

SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2021

The General Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Tuesday, March 9, 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: Candy Kruczek, Rosalie Whitebread and Jim Wido & Joe Buchalski. Kevin Kruczek was absent.

ENGINEER'S REPORT- Twin Oak's Consulting -Report is attached

Motion to approve the payment for contracts # 2 & 3 for LSA Sidewalks grant in the amount of \$45,476.00 was made by Joe Buchalski and seconded by Candice Kruczek. All council members voted yes.

Reilly Associates- President Whitebread read the bids sent in by Reilly Associates for the demolition of 26 Conyngham street: Brdaric Excavating-\$11,700.00, Don E. Bower, Inc.-\$14,215.00 & Stell Enterprises-\$23,800.00. Motion to award the bid to Brdaric Excavating was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Joe Buchalski. All Council members voted yes.

Motion to accept the engineer's report was made by Candice and seconded by Joe Buchalski. All Council Members voted yes.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT-Report is attached

Motion to accept the zoning officers report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Joe Buchalski

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT-* Motion to accept the meeting minutes of February 2, 2021 was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Rosalie Whitebread. Vote: Candace – yes, Rosalie-yes, Jim Wido-yes, Joe Buchalski - Abstained. members voted yes.

*Motion to approve the payment of Bills was made by Joe Buchalski and seconded by Candice Kruczek. All Council Member voted yes.

*Motion to accept the Financial report was made by Joe Buchalski and seconded by Candice Kruczek. All council members voted yes.

*Lori informed the council member that the Borough currently uses Clark Hess Trucking to deliver the anti-skid at a cost of \$34-\$36 per ton, Lori obtained quotes from three other companies;

Cedar Rock materials- \$11 per ton delivered, H&K Group- \$19 per ton delivered and American Rock salt-\$9.85 a ton + delivery.

*Motion was made by Joe Buchalski to start using Cedar Rock Material for anti-skid, motion seconded by Candice Kruczek. All council members voted yes.

*Motion to adopt the Luzerne County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution was made by Joe Buchalski and seconded by Kim Wido. All council Members voted yes.

*Motion to authorize the request for payment for the Historical Society grant in the amount of \$11,313.00 was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Council Members voted yes.

*Lori informed the council members that the remaining funds left over from the LSA sidewalk grant is approximately \$43,000, these funds cannot be transferred to another grant, therefore a change order was submitted to the CFA to add Irene and Cary Streets to that grant/ project and upon approval (which will not be until March 23rd) these roads can get repaired through that grant. The CDBG grant for 2019 for \$148,000 will cover Rockview East and Rockview West. The Estimates from Twin Oaks Consulting and EP Mancinelli for Rockview East & West were reviewed. A motion was made by Joe Buchalski and seconded by Jim Wido to accept the estimates from Twin Oaks. All members voted yes

**Motion to accept the Secretary/Treasurer report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Joe Buchalski. All members voted yes.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-*President Whitebread informed the council members of the following:*

**The Borough still has not received word if the flood mitigation grant that we applied for is approved or not.*

**Shickshinny Borough will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt on March 21, 2021 at 2:00 and everyone is Welcome.*

**The Shickshinny Sewer authority asked the borough to apply for a grant through the LSA on their behalf, however they are not doing what they are supposed to be doing. All the paperwork is supposed to be coming through the Borough and the agreement was not signed properly. President Whitebread stated that she wants to see them get this grant, but they have to do this the proper way. Attorney Burke will contact the Sewer Authority Attorney to help get this straightened out.*

President Whitebread had a discussion with Joe Buchalski about the Butler Street Claim, information is needed for the claim adjuster and she has been unable to locate it.

President Whitebread informed the council Members that some of the Fire Hydrants on Grant Street are not working and she contacted Nick at PA American Water about this, she asked them to have someone come to inspect them because the fire fighters had issues with them during a fire they informed the borough that they were not working. She also asked if the Borough would get some kind of credit on the water bills since this is happening.

Shickshinny Borough resident Mr. Rinehard addressed the board about his property and the adjoining Cemetery. When he purchased this property, he was told his property is everything in between the retaining walls. He found out while his property was being surveyed that his property extended beyond the wall and there were bodies buried on his property, Mr. Rinehard stated that he does not want part of the cemetery on his property. If the borough wants to take the property back down to the retaining walls, which is what he thought he had in the first place, then that is what he wants done. Attorney Burke will talk to Mr. Grabowski about this and get it all straightened out.

CORRESPONDENCE-*Lori informed the members of a grant opportunity through the PA American Water Company. Lori will give each a copy of the requirements and projects that would qualify and this will be decided on at the next meeting.*

The Council Members went into an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 6:47 p.m. and returned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.