

BOROUGH OF QUARRYVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2020

Borough Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Council President Joy Kemper called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Council Members Susan Noel, Brian Braightmeyer, Jim Kreider, Mike Sullenberger, Rick Aument and Diane Hastings. Mayor Joseph Bledsoe, Police Chief Clark Bearinger and Borough Manager/Secretary Scott Peiffer were also present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-NOVEMBER 2, 2020: It was moved by Councilwoman Hastings, seconded by Councilman Braightmeyer that the minutes of the November 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be approved. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-WORK SESSION – NOVEMBER 23, 2020: It was moved by Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilman Braightmeyer that the minutes of the November, 2020 Work Session be approved. The motion was approved with Councilman Aument abstaining.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Proposed Resolution 2020-19: This Resolution maintains the current Real Estate Tax levy at 4.63 mills. A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-19 was made by Councilman Sullenberger and seconded by Councilwoman Hastings. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 2020-20: This Resolution lists the appointments and reappointments for the various commissions and boards for 2021. A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-20 was made by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Aument. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule: The proposed 2021 meeting schedule was reviewed. A motion to accept the 2021 meeting schedule as presented for advertising as required by law was made by Councilman Braightmeyer and seconded by Councilwoman Noel. The motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Tree Recycling: The Borough will be recycling Christmas trees this year as we have in the past. SECA has agreed to allow the use of the swimming pool parking lot as a drop off point for the trees and Eden Township has agreed to allow the use of their chipper for recycling the trees. The dates for accepting trees will be December 26, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

Fire Police Request: Borough Council received a request from East Drumore Township for the use of fire police services at the Wreaths Across America event to be held on December 19, 2020 at the Quarryville Cemetery. A motion to grant approval of the request was made by Councilman Sullenberger and seconded by Councilman Aument. The motion passed unanimously.

Official Map: Council members received a final draft of the Borough's Official Map for review. A brief discussion was held on the Official Map and the importance of the Official Map in future planning. A motion to submit the Quarryville Borough Official Map for formal Lancaster County Planning Commission and adjacent municipality review and comment was made by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Uniform Early Retirement: The Manager presented a proposal to add early retirement to the non-uniform pension plan. The plan administrator, R.J. Hall presented the option at the annual review meeting with the Borough Manager. The option would not have a negative impact on the plan. Costs for the amendment to the plan would be approximately \$600.00 for the preparation of the amendment and the cost study letter, and can be deducted from the plan balance. The cost for the Ordinance preparation and advertising would be paid from the General Fund. A motion to proceed with the early retirement amendment for the non-uniform pension plan was made by Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilman Braightmeyer. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Officer Cheryl Thompson: Council President Kemper read a letter of appreciation for the many acts of kindness and compassion that Officer Thompson of the Quarryville Borough Police Department has provided for residents and non-residents. It was also noted that she has provided many hours of volunteer service to the Police Foundation in their fund-raising events held during the past year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MONTHLY BILLS – NOVEMBER 30, 2020: Council received the financial report and the bills for November, 2020. It was moved by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Aument that the financial report be received and the monthly bills for November in the amount of \$124,243.26 be ratified. The vote was taken and the motion to ratify was approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Clark Bearinger presented the November service calls report and also highlighted several items in the November police narrative. Chief Bearinger reported that the new police SUV is now in service. Anthony Cavallaro from the Police Foundation gave an update on the Foundation's activities.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT: Council accepted the report as submitted with no comment.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the Manager.

QUARRYVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY: The minutes from the November 17, 2020 meeting were provided for review. The Manager reviewed the minutes from the Authority Meeting for Council. The Authority is aggressively moving forward with the development of the Larkspur Well and is awaiting comments from the landowner in order to proceed with an agreement for the lease of the property.

STREETS/INFRASTRUCTURE/PARKS COMMITTEE: The minutes from the November 24, 2020 meeting were provided for review.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion to accept the resignation letter from part time police officer Kirk Wolfe was made by Councilman Sullenberger and seconded by Councilman Aument. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to approve the final Memorandum of Agreement between Quarryville Borough and the Quarryville Police Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 929 in the form presented to Council by the Borough Solicitor on November 24, 2020, and that the Borough Council President be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Borough was made by Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilman Brightmeyer. The motion passed with Councilman Sullenberger abstaining.

A motion to change the current pay period start/stop date (Monday-Sunday) to Saturday-Friday starting with the January 9-January 22, 2021 pay period to accommodate Police Department scheduling was made by Councilman Brightmeyer and seconded by Councilman Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Clark Beringer presented the annual review for Chapter 157- Curfew Ordinance. A motion to continue the provisions of the Curfew Law (Chapter 157) was made by Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilman Aument. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:10 PM, Council President Kemper called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion relating to benefits for non-uniform personnel. Councilman Brightmeyer offered that motion and Councilman Kreider seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: At 8:55 PM Council returned to Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:57 PM, Council President Kemper called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Aument offered that motion with Councilman Kreider seconding. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott E. Peiffer
Borough Manager/Secretary