

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 15, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kathleen Rick.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by all present.

Council members present were: Kathleen Rick, Willard Marsh, Joseph Dynesko, Melinda Keen, Sharon Wolf and Charles Persch. Also present were Mayor John Hagan, Borough Manager James Thomas, Chief Brian Sheller and Solicitor John Carnes. Council Member Mark Agen was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After adding PABA to the Agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Sharon Wolf and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 Regular Council Meeting was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Willard Marsh. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A complete copy of the May, 2015 Treasurer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. The Treasurer's report was read by Melinda Keen.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: After changing the word "donation" to "payment" to the Fire Company, a motion to approve the bills submitted was made by Sharon Wolf and seconded by Joseph Dynesko. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items):

None

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Police Chief's Report – Chief Brian Sheller

A complete copy of the Police Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

Fire Chief's Report – Brian Gathercole

Bob Guiney was present on behalf of Chief Gathercole. A complete copy of the Fire Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

PRESENTATION:

- PABA Beautification Committee – Michael Martorana identified that PABA through its Beautification Committee had established planters on Main Street

and W. 1st Avenue and that this project was financially successful as it raised funds for maintenance of the planters as well as seed money for the next project. He then spoke of the next project - the beautification of Minch Park "Community Empowerment through Public Parks". In particular, a mural will be painted on the Block House building as well as iconic representations of Parkesburg spaced in an attractive manner. All work will be done by PABA and be completed in time for Community Day on August 8th. Mr. Martorana introduced the Art Director for PABA, Christine Huntsberry who operates Zole and brings art to the young children and schools in Lancaster and Chester County. Ms. Huntsberry gave a detailed explanation of the proposed artistic improvement on the Block House. A motion to use volunteers to beautify the Block House on behalf of the Borough was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Engineer's Report—ARRO Consulting

A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

Zoning Officer's Report—ARRO Consulting

A complete copy of the Zoning Officer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

Building Code Official's Report—John Coldiron

A complete copy of the Building Code Officer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report—William Beers

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Manager's Report—L. James Thomas

Reported on the Zoning Ordinance update - a meeting will be held on June 17th at 7:00 pm to discuss "Group Homes"; Council will be reviewing an Ordinance regarding Use and Occupancy permits for resales.

Public Works Report—L. James Thomas

A complete copy of the Public Works Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

Fire Marshal's Report—Raymond Stackhouse

No report.

Mayor's Report—John P. Hagan, II

Mayor Hagan reported that the VFW held a "Folds of Honor" picnic on Saturday and voiced its support of the VFW.

Solicitor's Report—John S. Carnes, Jr.

A complete copy of the Solicitor's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation— Melinda Keen

No report.

Progress & Development—Sharon Wolf

Moving forward with deadline of June 25, 2015 for Community Day sponsorship to be established; 501(c)(3) approval has been obtained; Churches are to be notified of the bake sale regarding the baking contest.

Streets & Property—Joseph Dynesko

Street sweeping was completed last week.

Finance— Mark Agen

No report.

Police—Charles Persch

An update on the software system installed.

Fire—Charles Persch

No report.

Library Board—Melinda Keen

Bridget Reilly is improving the electronic systems.

Emergency Management Coordinator— Scot Kreger

An evaluation of emergency procedures for evacuation of three large senior housing facilities in the Borough is under way. That recent information has established that Westminster Place's generator is likely insufficient to establish this property as an emergency destination. Mr. Kreger is working on an updated evacuation procedure. The County will supply transportation as necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

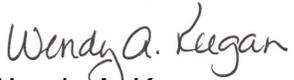
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary