

**ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

January 9, 2017

The Elizabethtown Borough Council met on January 9, 2017 in the Municipal Building at 68 S. Moore Street in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. President James Facinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Roll call taken with the following present: Mandy Carl, James Facinelli, Dennis Henninger, James Lodge, Gary Shadle, Rodney Spicher. Fred Renn was absent

Also present: Linus Fenicle, Borough Solicitor; Peggy Kahler, Borough Secretary; Justin Challenger, Mayor; Matt Schaffner, Maintenance Supervisor.

Guests: Louise Jones Todd, Elizabethtown Veterinary Hospital

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mandy Carl, seconded by Dennis Henninger to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence: Council reviewed all correspondence with the following action.

Employee Resignation – Code Enforcement Officer: Motion made by Dennis Henninger, seconded by Rodney Spicher to accept Maryellen Chenoweth's resignation of employment effective December 29, 2016. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation Committee Change.....President Facinelli appointed Jim Lodge to serve as Chairman of the Park and Recreation Committee. Mandy Carl was appointed as Co-Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Maintenance – J. Facinelli distributed the monthly maintenance report to Council, no further comments.

Police & Safety – Nothing to report at this time.

Codes Enforcement Officer - Nothing to report at this time.

Building, Lighting & Grounds – Nothing to report at this time.

Water, Refuse & Sewage – Nothing to report at this time.

Planning & Development – Nothing to report at this time.

Budget & Finance – Nothing to report at this time.

Park & Recreation – Council directed J. Lodge to contact the Upper Dauphin Recreation Association (UDRA) regarding numerous outstanding issues. UDRA stated they do not have the funds to reimburse the Borough for utility costs of \$1700. It is uncertain if the association has other outstanding bills as of this date. Copies of the lifeguard certifications, background checks, proof of insurances and financial reports for 2016 were never forwarded to Council per the lease agreement. Sometime during the 3rd quarter a leak was discovered at the baby pool, rather than contacting the Elizabethville Authority or the Borough an excessive amount of water was pumped into the pool to keep it operational. According to the terms of the current lease (UDRA) has breached the agreement in at least six different areas. Council received no communication on whether the swimming pool was winterized or if the pool equipment was properly stored for the winter. More repairs are necessary around the pool area to reduce the Borough’s liability. Concrete decking and fencing repairs to name a few will be expensive for the Borough to absorb. The pool attendance and profitability does not warrant keeping the facility open. Over the years Council has been unsuccessful in obtaining financial reports or regular communication with the organization. Council should notify UDRA that the lease agreement will not be renewed for 2017.

Permanently Close Swimming Pool: Motion made by Jim Lodge, seconded by Dennis Henninger to close the swimming pool, and not renew the lease agreement for 2017.

Mandy Carl would like an opportunity to get involved as an officer with UDRA; she feel she could correct some of the problems at exist.

Amend Previous Motion to Close Pool: Motion made by Jim Lodge, seconded by Dennis Henninger to withdraw the motion to close the swimming pool and table the subject until next month’s meeting. Motion carried.

COG – No representation at the monthly meetings.

Insurance -- Nothing to report at this time.

Personnel – R. Spicher advised Council that the Committee wants to explore different options for enforcing borough codes before hiring a Code Enforcement Officer; (1) The cost of hiring a part-time police officer; (2) Contract with an agency for rental inspections. The Committee will report the findings at the next meeting.

IT – Nothing to report at this report.

Mayor’s Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Solicitor’s Report – Covered under New Business

Engineer’s Report – Nothing to report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Civil Defense Siren – Council is still looking to fund this project. Subject still pending.

Amended Dog Ordinance # 353: Motion made Gary Shadle, seconded by James Lodge to adopt the Amended, Dog Ordinance #353 as advertised. Motion carried.

Ralph Lehman Baseball Field User Agreement: Motion made by Dennis Henninger, seconded by James Lodge to approve the Ralph Lehman Baseball Field User Agreement as proposed; written for the purpose of the Bicentennial Celebration. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. M. High Inc.: Motion made by Mandy Carl, seconded by Dennis Henninger authorizing Borough Council to enter into a Preventive Maintenance Agreement for traffic light service with C. M. High Inc. at an annual cost of four-hundred dollars (\$400). Response maintenance will be billed on a time and material basis as defined in the agreement. Motion carried.

Tax Levy Ordinance No. 355: Motion made by Mandy Carl, seconded by Gary Shadle to adopt Tax Ordinance No. 355 as advertised. Roll call vote taken; M. Carl (yes), J. Facinelli (yes), D. Henninger (yes), J. Lodge (yes), G. Shadle (yes), R. Spicher (yes). Motion carried.

Elizabethville Area Authority Board Appointment: Motion made by Mandy Carl, seconded by Gary Shadle to appoint Cathy Troutman to serve as a representative on the Authority Board for a five (5) year term. Term runs from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

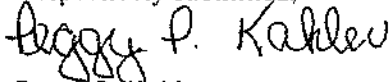
REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion made by Dennis Henninger, seconded by Gary Shadle to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Roll Call vote: M. Carl (yes); J. Facinelli (yes); D. Henninger, (yes); J. Lodge (yes); G. Shadle, (yes) R. Spicher (yes); Motion carried.

Total Revenue.	\$ 11,549.33
Total Expenditures	\$ 29,786.53

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Peggy P. Kahler
Borough Secretary