
SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
General Council Meeting-1/2/2018
MINUTES

The General Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, immediately following the 2018 Reorganization Meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido to table the review/approval of the Secretary/Treasurer's Report, as noted on the agenda, until the special meeting is held. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Paul Colarossi, Ashburn Advisors, provided clarification on the existing items in process. He again indicated the deadline for the LC Flood Protection Authority Projects is 2/1/2018. If the borough wants to pursue this grant a project plan and pricing must be incorporated into the grant proposal.

Motion was made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido to retain Ashburn Advisors for grants. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Metrocast Franchise Agreement – Bobbi Titus is to research this and update Council.

SPCA extended agreement deadline to 3/1/2018 – Bobbi Titus to locate information on this and update Council.

Correspondence from Peters Consultant, Inc. – consideration for Borough Engineer position – item tabled per Reorganization meeting

Correspondence from Criterium Peters Engineers – consideration for additional Third Party Inspection Agency – item tabled

Notice to blacktop customers – Pikes Creek Asphalt – this was informational only – no action needed

FEMA Region III Mitigation Webinar – this was informational only – no action needed

PSAB update – this was informational only – no action needed

Letter from Joe Czarnecki – this item was tabled

Letter from Five Mountain Hardware to lease 22 West Union Street Property – this item was tabled

NEW BUSINESS;**Fire Department Concerns:**

- Jeff Norcross began the discussion by indicating that he attended a meeting with a member of the Mocanaqua Fire Co. and it was stated that Mocanaqua had been removed from the Shickshinny call box. He stated that we cannot afford to put our residents in jeopardy and does not want Mocanaqua removed over a personal issue.
- Rosalie Whitebread indicated she received a telephone call informing her that Mocanaqua was removed from both fire and ambulance calls.
- Kevin Morris stated that the removal of the ambulance was an error by 911 and was been corrected on 1/2/2018. Rosalie indicated that Kevin's statement on the erroneous removal of the ambulance was correct per her discussion with Luzerne County 911 dispatch.
- Rosalie stated that she obtained a copy of the 911 call list and a copy of a letter to 911, signed by Kevin and former Mayor Beverly Moore, to make changes to the 911 fire protocols to remove Mocanaqua. She indicated this should have gone in front of council. Kevin stated that is was never the process to have changes to the protocols go before Shickshinny Borough Council for review/approval. He directed that the Mayor was responsible for emergency services and has the final authority.
- There was considerable discussion with Kevin Morris, Fire Chief, on the present fire alarm protocols with Luzerne County 911 dispatch, by Council and members of the community.
- Kevin Morris indicated that he would initiate a meeting between the Shickshinny and Mocanaqua Fire Companies to begin a discussion on how the two companies could improve teamwork and resolve personal differences.
- Rosalie stated that Council is requesting information from the Shickshinny Fire Company as follows: list of active members and their respective training, physicals (as the borough covers workers compensation insurance costs, financial records from 2013 to present. She indicated that the fire company will receive this request for information in writing from Council and the information requested is expected within 60 days.

NEW BUSINESS – OTHER ITEMS:

Correspondence from Brian Phillips – consideration for Borough Zoning Appeals Board – this item was tabled

Rescind 2018 Budget – future work is needed on this item

Lights at Parks – It was determined that because there is no police officer at the present time, the lights cannot remain on any later. No further action at this time.

Cats/Vaccinations/Licenses – the question was raised as to who would enforce this? No further action at this time.

Rosalie Whitebread reported that there was a maintenance request received from Magistrate Christopher. Art Zehner will check into this.

The need to have a listing of emergency snow plow people was identified. A list of names will be compiled.

Special Meeting – A special meeting will be scheduled to continue tabled items from the Reorganization meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Roberta J. Titus, Secretary
Borough of Shickshinny