

**PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday, August 15, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 David Mellema, Council Member Rhett Lipscomb, Council Member Mark Agen, Council Member Nicholas Ohar and Council Member Josh Mellinger. Also present were, Mayor John Hagan, Police Sgt. Ryan Murtagh, Solicitor John Carnes, Borough Manager Joseph Reali and Borough Secretary Rebecca Durnall. Members of the public included Chrissy Smaltz of the Lion's Club. Robert Heil was present to discuss Codes and Fee Schedule.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Rhett Lipscomb and seconded by Josh Mellinger. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022, Regular Council Meeting was made by Rhett Lipscomb and seconded by Todd Brade. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Rhett Lipscomb and seconded by Mark Agen. All in favor. The following was read aloud:

General Account:  
Beginning Balance \$789,247.36  
Deposits: \$92,048.33  
Withdrawals: \$307,235  
Ending Balance: \$574,060.51

Highway Aid:  
Beginning Balance: \$226,814.53  
Deposits: \$1.91  
Withdrawals: \$2536.73  
Ending Balance: \$224,279.71

PLGIT – General Fund Reserve:  
Beginning Balance: \$10,748.67  
Interest Income: \$11.44  
Ending Balance: \$10760.11

PLGIT Highway Aid Reserve:  
Beginning Balance: \$13,381.33  
Interest Income: \$14.24  
Ending Balance: \$13,395.57

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

Police Report..... Sgt. Ryan Murtagh  
Three new vehicles operating and running.

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

Fire Chiefs Report.....Chief Brian Gathercole  
International Paper lent building before demolition. Thanks to Council for appearance at meeting on July 27, 2022 at the Point.

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

Public Comments (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items limited to three minutes)

Chrissy Smaltz of the Lion's Club spoke of the meeting on Thursday where she will provide a 3D image of plans for the playground. Fundraiser on October 29, 2022.

Nick Nicastro spoke of use of land after Mr. Nicastro sold the property. Spoke with Solicitor.

Betty Morgan spoke of zoning approval regarding placement of neighbor's shed.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Engineer's Report – ARRO Consulting

Discussion of decks and pools impervious surfaces, Council request more time to investigate before decided whether to include them as such.

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

Manager's Report – Joseph Reali

Reservoir to remain in "natural" state, Borough will maintain, discussion of walking paths, public use, and naming of identifiable area.

Nancy Sowa gave indication to Solicitor John Carnes that PennDOT should be in touch soon regarding bridge project scheduling.

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

Code Enforcement

Robert Heil stated next round of permits will be under new Fee Schedule.

Fire District Administrator

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

Mayor's Report

Code of Conduct for Council members, Solicitor shall seek resources to create.

Solicitor's Report

Hoping to hear from Nancy Sowa regarding PennDOT, West Bridge. Shopping Center did not "close" on Friday as expected. Possibly release partial amount of Lindale Village funds.

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

Community Garden at North side Community Park going well. Vegetables to Library. Thank you to Fire Dept for water, Thank you to Joe Reali for work with PAWC on spigot. Anxious to get back to work on Bridge.

### Budget & Finance – Mark Agen

Work continues on 5- year budget. Starting 2023 Preliminary Budget next week with Peter and Rebecca.

### Fire AND EMS – Joshua Mellinger

Included in Fire Report.

### Community Life, Business Activity and Parks and Recreation – Todd Brade

Contacted P.A.C. was told permits on Agenda for next meeting. Graffiti at Park.

### Property – David Mellema

No new developments, still working on previous projects.

### Projects – Nicholas Ohar

Still working on Trash Truck feasibility. Will work with Committee and discuss with Council. Discussion of Permeable Concrete Road Surface.

### Police – Sharon Wolf

Review of report.

### Unfinished Business:

None

### Council Comments:

SPCA and Police call, Charge to Borough. Solicitor will investigate along with Sgt. Murtagh. Borough/Fire disbursement, look at Ordinance.

## ADJORNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Brade and seconded by David Mellema. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.