

**SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, January 4, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Marvin Rudnitsky, V/P Richard Mease, C/P Sara Lauver, C/P Bobbie Owens, C/P Christopher Kalcich, C/P Erik Viker

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Treasurer Sheri Badman; Solicitor Bob Cravitz; Mayor Jeff Reed; Recording Secretary Carrie Briggs; Sara Maul

Roll was taken for Video Conference (Zoom): Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; DH&L, Jason Kaufman; Mychael Brunson

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Pres. Rudnitsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Treasurer Badman called the roll and acknowledged a quorum, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company: Jason Kaufman provided the names of the 2021-2022 officers as well as the December fire report. There were 31 incidents with no significant fire loss in the Borough. In 2020, 463 incidents including emergency and non-emergency. Jason will send the report to Treasurer Badman.

He discussed the challenges with Little Norway II ice skating pond. The weather has not provided enough cold days to freeze the ground necessary for filling in the pond.

Jason shared that the Cares State Grant provided a little over \$23,000 as well as the CDBG grant the Borough assisted in getting for COVID Relief. The Department will also be putting in a grant with the State Fire Commission to replace a fire hose.

SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: A vacancy was created as of December 31, 2020 due to the resignation of Grant Neff. The sitting Council members have 30 days to fill the vacancy. The vacancy was advertised and procured one letter of interest from resident Sara Maul.

C/P Viker made a motion to appoint Sara Maul to Borough Council. Seconded by C/P Mease. President Rudnitsky asked Sara to share her general interest in joining the Borough Council. She stated she is interested in the downtown businesses, revitalization of the downtown, and an overall livelier downtown.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Sara was sworn in by Mayor Reed immediately after the vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING OF December 7, 2020:

C/P Owens made a motion to accept the minutes. C/P Kalcich seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING OF December 28, 2020:

C/P Mease made a motion to accept the minutes. C/P Lauver seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

DH&L Ambulance League: No report.

Selinsgrove Projects, Inc.: Minutes provided from the November 17 meeting.

Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce: No report.

SARI (Pool) –Richard Mease: Minutes were provided for September 14, 2020 and October 12, 2020.

Parks & Recreation Committee: No report.

Others in Attendance:

Mychael Brunson of Pottsville, PA and Supa6Bullies Kennel is interested in holding a dog show at the Anthony Selin Pavilion and Dog Park. He has requested permission to have the show on June 19, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. He will promote through the dog show community and social media but would like the local community to be very involved in the event. President Rudnitsky suggested that if the event is approved it could be announced in the Spring newsletter. The insurance will need to include the Borough of Selinsgrove as additional insured. This would be the first time Myke is running a dog show. He has participated in other events and partnered with other shows. He chose Selinsgrove because there are not many fenced in parks in the area where people can work their dogs out on provided tools including ramps, bars, and fountains. The atmosphere is nice and provides community with the neighboring kid's park. Myke said he would like to see different categories of dogs and present every dog in a positive way.

C/P Mease made a motion to approve the dog show. Seconded by C/P Viker.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Lauren asked Myke to get the detailed information and insurance to her once he has it, so all can be finalized.

COMMITTEE/ COMMISSION/ BOARD REPORTS:

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Sara Lauver, Chairman –

C/P Lauver there would be a meeting Thursday, January 7, 2021.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE – Bobbie Owens, Chairman

1. Payment and Ratification of Bills:

C/P Owens made a motion to pay and ratify the bills. C/P Kalcich seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. Statewide Tax Recovery/Berkheimer – Exoneration Request: None.

3. Rate for Tax Collector – The rate plan proposed would be a graduated compensation rate over the four-year term. It would start in 2022 at \$4.25 per bill collected with an end of year close at \$300. These rates would increase in the subsequent years.

C/P Owens made a motion to have the Solicitor prepare an Ordinance to set the tax collector compensation rates for 2022 and subsequent years. Seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. An Executive Session is requested.

PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vacant, Chairman

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION/PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – Chris Kalcich, Chairman

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Richard P. Mease, Chairman

1. C/P Mease made a motion to preapprove the yearly events for request of street closure providing the event organizers give the proper paperwork in advance to get formal approval. Seconded by C/P Viker.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

C/P Kalcich approved all but one, abstaining from the Selinsgrove Farmer's Market due to the fact he is a vendor who profits from the event.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Erik Viker, Chairman – No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Janet Powers, Chairman – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Cyril Runkle, Chairman – Treasurer Badman stated there would be a meeting Thursday, January 7, 2021 to discuss the Shaffer property.

CIVIL SERVICES COMMISSION – Dalton Savidge, Chairman – No report.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – Joan Fasold – Treasurer Badman reported that Joan Fasold turned in her resignation from the Shade Tree Commission. President Rudnitsky mentioned he would like to see this motion express the Council’s enormous gratitude for Joan’s years of service.

C/P Viker made a motion to accept Joan Fasold’s resignation with significant regret and profound appreciation of her years of service in this and other Borough capacities. Seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Jeff Reed: The reports were emailed and missed the print for this evening’s meeting. C/P Owens expressed her thanks to the Chief for getting all billings in 2020 submitted by the end of year.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR – Robert Cravitz, Esq. – No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

1. CES Engineer Firm will be in the Borough Wednesday & Thursday to walk the street lighting grant project.
2. Stahl Shaffer is working to set up a meeting with Penn Dot and the environment engineer to get rolling on the Industrial Park Road Project.
3. January 18th, the sink hole core samples will be cut.
4. President Rudnitsky asked about the streetlight post at Market and Pine Streets. Someone hit it during the December 16th snowstorm. Treasurer Badman received the estimate for the repair which is over \$5,000.00. The estimate was turned over to the insurance. This was a hit and run which Officer Petrovich has been investigating and has found nothing up to this point.

BOROUGH TREASURER – Sharon Badman

Review Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2020.

C/P Viker made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

BOROUGH MANAGER / SECRETARY – Lauren Martz

1. Manager Report has been provided.
2. Grease Trap tracking has been sent to CKCOG for follow up on those who have not yet provided their reports.
3. Statement of Financial Interest Forms are not yet available and will be provided at the next meeting. These are due by May 1, 2021.

ZONING – Lindsey Brouse, Deputy Zoning Officer – No report.

EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY –Shane Hendricks & Vacancy, Delegates

1. Meeting minutes were provided from November 18, 2020.
2. Delegate, Shane Hendricks, attended the meeting to go over the pending December ESCRA meeting minutes.
 - a. Discussion included the Bright Farms sludging and clogging problem that Penn Township has worked on several times. Bright Farms is to invest in grinding station to chew up those clogging solids. Bright Farms is being told they need a system to divert the chemicals back into the facility or clean up the excrement prior to entering the public sewer system.
3. EDU Capacity Approval: Michael Savidge is requesting four EDU’s

C/P Owens made a motion to approve the four EDU's at the Pheasant Ridge Land Development. Seconded by Lauver.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER CO. JOINT AUTHORITY – Dianne Mengel & Shane Hendricks– No report. An explanation as to the need for this Authority was given to the Council by Treasurer Badman. The old landfill in Monroe Township is a requirement of DEP to maintain a partnership in treatment of the leach beds and maintain mowing.

SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Tim Charles, Chairman – No report. Lauren stated she will schedule a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

MAYOR – None

OTHERS – None

Recess Meeting to Executive Session at 8:15 PM. Reconvene at 8:32PM. No action taken in Executive Session.

C/P Viker made a motion that the Borough policy on water and sewer letters and bills, from January 2021 and going forward, go only to the property owners and not to renters. The motion requires the Solicitor and the Borough Manager to work out a policy without further Council action. Seconded by C/P Kalcich.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by C/P Viker to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Carrie Briggs
Recording Secretary