

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Persch

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by all present followed by a moment of silence

Council members present were: Charles Persch, Todd Brade, Rhett Lipscomb, Sharon Wolf, Lyle Gillespie, David Mellema and Mark Agen. Also present were Borough Secretary Wendy Keegan, Police Chief Brian Sheller and Solicitor John Carnes. Mayor John Hagan was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Todd Brade and seconded by Rhett Lipscomb. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019, regular Council Meeting was made by Rhett Lipscomb and seconded by Sharon Wolf. All in favor

TREASURER’S REPORT—Wendy A. Keegan

A complete copy of the October, 2019 Treasurer’s Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A motion to approve the bills submitted was made by Mark Agen and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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 Robert Cazillo
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PRESENTATION:

- PennDOT Representative Jen Granger, Deputy Director of PennDOT Multi-Model gave an update on Parkesburg train station upgrade project. The upgrades will be adding parking, drainage, lighting, pavement and other improvements not involving the tracks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion to approve and advertise the draft 2020 budget with a tax increase of .25 mills was made by Rhett Lipscomb and seconded by Mark Agen. All in favor.

- A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-14 – A Resolution of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania Approving the Release of the Retained Security of the Parkesburg Point Youth Center for the Construction of a Basketball Court and Skateboard Park in the Amount of \$276,796.00 was made by Todd Brade and seconded by Rhett Lipscomb. All in favor.
- A motion to accept and sign the Railroad Construction Phase Reimbursement Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad Company was made by Todd Brade and seconded by David Mellema. All in favor.
- A motion to appoint Bettye Thomas to the Park and Recreation Commission for a two-year term, expiring November 18, 2021 was made by Todd Brade and seconded by Rhett Lipscomb. All in favor.

UNFINISHED 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.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report—Joseph Reali

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Manager's Report—Neil D. Vaughn

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

Public Works Report—Theodore Toaltoan

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

The attendance was at the Halloween Parade and Fall Fest. The event went very well.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Revitalization — Rhett Lipscomb

Comprehensive Plan meeting scheduled for Thursday - will cover land use; map; and future land use; graphic design will be drafted; public welcome to come; Lions club event for vets will be held at the VFW

Budget & Finance — Mark Agen

2020 budget will be advertised; the next few years will be interesting because of all the activity

Fire & EMS — Sharon Wolf

Meeting scheduled for tomorrow

Community Life, Business Activity and Parks & Recreation — Todd Brade

Parks & Recreation Commission met - working on a mission statement

Property — David Mellema

No report.

Projects — Lyle Gillespie

Meeting set up with Mayor Hagan to talk about W. Bridge Street Bridge

Police — Charles Persch

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mel Keen of W. 1st Avenue questioned whether the easements on W. Bridge Street still in place. The easements are recorded and run with the land
- Steven Spoto of W. 5th Avenue remarked that residents are “getting taxed out of Parkesburg; he also commented that streetlights are not being maintained

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Rhett Lipscomb and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary