

SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 7, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Borough Treasurer Sheri Badman; Mayor Jeff Reed; DH&L Ambulance, Brian Hipple; Paul Donecker; Regional Engagement Center, Kelly Feiler

ABSENT: C/P Sara Lauver

Roll was taken for Video Conference (Zoom): None

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON August 2, 2021:

C/P Kalcich made a motion to accept the minutes as written. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company: Jason Kaufman was not available to give his report, but a report was provided from their July 12, 2021 meeting.

DH&L Ambulance League: Brian Hipple, Chief of DH&L Ambulance reported 130 calls in the month of August: 44 in the Borough [20 basic life support; 13 advanced care; 11 non-transport (patient assist)]. There has been an increase in calls for respiratory illnesses and Covid related symptoms. Brian stated the average ambulance call costs \$585 but the average return is \$300 or less. There are agreements with many other ambulance services in the area that in the event a resident purchases a DH&L membership but cannot respond, it is covered by the other service. Residents can contact DH&L at 570-374-0444 or dutyofficer@dauntlessems.com for more information.

Selingsgrove Projects, Inc.: Board minutes from their June 15, 2021 meeting were provided.

Selingsgrove Chamber of Commerce: No report.

SARI (Pool) –Richard Mease: Board minutes from their July 12, 2021 meeting were provided. There are two fundraisers currently active. There is a 5K event on October 16, 2021 and a block painting fundraiser on the inside entrance to the pool. Businesses and individuals are all welcome to purchase blocks to display their support for the pool. SARI also submitted a grant application to the Degenstein Foundation for help with Phase II of the pool renovations. Phase II would be the addition of a splashpad in the current location of the deteriorated baby pool.

Parks & Recreation Board: Board minutes from their August 24, 2021 meeting were provided. After that meeting, Natasha Kline-Hughes emailed Manger Martz with interest in volunteering on the Parks & Recreation Board upon the approval of her son becoming an official committee member. C/P Viker made a motion to appoint Natasha Kline-Hughes to the Parks & Recreation Board. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

R.E.C.: Board minutes from their August 19, 2021 meeting were provided.

Others in Attendance: Kelly Feiler of the R.E.C. wanted to thank the Borough of Selingsgrove Finance Committee and the Rudy Gelnett Irrevocable Trust for all the financial support over the years. The 2021-2022 school year drop-in program started on September 7, 2021 and there were 40 kids in attendance. Many of the kids have returned to the program from past years as well as summer camp attendees. There were 53 kids at the 2021 summer camp of which 42 were funded by the Borough. There were more from the Borough who attended. There were 13 camp counselors in the summer. Training was provided for camp counselors prior to the start of the season, but it will need to be enhanced for next year's camp. The R.E.C. just hired their third full time person. On a typical day of summer camp, the doors opened at 8:20AM, breakfast was provided, the team pledge was recited, free time was offered, a morning activity was completed, lunch was provided, more free time was given, an afternoon activity was completed, and an afternoon snack was provided. President Rudnitsky thanked Borough Manager Martz for helping with the silent auction fundraiser for the R.E.C. The event brought in \$4,500.00. Treasurer Badman mentioned the mandatory meeting coming up October 4, 2021 at 3:00PM for all organizations requesting money from the Rudy Gelnett Irrevocable Trust. Letters will be sent to all organizations who have participated in the past.

COMMITTEE/ COMMISSION/ BOARD REPORTS:

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 Viker seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

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

3. 2022 Budget Request- The deadline for the requests is October 15, 2021.

4. Acknowledge Receipt of 2022 MMO Worksheets for Pension Costs. C/P Owens made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2022 MMO Worksheets for Pension Costs to accept state aid. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorize Renewal/Selection of Healthcare Provider for 2021-2022. C/P Owens made a motion to accept the Capital Blue Cross healthcare plan in the amount of \$273,060.38 effective October 1, 2021. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

6. Approve 2022 ESCRA Flow Estimate. C/P Owens made a motion to accept the 2022 flow estimates from ESCRA. C/P Kalcich seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

7. Chief Garlock has made a request to donate the decommissioned 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor to the SUN Vo Tech Police Studies Program. (Information only) Manager Martz and Treasurer Badman will work to get a value for the car. If the value is \$1,000.00 or more, then municipal property must be put out to bid for sale if being sold to the public. If it is under \$1000.00, they will bring it back to Council to decide whether to donate the vehicle or not to the school. Solicitor Cravitz stated that the property could be donated to another municipality if Council chose to regardless of the value of the property, but he would verify if it would be allowable for the donation to be made to a school district. Information will be reviewed by staff and the Solicitor and reported back to Council for the next month's meeting for a decision.

PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – Sara Maul, Chairman –

1. Authorize Stahl Sheaffer Engineering to conduct a traffic study at 522 and Broad Street to improve pedestrian safety. Per PennDOT's recommendation, Council budgeted up to \$5000.00 for the study to be completed. The proposal for the study from Stahl Sheaffer Engineering is a little more than \$26,000.00. Manager Martz stated that she was working with Stahl Sheaffer and PennDOT to get the cost of the study down. With no Council action taken to approve a higher spending amount, President Rudnitsky suggested waiting to see if Stahl Sheaffer can bring the cost down for further consideration at next months meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION/PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – Chris Kalcich, Chairman – No report.

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

1. C/P Mease made a motion to authorize the alley closure for St. Paul's UCC annual block party on September 12, 2021. C/P Viker seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Mease made a motion to authorize the alley closure for SU to clean vegetation and debris out of the ditch adjacent to Liberty Alley. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Sara Lauver, Chairman – No report.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – Janet Powers, Chairman – No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Cyril Runkle, Chairman –

1. C/P Viker made a motion to accept the resignation of James Forester with regret and appreciation for his time on the board. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. Meeting minutes were provided from the August 5, 2021 meeting.
3. Manager Martz mentioned more people are needed to serve on this board.

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

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – Vacant, Chairman – No report and they are still in need of a chairperson.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Jeff Reed:

1. The Police Report for July 2021 was provided.
2. Declaration of Tropical Storm Ida Disaster Emergency was signed on September 1, 2021 in the event it was needed.
3. Discussion was had regarding the open container signage area. At the current time, Council has decided to put a hold on placing signage.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR – Robert Cravitz, Esq

1. C/P Viker made a motion to adopt two amendments in Chapter 15 Motor Vehicle and Traffic: section 15-208 and Section 15-402 of Ordinance No. 856. C/P Kalcich seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. ESCRA filed suit against Hummels Wharf Municipal Authority to collect on their past due bill. The suit was filed at the beginning of last month.

BOROUGH ENGINEER –

1. Industrial Park Road project progress was presented via a report provided by Stahl Sheaffer Engineering.
2. C/P Owens made a motion to accept the SRBC Grant Award in the amount of \$6000.00 for the Monitoring Grant Program. The costs to complete the project will need to be budgeted for in 2022. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

3. The SRBC has approved withdrawal rates for Well 3 at 0.465 million gallons per day and Well 4 at 0.707 million gallons per day.

C/P Mease made a motion to acknowledge the approvable withdraw limits for wells 3 & 4. C/P Kalcich seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

4. The Solicitor's office is still working on getting the easements signed for the West Pine Street Lighting Project.

BOROUGH TREASURER – Sharon Badman

1. Approve Financial Balances Report for the month of August 2021. C/P Viker made a motion to accept the financial report as provided. Seconded by C/P Mease.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. PEMA Post-Flood Checklist was provided to the Council.
3. Fall Newsletter Review – Treasurer Badman requests any edits or changes be turned in to her prior to Friday, September 17th for submission to the printer.

BOROUGH MANAGER / SECRETARY – Lauren Martz

1. Manager report provided.

ZONING – Lindsey Brouse, Deputy Zoning Officer –

1. A report of Zoning Permits issued. There was discussion regarding a very tall fence installed at 7 Linda Lane in the front yard. The permit is not listed on Zoning Permit report. The Borough Manager will follow up with the Deputy Zoning Officer to see if it was permitted and missed on the report.

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

Meeting minutes from the July 21, 2021 and August 18, 2021 meetings.

NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER CO. JOINT AUTHORITY – Dianne Mengel & Shane Hendricks – No report.

SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Tim Charles, Chairman – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS – President Rudnitsky mentioned the upcoming Police negotiation committee meeting later in September. He requested an Executive Session to discuss Council’s thoughts.

MAYOR – Requests to speak in Executive Session.

OTHERS (Public Comment Period) – None

Recessed at 8:04PM to executive session for personnel discussion.

Reconvened at 8:28PM – No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

C/P Viker made a motion to adjourn at 8:29PM. Seconded by C/P Mease.

Respectfully submitted by:
Carrie Briggs
Recording Secretary