July 11 Mingle on Main event is when the mayor's table will be down the center of the street.

### **High Weeds Dollar General**

- Manager Papik presented the Council with the original Dollar General landscaping plan and discussed types of plants that are supposed to be planted.
- Mayor Gillespie asked about requesting a privacy barrier on the southeast side of the building to minimize sound and obstruct the view.
- The solicitor advised Council on appropriate content to send in an enforcement letter to Dollar General.
- Councilmember Sepich asked if Dollar General is a franchise or corporate owned operation.

### **Storm water**

- Manager Papik discussed stormwater and the sink hole problem at West Water Street and Butler Street. She stated temporary solutions are in place to ensure residents have access to their driveway.
- She stated HRG met with her and Superintendent Chuck McGee about a study they are completing in the Saxonburg area. She stated enough money should already be set aside for the project but will bring any additional amount to Council.

### **July Meeting**

- Manager Papik discussed the date of the July Council meeting because of the overlap from the Pet Parade.

**Motion was made and seconded by David Felsing/Joe Sepich to move the July Borough Council Meeting to July 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. The motion carried.**

### **Solicitor**

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- Solicitor discussed the steps to restrict jake brakes. The Council would need to determine if roads meet specific criteria, target certain problematic spots in the borough, and reach out to PennDOT for approval on restrictions.

**Motion was made and seconded by Josh Novotny/Scott Herbst to have engineer/crew determine which roads should be included in letter to PennDOT.**

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Actuarial Valuation Reports Police/Non-uniformed Pension Plans**

**Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/David Felsing to authorize the President of Council to sign the paperwork for PSAB to initiate payments from both pension plans to Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, Inc. for the filing of the "2019 Act 205 Actuarial Valuation Reports for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans." The motion carried.**

#### **Per Capita Tax Exoneration – Taylor Dzikowski**

**Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to exonerate Taylor Dzikowski, 137 Carol Drive, from Per Capita Taxes, per Council's motion on July 5, 1972, to exempt full-time college students from Per Capita Taxes. The motion carried.**

### **Executive Session**

The meeting recessed at 7:57 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss contract matters.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm and the following motions were made:

**2020 Cooper Hall Rentals Moratorium**

**Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/Carol Neubert to lift the moratorium on Cooper Hall rentals for 2020. President Sherry Weinzierl voted nay. The motion passed.**

**2019 Arts Festival Budget**

- Council discussed the need for help with the 2019 Arts Festival and assigned time sensitive tasks to individual Council members.
- Carol Neubert will be the point person for the master list of items.

**Motion was made and seconded by Dave Felsing/Scott Herbst to approve the 2019 Arts Festival Budget as presented by the Manager. The motion carried.**

**Hannah Finke Extended Hall Use**

**Motion was made and seconded by Joseph Sepich/Patricia Rinebolt to approve the request from Hannah Finke for extended hall usage in recognition and appreciation for her years of dedicated volunteerism for the Borough. The motion carried.**

**Borough Verizon Phone Program**

**Motion was made and seconded by Patricia Rinebolt/Carol Neubert to reaffirm that the employee and volunteer committee member eligibility for the Verizon phone program extends to all employees, their families, and volunteers of Borough committees. The motion carried.**

**Adjournment**            The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meredith Phillis  
Secretary