

SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MAY 12, 2020
(RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 5, 2020)
MINUTES

Please note: Council meeting was postponed from May 5, 2020 to May 12, 2020 to allow time to set up and advertise meeting availability through Zoom due to COVID 19 restrictions for public meetings.

The General Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in the council room of the Shickshinny Municipal Building. President Joseph Buchalski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Per roll call, the following members of Council were present: Joseph Buchalski, Kevin Kruczek, Candy Kruczek, Rosalie Whitebread and Jim Wido. Also present was secretary, Eleanor Molina. Mayor Long was absent.

Since the meeting was closed to the public due to COVID 19 restrictions, the meeting was available through Zoom, however, no one attended through this option.

President Buchalski led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ASHBURN ADVISORS

Ashburn Advisor's needs cost estimates and specs to proceed with the USDA Rural Development Grant.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

An email was received from John Ackerman stating that the bid receipt date for the 2019 LSA Grant was moved to May 21, 2020 with the award date of May 28, 2020.

Candy Kruczek made a motion to approve the Engineer's Report/seconded by Kevin Kruczek. Motion carried by unanimous vote

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Larry Frace provided a written report including a list of blight properties.

Rosalie Whitebread made a motion to accept the Zone Officer's Report/Seconded by Candy Kruczek. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Copies of the Luzerne County leases were received from Jim Brozena and distributed to council. Copies were sent to Attorney Burke following the last Work Session meeting but due to the short time in between meetings, he was unable to review and also update the Borough's lease. He will provide an answer as soon as possible.

Rosalie Whitebread made a motion to accept the President's Report/seconded by Candy Kruczek. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Wido made a motion to accept the 03/26/2020 minutes/seconded by Kevin Kruczek. Joe Buchalski, Kevin Kruczek and Jim Wido voted yes. Rosalie Whitebread and Candy Kruczek voted No since the minutes were not ready for the Work Session meeting and so there was no opportunity for them to read them. Motion carried.

The 04/07/2020 Council Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Council unanimously voted to table the vote on this item until the next meeting since the minutes were not ready for the Work Session meeting and council did not have opportunity to read them.

Rosalie Whitebread stated that the 02/04/2020 minutes also need to be rescinded and corrected with regard to the discussion of the sale of the boat dock. The recording will be reviewed and minutes corrected accordingly.

Candy Kruczek made a motion to ratify the bills paid in April 2020/seconded by Jim Wido. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Candy Kruczek to ratify the bank balances as of 03/25/2020 that were tabled at the 04/07/2020 Council Meeting/seconded by Jim Wido. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Candy Kruczek made a motion to ratify the 04/28/2020 bank balances /seconded by Jim Wido. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rosalie Whitebread made a motion to approve the resolution to postpone the penalty phase on property taxes until August 19, 2020/seconded by Candy Kruczek. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rosalie Whitebread made a motion to approve payment of \$80.00 to Don Switzer for reimbursement for mulch purchased for the Borough Building and trees/seconded by Candy Kruczek. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Candy Kruczek made a motion to close the PLGIT Street Light account and transfer the balance to the Liquid Fuels account/seconded by Kevin Kruczek. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A request was received from Shickshinny Sewer Authority asking if the Municipal Building could be used to have a board meeting next week. Decision was tabled until Attorney Burke is contacted by President Buchalski to see if that is allowable due to COVID19 restrictions. He will then contact the Sewer Authority.

A motion was made by Candy Kruczek to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's Report/seconded by Kevin Kruczek. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rosalie Whitebread requested that the secretary follow up on the following:

Call John Ackerman to see if the one-way signs can be removed on Bartoli Lane

Type a letter requiring permit parking only on the Borough's Grant St lot, requiring copy of registration along with completed form with 1 car per household allowed.

Call Lance Kittleson regarding who owns strip of land on Canal St
Follow up on the Stell invoice with Tom Reilly
Find out about a grant offered by Berwick Foundation
Advertise the old copier and fax machine again
Call about the OSHA posters
No parking here to corner for W Union St issue

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went to an executive session at 8:15 pm and returned at 8:25 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Molina
Secretary