

SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2021

The General Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Tuesday, October 5, 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 present.

President's Report- *There is an issue with Rockview Ave. Bower did a wonderful job paving that road but whoever they hired to do the guiderails put the posts in where there is no solid ground and where there was little ground to put the posts in, they smashed the newly paved road. Candice and Rosalie received a call from Tanner McDougall and he informed them that there was no cushion money within the bid like John Ackerman stated was there. Tanner explained the entire contract with both of them. Rosalie called to discuss this with John Ackerman and he informed Rosalie that she had no business talking to Tanner. There are some serious issues on this road due to this work, in some areas there is a huge gap between the paved road and the guiderail, this is a hazardous situation and needs to be addressed.*

Rosalie discussed the Crary Street project. The removal of Irene Street was approved by Council during a special meeting on September 10, 2021. Rosalie stressed her concerns again regarding putting a hole in the mountain. She is also confused as to why the change order mentions work to be done on Glenn Ave for \$10,800. She contacted Attorney Burke about replacing this engineer and he stated that she can call Tom Reilly to discuss, he will be meeting with Rosalie on Thursday.

Rosalie called DEP regarding the Creek along South Main Street and near South Susquehanna Ave. and downstream of Butler Street. Mike Sames from DEP stated that the Borough has no responsibility for the maintenance of the structures or Channel as this channel lies on private property. The maintenance is the responsibility of each property owner.

Motion was made to accept the president's report by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. Vote: Candice Kruczek-yes, Jim Wido-Yes and Rosalie Whitebread abstained.

Engineer's Report- *report for September 2021 attached. Motion to accept report made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. Vote- Rosalie Whitebread-abstained, Jim Wido-yes & Candice Kruczek-Yes.*

Zoning Officer's Report: *- Report attached. Sonny discussed the report with the council members. Sonny discussed Neil Piskorick property regarding the cutting of trees, the zoning officers suggest not getting involved with this situation. Many property violations were discussed. Motion to accept the report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Members voted yes.*

Solicitor's Report – Letter was sent to the Tax Claim Bureau to remove the property of 125/127 West Union From the tax sale list as all the taxing bodies waived the taxes owed on that property. The title will be done once the county exonerates it and sends notice to that affect. Motion to accept the solicitors report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Council members voted yes.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT- * Motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 7, 2021, was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All members voted yes. Motion to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of September 10, 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 Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Council Member voted yes. Motion to accept the Secretaries report was made by Jim Wido and seconded by Candice Kruczek. All members voted yes.

Proposal from JNK Hydrotect and Extinguisher Supply Co., Inc. for annual inspections of Fire Extinguishers. The Borough currently uses Cintas and pays an average of \$600.00+. Lori will review this proposal and inform the council of the price difference.

Three LSA Grants were submitted to the Commonwealth Financing Authority, one is for the Shickshinny Sewer Authority Sludge Aeration & Bldg refurbishing project \$79,905.00. One for a new Street Department Truck \$100,368.99, & One for East Butler Street Road Improvement Project \$382,770.00. Motion to approve the resolutions for these grants was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Council Members voted yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7.15 p.m.

Lori Ragazzo
Borough Secretary/Treasurer