

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2018**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Norma Crater; Vice-President Kathryn Long; C. Christine Cooper; Davis Araujo; Patricia Krisch; William Guisewhite; and Dennis Buffington;

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Robert Jacobs, Centre County Planning & Community Development; Don Kiel, Executive Director SEDA-COG Natural Gas Cooperative; Joanne Santamaria and Tim Duuleavy of Fair Districts PA; Jake Tanis; and Dennis Foust;

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

**CITIZENS:**

1. Robert Jacobs and Don Kiel gave an update on the Natural Gas Cooperative with construction of the first phase to begin next year. The Centre Hall Borough Council was also asked if a Councilperson would serve on the board fulfilling a vacancy.
2. Joanne Santamaria and Tim Duuleavy of Fair Districts PA gave a presentation on Gerrymandering. A motion was made by Vice-President Kathryn Long was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington to sign Resolution 2018-3 declaring support of a citizens commission for legislative and congressional redistricting: 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 April 12, 2018 Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** A motion was made by Councilperson William Guisewhite and was seconded by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of April, and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion passed.

**ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** 2 Parking Tickets & 1 Warning;

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:**

1. Completed Riff/Raff Collecting 20½ tons with an estimated total of \$2,000 including extra help
2. Paving project is completed – many compliments
3. Requested quotes for two other streets that should be paved before winter
4. Requested quotes for sealing in front of office and Wilson Street buildings
5. Planning to purchase two trees: one to replace the one at the Grace United Methodist Church which someone sheared off and the other for in front of 148 N. Pennsylvania Avenue.
6. Received a state contract quote to replace the lawn tractor with a newer one same type less trade-in value of \$5,500 would be \$6,408. A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson William Guisewhite, to approve purchasing a new lawn tractor with trade-in for \$6,408: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0. Motion passed.
7. Plan to flush hydrants in the next several weeks.
8. Plan to patch water break areas and pot holes.

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT - Continued:**

9. Requested a quote to close the catch basin that goes nowhere and redirect storm water to next catch basin.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. CHB Park Well Development - upon further discussion, the Council decided to put this into the budget to begin next year.
2. The reply letter to Potter Township was discussed further and additional edits were made. During this discussion, Kenny Strouse mentioned that the Borough received and forwarded an email on to the Centre Hall Fire Company President on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, from Potter Township containing a copy of the Resolution R-18-08 signed March 3, 2018, "Designation of fire protection provider" with a 90-day contingency of receiving a service/fire protection agreement acceptable to the township. The Fire Company had also received Potter Township's version of what type of agreement they would like signed within 45-days as per Supervisor Dennis Foust at the Fire Company's March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Fire Company's Executive Board would NOT sign this agreement. It would give total control of the Fire Company to Potter Township with the fire company members having NO vote. The Fire Company was under the understanding that two representatives from the Centre Hall Borough Council and Potter Township would be working with representatives from the Fire Company to prepare this agreement. Council members were concurrent with this. Councilperson Davis Araujo volunteered to represent Centre Hall Borough creating this agreement.
3. The Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services "PVEMS" requested that the municipal secretarie request the opinion of their solicitors if a Local Services Tax "LST" could be adopted. Boroughs can adopt the LST to become effective the following year. However, this tax would be in a maximum amount of \$52.00 for the year and would be collected only from persons who are employed within the Borough. It is not a tax on the residents of the Borough. Four municipalities have given their ½ mill or a portion of their ½ mill to the PVEMS as of April 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson William Guisewhite, to approve forwarding ½ of our portion by May 31<sup>st</sup> and the remaining portion by October 31, 2018: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson William Guisewhite, to appoint Larry Strickler as the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING):** Two letters were received requesting donations. A motion was made by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch, to contribute \$200 to the Penns Valley Little League: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

**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** – Paving project areas look good - Nothing new to report.
- B. **WATER – ARAUJO** – Flowing - Nothing new to report.
- C. **FIRE AND POLICE – GUISEWHITE** – 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 – GUISEWHITE** – Have not received any funds in 2018 from Potter Township.
- G. **FINANCE – CRATER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Very happy that two trees are being planted. Nothing new to report.
- I. **TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. – ARAUJO** –
  1. Good news – the 501(c)3 paperwork (Form 1023) was submitted
  2. Ameron, lowest bidder, completed Value Engineering by deconstructing the plan and reduced the total cost by approximately \$250,000
  3. Additional funds were requested from DCNR which will have their decision meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> – all indications are that additional funds will be received
  4. A Pennvest loan addition can be made if a delta remains - so can still proceed forward
  5. Construction to begin in July/August
  6. Verizon Tower parts should arrive by May 29<sup>th</sup> and be erected shortly thereafter

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:37 p.m., it was moved by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA,  
Centre Hall Borough Secretary