

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 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:** Simone Bierly; Justin Bell; Allison Bell; Lindsey Bell; Linda Barner; and Terri Barner;

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

**CITIZENS:** All citizens were present for the same issue. Kenny Strouse, CEO, gave a brief explanation on the issue. Parking along North Hoffer Avenue falls under the same regulations as parking elsewhere throughout the Borough on the Borough's right-of-way - first come first basis. The regulation states that all vehicles must have a current registration and inspection to be parked on the Borough's right-of-way – otherwise it will be ticketed. The neighbors agreed to talk amongst themselves if they were having work done on their homes or visitors, so that those individuals that cannot walk far will be able to be parked close to the homes they are visiting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2021 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 Davis Araujo, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of July and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

**ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Two Shed Permits and one CEO letter for Grass/Vegetation too tall.

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:**

1. East Locust Street project water main was installed and samples were sent for testing. The service lines will be tied into the main next week upon testing results. The street will be widened two feet during the paving project. Over all the install went very well.
2. Paving will be after the fair – also widening Ridge Street.
3. There are two big trees on West Kurtz Street that the homeowners requested be trimmed. The arborist suggestion is to take them both down due to the fact that they are hollow and could cause considerable damage. A crane will be needed so it will cost approximately \$5,000 to take them both down. A motion was made by Councilperson Patricia Krisch and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to take down both trees for approximately \$5,000: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
4. Ben Haupt has been trimming our trees this year. There was no response from Martin Melville. Ben will also provide a quote for tree trimming down Pennsylvania Avenue.
5. CPI was contacted about borrowing their lights for pedestrian crossing during the fair.

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:**

6. The timbers' are still using our landing near the tank for logging.
7. There is a sinkhole that opened up near the traffic light and St. Luke's Lutheran Church on the PennDOT right-of-way that will affect our traffic light. PennDOT will fix and replace the asphalt after the sinkhole repair. Kenny was given a quote of \$10,000-\$12,000 for a new box updating the traffic light. A motion was made by Councilperson Patricia Krisch and was seconded by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper, to obtain further quotes: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
8. Mark Stephens, DEP, overseer of Well Head Protection Plans is working with College Township. A well was drilled in which they are trying to get permitted for 14,000 gpm. Mark and Kenny are concerned that this may cause issues with our well fields.
9. Kenny, Philip, Beth and Davis attended the Penns Valley Area Water Operators meeting/picnic at the Old Gregg School ball field.
10. The paving project will begin either the first or second week of September.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Planning Commission did not meet last month. It did receive new comments from Centre County. The proposed amendments will need to be resubmitted. One Planning Commission member passed away.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve Application for Water Service at 158 Ashford manor Drive: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
2. ARPA Funds update – Beth has been doing research on approved uses and will keep gathering information.
3. Centre County ARPA Funds may be applied for to be used for Waterline replacement; Fire Hydrants; new wells permitting and construction tying into West Church Street. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch, to approve engineering costs up to \$5,000 for application quote: Ayes - 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
4. The Centre County HOPE Initiative is honoring Overdose Awareness Day on August 31<sup>st</sup> and celebrating national Recovery Month for the entire month of September. They requested permission to place purple ribbons on trees throughout the Centre Hall Borough. A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve placing purple ribbons on the Borough's trees for the month of September to be removed the beginning of October: Ayes - 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
5. Discussion of pre-buying heating oil for 207 N. Pennsylvania Avenue - A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to approve pre-buying an additional \$5,000 of heating oil from JJ Powell Inc. for 207 N. Pennsylvania Avenue: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
6. Kenny requested that the Street Committee take a look at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Manor Road. There have been numerous complaints about the tenants parking into the traveling lanes causing problems for vehicles traveling on manor road. It was suggested to eliminate parking along this section of Manor Road and have the homeowners enlarge their parking lot at the rear of the property for the tenants.

**CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING):** Received a Thank You from Miles Township for the Centre Hall Fire Company's assistance with their parade.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Busy at the park; trying to line up fall events.

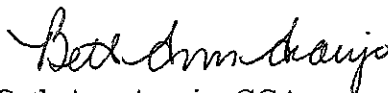
**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Act 65 mandates that Agenda’s be posted 24 hours before a meeting on the website. All action items must be on the Agenda in order to be acted upon.

**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** – Pre-budget meeting will be on July 21<sup>st</sup>
- G. **FINANCE – COOPER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- I. **TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. (TMPinc.)– HANKINSON/ARAUJO** – Of the 128 trees planted, five are iffy and 1 has died. Overall they are doing great.

**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