

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 13, 2020**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Jim Cowan, Forester, requested permission to begin the selling process for approximately 84,640 board feet of timber on property owned by Centre Hall Borough. A motion was made by Councilperson Patricia Krisch and was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington, to approve advertising request for sale of standing timber with sealed bids to be opened at the March 12 Borough Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** A motion was made by Vice President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington, 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:** 1 Shed Permit.

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:**

1. There hasn't been much snow to plow
2. Rain - Shop maintenance & repairs to backhoe; leaf vacuum - fuel pump went out
3. Columbia Gas requested permission to place the side streets main in the utility right-of-way. A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to send a letter permitting the installation of the gas main in the utility right-of-way: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
4. Paving project for 2020 was discussed. A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch, to advertise the 2020 Paving project with sealed bids to be opened at the March 12 Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
5. The PRWA Conference is March 24-27 at the Penn Stater. Water Operators earn their continuing education credits at these conferences for their license renewals. A motion was made by Vice President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch, to approve the employees attending the PRWA Conference: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Cross-walk at Post Office - tabling on a shelf until fiscally feasible.
2. SR144 Wall Study up-date - Two options were presented. A third option is being looked into. More to follow at a public meeting - date to be determined.

**OLD BUSINESS - Continued:**

3. Engineers are looking into options for the stormwater pipe replacement under SR144. One option is a 24" pipe across town for 40' with two drainage inlets; checking on weather feasible to eliminate a catch basin that goes nowhere – cannot eliminate unless additional upgrading with pipe and inlets; checking options for lower costs; catch basins are PennDOT's, pipe is ours – Kenny will follow-up with PennDOT.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing new to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING):** Nothing new to report.

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

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

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

- A. **STREETS –COOPER** – 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 – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- F. **FIRE TAX – LONG/BUFFINGTON** – Nothing new to report.
- G. **FINANCE – OPEN** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- I. **TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. (TMPinc.)– HANKINSON/ARAUJO** – Upcoming Tree Plantings – 120 trees with a grant; Chesapeake Foundation - 200 trees; and "I AM ATHLETE" 5K - 500 trees on May 9<sup>th</sup>;

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:00 p.m., it was moved by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA,  
Centre Hall Borough Secretary