

**SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 3, 2021

The General Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Wednesday November 3, 2021, in the council room of the Shickshinny Municipal Building. President Rosalie Whitebread called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Per roll call, the following members of council were present: Rosalie Whitebread, Jim Wido, Candice Kruczek & Joe Buchalski. Kevin Kruczek was absent. Attorney Burke was absent.

President's Report- *The issues with Rockview Ave are still ongoing. There are repairs needed to both the pavement and guiderails. Lori spoke with our engineer, John Ackerman regarding the punch list/plan for repairs and he stated that he would get to it when he gets to it. The church is complaining about the water running off this road now and flooding their basement. These repairs need to be taken care of, but we are not having any luck with the engineer trying to resolve this, he is not working in a timely manner because he feels the Borough should have paid the engineer's fees. Lori read correspondence from Tanner MacDougall (Project manager for Don E. Bower) that he sent to John Ackerman and John's reply. President Whitebread wants to know if the Council members would like to replace John Ackerman and hand over this project to Tom Reilly. Lori needs to speak with the Attorney regarding the process of removing an engineer from a project. The discussion regarding the issues with this project continued for some time.*

The Crary Street project is still not complete and now has to wait until the spring of 2022.

The Plow Truck is being repaired by Justin Farver and should be back in about two weeks.

At the request of Luzerne County Election Bureau, Attorney Burke prepared an Agreement involving the error appearing on the Tuesday, November 2, 2021 ballot. Apparently, the said ballot sets forth five (5) candidates with directives of four (4) candidates eligible for election when in fact, three (3) borough council seats are open to election. Each of the five Candidates signed this agreement.

There are two properties that went up for Repository Sale on Parker Hill and the Borough has the right to reject the bid for said properties and also has the right to place a bid as well. The gentleman that bid on these properties bid \$500.00. Lori and Rosalie to make some calls to find out more about this. The Borough is interested in placing a bid.

Motion to accept the Presidents Report was made by Joe Buchalski and seconded by Candice Kruczek. Vote: all yes except Rosalie, she abstained.

Solicitor's Report – *None*

Engineer's Report- *None*

Zoning Officer's Report: - Report attached. Rosalie discussed some issues that are taking place in the Borough with the Zoning Officer and also the zoning setbacks. After some extensive discussion with the council members and a Borough resident who is having some issues with the Zoning Officer, Rosalie informed him that Mr. Frace came into the office today and she discussed these issues with him, Mr. Frace is going to change these setbacks, once he sends this to the Council it will be voted on and passed.

Motion to accept the report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Members voted yes.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT-* Motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 5, 2021, was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All members voted yes.

Motion to accept the work session minutes of October 28, 2021 was made by Jim Wido and seconded by Candice Kruczek. All Council Members voted yes.

Motion to approve the payment of Bills & Financial Statement was made by Joseph Buchalski and seconded by Candice Kruczek. All Council Member voted yes.

Lori presenting the Council members with the 2022 Proposed Operating Budget for their review and possible adoption on December 7, 2021. Motion to advertise the budget was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Joe Buchalski. All Council Members voted yes.

Motion to accept the Secretaries report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All members voted yes.

Motion was made to approve the resolution/Certification Request for payment for the demolition of 26 Conyngham Street. Motion was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All council members voted yes.

Cathy Llewellyn Thanked Rosalie and Candice for the wonderful job they did with the Halloween event.

Council Members went into an executive session at 6:53 p.m. and returned @ 7:02

Motion was made to adjourn by James Wido & seconded by Candice Kruczek.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Lori Ragazzo
Borough Secretary/Treasurer