

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2021**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Kathryn Long; Vice-President C. Christine Cooper; Davis Araujo; Daniel Smith; Patrick Kelly; Patricia Krisch; and Dennis Buffington;

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kenny Strouse, Supervisor, Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer;  
Philip Orndorf, Jr., Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer;  
Beth Araujo, Borough Secretary; Ray Hankinson, Mayor; and John R. Miller, III, Solicitor;

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Harry & Wanda Hockenberry;

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Kathryn Long called the meeting of the Centre Hall Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2021 Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** A motion was made by Councilperson Patricia Krisch and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of January and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Nothing new to report.

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:**

1. Snow-plowed and removed from downtown
2. Several water breaks
3. Timbering to begin in 2-3 weeks; began log landings and trails yesterday;
4. Received a Centre County Liquids Fuels Grant of \$10,000 for 2021 paving project. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to advertise the 2021 Paving Project with bid opening of March 11, 2021: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed. (Consider widening W. Ridge Street from SR144 to Hoffer Avenue and E. Locust Street)
5. Since the Borough is purchasing the old fire station, would the Council be interested in renting the meeting room to Miller Reese to use as an office and employee training room? A wall could be built between the restrooms and the door to the back can be locked. Our employees can traverse from front to back using both sets of stairs. Discussion was held. Consensus was to consider at another time, maybe in a year, no decision was made.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Employee Handbook edits - Page 5 "Retirement Plan" to maximum contribution of \$5,000. Will review Section "Policies" pages 7 & 8 for next meeting.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper, to sign Centre Hall Borough Waterline Extension Agreement: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to sign Waterline Reimbursement Agreement: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Patricia Krisch and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to accept Patrick Kelly's resignation from Tri-Municipal Park, Inc. Board of Directors: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper to approve Application for Water Service for 156 Saffron Boulevard: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion passed.
3. A letter from the Borough's Planning Commission was read recommending moving forward with amending the (VC) Village Commercial Ordinance from two units per building to three units per building with minimum size requirements. The Council's consensus was to move forward with this proposal by asking the Centre County Planning Commission for their review and comment.
4. Riff/Raff for 2021 was discussed – consensus was that we are still under COVID-19 restrictions and for the safety of the employees we will not be having Riff/Raff collection this year.
5. Supervisor Kenny Strouse commented that he has been receiving complaints from renters about landlords not fixing up/repairing apartments. Some municipalities have a Rental House Inspection Ordinance in which all rental properties are inspected every two years.

**CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING):** Received a PSAB 2021 Membership Plaque.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Nothing new to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** CHPSA is considering a regulation - An inspection is to be made of the property before the sale and transfer of ownership, but, they do not have the authority to impose penalty of termination of water service – consider the possibility of adopting an Ordinance to allow a fine to be put in place.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS - from meetings they have called:**

- A. **STREETS – KELLY** – Nothing new to report.
- B. **WATER – ARAUJO** – Nothing new to report.
- C. **POLICE – BUFFINGTON** – Nothing new to report.
- D. **SOLID WASTE AND SIDEWALKS – KRISCH** – Nothing new to report.
- E. **LIGHTS AND NUISANCE – SMITH** – Nothing new to report.
- F. **FIRE TAX – LONG/BUFFINGTON** – Next meeting is scheduled for April.
- G. **FINANCE – COOPER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- I. **TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. (TMPinc.)– HANKINSON/ARAUJO** – Snowed under. Bike trail to be made this spring/summer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:33 p.m., it was moved by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA, Centre Hall Borough Secretary