

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 18, 2022

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Sharon Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

Roll call was held and Council members present were: President Sharon Wolf, Vice-President Todd Brade, Council Member Mark Agen, Council Member Josh Mellinger, Council Member Rhett Lipscomb and Council Member Nicholas Ohar. Also present were, Mayor John Hagan, Police Sgt. Ryan Murtaugh, Solicitor John Carnes, and Borough Secretary Rebecca Durnall. Council Member David Mellema was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mark Agen and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021, Regular Council Meeting was made by Mark Agen and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

A Motion to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2021, Special Meeting was made by Mark Agen and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A Motion to approve bills was made by Mark Agen and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

A second Motion to re-open the bills to pull Codes Inspections, Inc. until reviewed was made by Todd Brade and seconded by Josh Mellinger. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Mark Agen and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Police Report..... Sgt. Ryan Murtagh
A complete copy of the Police Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

Fire Chiefs Report.....Chief Brian Gathercole
A complete copy of the Fire Chiefs Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Engineer’s Report – ARRO Consulting
A complete copy of the Engineer’s Report is available on file in the Borough Hall.

Manager’s Report – Joseph Realì
A complete copy of the Manager’s Report is available on file in the Borough Hall.

Code Enforcement

Included in Manager's Report

Fire District Administrator

A complete copy of the Fire District Administrators Report is available on file in the Borough Hall.

Mayor's Report

Special Events Ordinance 527. Application for event accompanied by copy of Ordinance and enforcement thereof in 2022. Fee to cover costs of Police and Public Works. Solicitor should review Ordinance 527 to ensure it compatible with Special Events Application
A complete copy of the Mayor's report is available on file in the Borough Hall.

Solicitor's Report

Assure that insurance policy up to date for the coverage of 5 West St.
Review Vacant Property Ordinance.
A complete copy of the Solicitor's Report is available on file in the Borough Hall.

Public Works Report

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Revitalization – Rhett Lipscomb
Hometown Hero's Banners, LBP Grant.
Snow Emergency Routes seem excessive.

Budget & Finance – Mark Agen
Refinancing of Mortgage. Discussion.

Fire AND EMS – Joshua Mellinger

Community Life, Business Activity and Parks and Recreation – Todd Brade
No report.

Property – David Mellema
Absent

Projects – Nicholas Ohar
No Report

Police – Sharon Wolf
Consistent with Sgt. Murtagh's report.

Public Comments (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items limited to three minutes)
No Comments

Council Comments:

Discussion led by Todd Brade of dog on North Culvert St, read case detail (SPCA). (Dog left outside in frigid winter weather with no water or shelter, SPCA lack of response after two contacts).

Question by Nick Ohar of who checks Borough for code violations (grass, etc.)

Rhett Lipscomb questions why ARRO is still involved with Lindale, Mayor explained that it is inefficient to pull them in middle of project.

Question by Rhett Lipscomb regarding Restricted Funds. Restricted Funds may only be spent on specific purpose, roads or escrow money for example. Unrestricted funds can be spent for any general government purpose.

New Business:

A Motion to extend deadline under the MPC for one day from January 17 to January 18, 2022, and a further extension from February 18, 2022, until Monday February 21, 2022, in which to complete requirements of Developer's Agreement and FSA was made by Josh Mellinger and seconded by Todd Brade.

New Business:

A Motion to approve Handicapped Parking Space located in front of 443 W 2nd Avenue, Parkesburg was made by Todd Brade and seconded by Josh Mellinger.

A Motion to approve Handicapped Parking Space located in front of 611 W 1st Avenue, Parkesburg was made by Todd Brade and seconded by Josh Mellinger.

ADJORNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Josh Mellinger and seconded by Todd Brade. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.