

Shickshinny Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8th 2022

The regular meeting of the Shickshinny Borough Council was held on February 8th, 2022, in the Council room of the Shickshinny Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Jessica Bolles, President of Council.

Per Roll call, the following members of council were present Rosalie Whitebread, Joe Buchalski, Jessica Bolles, Jim Wido and Mayor Jordan Madl all present. Kevin Kruczek was absent. Attorney Bill Stephens attended in place of Solicitor Sean Logsdon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Multiple residents of Shickshinny Borough attended, in which not all were signed in; list of signed in residents; Beverly Moore, Holly and Kevin Morris, Candy Kruczek, Rick Noss, Barry Noss, Kathy Llewellyn.

### **Mayors Report**

The Mayor Jordan Madl notified the council and public that they will be holding a Mayoral meeting February 15th 2022 @ 6pm open to public and will be advertised online to originate fundraiser for Shoemaker Family/Community informative fire safety.

Kathy Llewellyn voiced concerns regarding the involvement of the borough in the private property tear down on 50 Furnace Street. Concerns voiced regarding the Borough going “bankrupt” and using borough funds to tear down a private residence. Jessica Bolles voiced that the borough did not call in the excavating company to the scene of the crime, that the state police needed equipment to recover 4 bodies that had perished in the home fire, to assist the firefighters in covering human remains. After bodies were removed from the structure, President Jessica Bolles and Mayor Jordan Madl were called to the site, regarding the unsafe remnants left of the home and the danger to pose to other resident’s homes or falling down the grass embankment. Jessica Bolles informed Mrs. Llewellyn that the Council and Solicitor are working on a solution from outside agencies to help deferrer the cost from the borough, via Grants and other funding, Confirmation was given Attorney Bill Stephens. It was stated by Jessica Bolles that this situation was unlike any other fire we have recently seen in Shickshinny and were under completely different circumstances. We are currently awaiting bill from Brdaric Excavating, Inc. Bill Stephens spoke on behalf of explanation on Grants for unusual circumstances as these and will not effects borough from receiving other Grants.

### **President’s report**

Bureau of Elections has requested to use the borough building for special election on April 5th. Motion was made by Rosalie Whitebeard second by Joe Buchalski all council members voted yes, as per roll call vote.

Koala Computer services to recover missing files from Quickbooks for Rainey and Rainey to complete 2020 Audit. At the cost of \$95 an hour. Rosalie questioned why we would have to pay for files to be recovered and that Rainey and Rainey should pay them, Jessica Bolles stated that she has spoken with Rainey and Rainey and they are unable to audit their own audits and a third party would have to recover the files. Joe Buchalski asked a ballpark figure on timing, Jessica Bolles answered no more than 3 hours.

Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to hire Koala computers at \$95 per hour no more than 3 hours, second by Jim Wido. All council members voted yes, as per roll call vote.

Committee Appointments were presented to council, Rosalie Whitebread voiced she did not accept Committee appointments. Joe Buchalski asked Rosalie why she wasn't accepting them she stated she did not agree with them, no reason was stated Joe Buchalski made motion to accept appointments and was seconded by Jim Wido. Roll call Jim-voted yes, Joe-voted yes, Jessica- voted yes, and Rosalie voted no. Vote was passed 3 to 1. Rosalie Whitebread stated she wanted her objection documented in the minutes.

Vacancies on all boards, were not filled. Jessica Bolles stated that she read through minutes and no appointments were made and boards all expired in 2020. Rosalie voiced that some committees were still filled and that the list is in the office, matter will be table until updated list is found. UCC board is filled By Beverly Moore, Holly Morris, Kathy Llewellyn.

Children's Library in FLT building was brought to question by Jimmy Bach who was supposed to be present at meeting to discuss issue, as per Vice President Joe Buchalski. Resident was not at meeting. Matter was not discussed.

Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to accept the presidents report and was second by Jim Wido and all members voted yes.

### **Solicitors Report**

Bill Stephens spoke on behalf of Sean Logsdon. Began with the amendment for the setback Ordinance #399, Ordinance amendment was not yet completed. Council approval was needed to start amendment. Rosalie Whitebread made motion and was seconded by Jim Wido all members voted yes.

Discussion regarding the APRA Grant, and new lost revenue status.

Discussion on the LSA Grant new openings to apply for the Grant and can be passed along Engineer.

Motion was made to accept the Solicitors report by Joe Buchalski and seconded by Jim Wido. All members of council voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

Itemized bill for Attorney Burke- Rosalie Whitebread informed Bill Stephens that there was lien on south Canal Street that may be executed at any given time for 2,500.00 as per past Solicitor Burke. The bills were reviewed by council members for payment of 1,805.25. Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to pay 1,805.25 seconded by Rosalie Whitebread and all council member voted yes.

Itemized bill for John Ackerman was brought to table for approximately 16,000. Council did not agree on amount, Matter was tabled.

PA American water backflow and cross connection inspection- Zoning office stated that we are not behind, however PA American water has turned its Backflow prevention to a third-party company, Zoning will reach out and confirm updated inspections.

Motion to accept correspondence report by Joe Buchalski seconded by Jim Wido, all members voted yes.

### **Zoning Report**

Meeting was turned over to Sonny see attached report.

### **Old and Unfinished Business**

Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to pay Barry Services for repair on backpack blower for \$142.64 Seconded by Jim Wido. Roll call Rosalie Whitebread-No, Joe- yes, Jim-yes and Jessica- yes. Vote passed 3 to 1.

Motion was made to accept the old and unfinished business report by Joe Buchalski and second by Jim Wido all members voted yes.

### **Secretary/Treasurers Report**

Approval to pay bills for February- Motion made by Joe Buchalski seconded by Jim Wido all members voted yes.

Approval Financial report- Motion to approve financial report made by Jim Wido and seconded by Joe Buchalski and all members voted yes.

Approve Minutes from 1/4/2022 and 1/10/2022- Rosalie would like to listen to recording from past meetings.

Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to approve Secretary's report seconded by Jim Wido as per Roll call Rosalie Whitebread abstained from vote, pending relistening to recording for bereavement issues and Sewer Authority appointment. All remaining members voted yes.

### **New Business**

Approve New hire for Secretary/Treasurer Sandra Kottler @ \$16 per hour for 20 hours per week and approval for Lori to train Sandra for \$17 per hour.

Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to hire Sandra Kottler, seconded by Jim Wido and all member voted yes.

Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to adjourned meeting seconded by Jim Wido and all members voted yes. Meeting was concluded @ 7:24 pm.

***Jessica Bolles***  
***President of Council***