

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Kathryn Long; Vice-President C. Christine Cooper; Davis Araujo; Daniel Smith; Patrick Kelly; 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; and John R. Miller, III, Solicitor;

CITIZENS PRESENT: Trish Meek and Brandon Stodart; Brandon Bowden; Philip & Kathy Bosak; Fred Henry; Eric Lundy; and Robert Decker;

CALL TO ORDER: President Kathryn Long called the meeting of the Centre Hall Borough Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

CITIZENS:

1. Trish Meek and Brandon Stodart gave a brief update on the "Stone Wall" project and asked the Centre Hall Borough Council for their permission on moving forward with applying for three funding source grants for this project as long as Potter Township agrees. Beth Araujo agreed to apply for the grants on behalf of Centre Hall Borough and Potter Township. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to move forward with applying for grants for the full height new concrete wall with sidewalks: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
2. Brandon Bowden is interested in purchasing property that borders two of the Borough's parcels of land in Potter Township. He was asking what the Borough intended to do with the properties. The Borough is planning to have the parcels logged; then to have our water sources re-fenced in due to safety issues - liability. Note: the old fencing had rusted away and has been removed for this project to move forward.
3. Kenny asked the Borough's Engineers - Robert Decker and Eric Lundy to be present tonight for a discussion with Philip & Kathy Bosak and Fred Henry. There have been communication issues between the parties as to what our engineers need to receive for the County to approve the Bosak's Subdivision. A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to approve signing the subdivision plan upon the Borough's Engineers final review and approval: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 Council Meeting: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Special Meeting: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of May and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Zoning Permits - Two were issued: Driveway; and Sidewalk replacement and a Patio Addition
2. CEO - One letter for grass too tall.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:

1. Timbering continues
2. Requested a quote to have a tree on Pennsylvania Avenue taken down – the center has rotted away and the homeowners are worried about it falling on their home.
3. E. Locust Street Waterline project – upon checking catch basins after the last big rain, we discovered that a pipe needs to be replaced and relocated. The 25’ of pipe and catch basin will run approximately \$1,000. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve installing the new pipe and catch basis: Ayes - 6; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
4. Started road patching
5. PA Rural Water requests that the Borough and Employees write letters to our Senators in Opposition to SB 597 P.N. 645. Letters were signed at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper, to approve Resolution 2021-4 declaring support of reforming the legislative and congressional redistricting process: Ayes - 6; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
2. Councilperson Davis Araujo requested that the Borough send a letter to PennDOT requesting signs showing where the new fire station is located – there is no charge for the signs. Supervisor Kenny Strouse said that he would install after they are dropped off.

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 – 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** – Nothing new to report.
- G. **FINANCE – COOPER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- I. **TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. (TMPinc.)– HANKINSON/ARAUJO** – Waiting on DCNR & DCED Grants for Phase II to begin.
- J. **FIRE COMPANY** – Open House on June 19th at 9:00a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:33 p.m., it was moved by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA, Centre Hall Borough Secretary