

**BOROUGH OF PARKESBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 21, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

John S. Carnes, Jr. was present in the place of the Secretary, Wendy Keegan, and took Minutes of the proceedings.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by all present.

Council members absent were: Joseph Dynesko and Willard Marsh. Present were: Rhett Lipscomb, Mark Agen, Kathleen Rick, Charles Persch, and Sharon Wolf (arrived and participated in public hearing on Floodplain Ordinance ). Also present were Mayor John Hagan, Borough Manager James Thomas, Police Chief Brian Sheller, and Solicitor John Carnes.

The public hearing was first held regarding the Borough's Floodplain Ordinance. The Borough Solicitor introduced the Ordinance and the purpose for the public hearing. Bill Handy, Official Court Reporter was present and the following exhibits were introduced into evidence:

- B-1 DCED approval;
- B-2 The response to that letter with the changes on page 10 as requested;
- B-3 The County review letter;
- B-4 The Planning Commission review letter;
- B-5 Proof of Publication; and
- B-6 Affidavit of Posting.

The public comments were taken and council comments provided and the hearing was closed by President Kathleen Rick.

Approval of Agenda:

Review and Approval of Minutes was made by Rhett Lipscomb which was seconded by Chuck Persch. All in favor approved.

Approval of bills was made by motion of Rhett Lipscomb and seconded by Mark Agen. All in favor approved.

Public comments on Agenda items - there were none.

Police Chief's Report - Brian Sheller: Chief Sheller presented his Report and it was accepted. Fire Chief's Report was accepted as was the EMS Report which reports were read by Chuck Persch. Complete reports are on file at Borough Hall.

Tony Ross of the midget football league gave a report regarding the SCCAAMF League session which begins on September 9, 2017 and on Friday, September 8, 2017 they are going to hold a Pep Rally. The season runs until the end of November. The Association has insurance in place concession stands in place and is providing scholarships.

Jack Assetto made a presentation about the 4th Community Day Report. He said that it was a fantastic presentation and there were some slight rain showers. He gave special thanks to Chief Sheller and Chief Consello (sp) of EMS. He identified the \$1,800.00 that was distributed to such charities as identified in his Report and this also included the VFW War Memorial contribution.

Engineer's Report - ARRO Consulting, Michael Bingham addressed the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan. Michael presented two options. After significant public input and Council discussion, the Council was presented with two (2) options to obtain compliance. The Council chose to pursue option No. 1 which provided significant compliance through the construction of a bioswale in Minch Park. Kathy Rick made a motion to approve option No. 1 and this motion was seconded by Sharon Wolf and approved by a unanimous vote of Council.

The Council then addressed enactment of Ordinance 529 (which was being reconsidered due to an advertising problem). Chuck Persch motioned for approval of Ordinance 529 which was seconded by Mark Agen and unanimously approved.

The same results took place with regarding to Ordinance 530. Chuck Persch moved for its approval, and this motion was seconded by Sharon Wolf and unanimously approved.

The next Ordinance under consideration was Ordinance 531 the Floodplain Ordinance. Sharon Wolf moved for its approval, which was seconded by Mark Agen and it was unanimously approved.

Jim Thomas then made a presentation regarding the MMO and specified that on the Uniform side there required contribution of \$101,706.00 and that on the Non-uniform side the required contribution was \$47,474.00. The Borough did not yet know how much aid it would receive relative to the MMO requirements.

Mayor Hagan during his discussion mentioned Earl Taylor and declared September 9, 2017 to be Earl Taylor Day. A fund raiser is being held on Earl Taylor's behalf and tickets are \$25.00. Earl Taylor has a long history of municipal service with EMS (currently with Keystone for the past 5 years) and the Fire Department locally (Pomeroy Fire Company since 1985 and Deputy Fire Chief "and Mayor Hagan referenced this and read this local service into the Minutes.

There was then a discussion about PA American and the circumstances regarding the Bridge were brought forward as part of the Solicitor's Report and then addressed in greater detail by Jim Thomas. It was explained that PA American had a private easement with the railroad in the location of the West Bridge Street project and that PA American was taking the position that if the pipeline were moved that this should be paid for by the public project.

Sharon Wolf reported that the October 9, 2017, public informational seminar on the opioid problem has been confirmed. The Chester County Addiction Prevention Task Force will present. The session will be posted on the Borough website.

Public comment:

Sue Boninu mentioned that Santander Bank is leaving and questioned what had been done to stop this. This was new developing information.

After Council comments the meeting closed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mark Agen and seconded by Chuck Persch and it was unanimously approved by all. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.