

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2018**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-President Kathryn Long;;
Davis Araujo; William Guisewhite; 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, Secretary; Ray Hankinson, Mayor; and John R. Miller, III, Solicitor;

CITIZENS PRESENT: Harry Hockenberry; David Braucht

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Kathryn Long called the meeting of the Centre Hall Borough Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

CITIZENS: David Braucht, Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services Chair thanked the Centre Hall Borough for its contribution to the PVEMS. He also updated the Council on fundraising contributions and future fundraising events.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington, to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2018 Council Meeting: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: A motion was made by Councilperson William Guisewhite and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of May, and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: 1 Parking Ticket; 1 Warning; 1 Driveway Permit; 3 CEO Letters: 1 loose cat and 2 grass too tall; Daughenbaugh Funeral Home, Inc. is considering placing an awning on the side entrance door. Kenny said that it would not be any closer to the roadway than the awning on the front porch.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve the purchase of a broom and milling head skid steer attachments for \$6,500.00: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0. Motion passed.
2. Planted the tree at Grace United Methodist Church and the one for 148 N. Pennsylvania Avenue at the Wilson Street Building until the current tree is removed.
3. Ordered the new lawn tractor. The price is \$73.19 less than the quote.
4. Received a quote of \$980.00 from M&J for sealcoating at both the Borough and Wilson Street Buildings.
5. Will be boring under the road for new service lines. One for new house on N. Hoffer Avenue and two on SR192 just before Emery development where there are water quality issues on the old water line dead end and put them onto the newer water line.
6. Patched water break areas today.

OLD BUSINESS: The Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 7:00pm at the Old Gregg School Gymnasium with Municipal Officials of Centre Hall and Millheim Boroughs and Gregg, Haines, Miles, Penn and Potter Townships and representatives of the Penns Valley Fire Companies. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a presentation of the local tax revenue sources and discuss funding emergency services. Following this meeting the Municipal Emergency Medical Services Committee will meet to discuss options for funding emergency medical services. The public is welcome.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper, to approve naming SR192 from Livonia to Centre Hall, "Central Pennsylvania's Vietnam Veteran Highway": Ayes - 5; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING): A thank you note card from Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services for the Borough's contribution.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. The cell tower is up. Electrical connection still needs to be made.
2. Part of the parking was removed to meet the budget for the first phase. The cell tower crew has extra supplies and will construct part of the parking area verses hauling away.
3. The cell tower crew dug up a lot of very nice stone during construction. Some of this stone will be used for elevating a t-pad for the disc golf course and for a fire ring near the future pavilion.
4. TMP, Inc. is requesting that the three municipalities take action to adopt a third amendment to the Joint Articles of Agreement which would amend paragraph 4.2 of the Second Amendment to Joint Articles of Agreement to delete the provision "that the sum of \$15,000.00 shall be set aside for maintenance of the Property prior to any expenditures being made for development of the Property" and if this Third Amendment to the Joint Articles of Agreement is adopted, the \$15,000.00 would then be released to the TMP, Inc. The TMP, Inc. BoD plans to set aside funds, for the original intent of the second amendment of the Joint Articles of Agreement, once fundraising donations are received. A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper, to approve preparing the Third Amendment to the Joint Articles of Agreement and releasing the \$15,000 to Tri-Municipal Park, Inc. once approved: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: In preparing for the Pennvest closing, several documents (Reimbursement Agreement, Easement Agreement, and Guarantee Agreement, possibly others) will need to be signed by either the President or Vice-President and the Secretary. Unfortunately, these documents are not available for signing tonight. Does the Council wish to hold a special meeting or authorize signing after review by solicitors? A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper, to authorize the President or Vice-President and Secretary to execute the documents required by Pennvest to prepare for closing after review by Solicitors: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS - from meetings they have called:

- A. **STREETS -COOPER** - Patching areas look good - Kenny Strouse attended a demo with Spring Township who is thinking about purchasing a sweeper truck. They asked if the Centre Hall Borough would like to partner in purchasing it. Kenny said probably not in purchasing but would be interested in an inter-municipal agreement - one week of sweeping our streets for one week of vacuuming their leaves. Council's was in favor of the possibility of an inter-municipal agreement if Spring Township does purchase the sweeper truck.

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

- B. WATER – ARAUJO** – Boring project next week – Kenny Strouse presented the council with a quote for a new handheld meter reader, docking station, and command links for \$8,675.00 and 100 MXU's for \$13,000.00 – total quote \$21,675.00. The meter reader has not been supported for over two years and is not serviceable. We've had several glitches – we had to reread the meters one time. Replacement is in this year's budget, however, we are trying to hold out as long as possible.
- 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** – Nothing new to report.
- G. FINANCE – CRATER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. TREE – LONG** – Thank you for planting the new trees. Nothing new to report.
- I. TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. – HANKINSON/ARAUJO** – Finally making progress. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:13 p.m., it was moved by Councilperson William Guisewhite and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA,
Centre Hall Borough Secretary