

SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 7, 2023 – 7:00PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Richard Mease, Vice President Bobbie J. Owens, President Pro Tempore Scott M. Frost, C/P Sara Maul, C/P Mary Bannon, C/P Erik Viker, C/P Shane Hendricks

COUNCIL MEMBERS VIA ZOOM/TELEPHONE: N/A

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Reed, Solicitor Robert Cravitz, Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren A. Martz, Assistant Borough Manager/Treasurer Sharon Badman, Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs, DH&L Ambulance Brian Hipple, DH&L Jason Kaufman, All Saints Episcopal Church Reverend Canon Paul Donecker, Jayme Hendricks, Ed Slavishak, Cathy Lauver, Snyder County Library Mitch Alday, Barb and Jack Lewis, LCAP Kay Cramer and Michelle Mitchell, , Drew Hubbell, Nile Flock, Keith Lauver, Tyler Shields, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering Chad Shaffer, REC Kelly Feiler, M. Laniewski, Judy Cautts, Raven Rudnitsky, Stephen Feiler, Amanda Kline, Sara Lauver, Joshua Roneau, Matt Santa, Joseph Santa, Madison Rodkey, Erin Mullen, Canary Yaiyun, Katie Hoffman, David Webb, Jess Kramer, Brentan Lory, Elliot Muller, Evan Dagle, Christopher Feiler, Aaron Mann, Selingsgrove Police Department: Police Chief Shanee Mitchell, Officer Chris Baker, Officer Francis Petrovich

OTHER PERSONS VIA ZOOM: Daily Item Marcia Moore, Shannon Rudy, ? Name labeled as “Study”

Please note the minutes will follow the topics in the order presented which does not necessarily follow the order on the provided agenda.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Mease called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Borough Manager/Secretary Martz called the roll and acknowledged a quorum, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON July 10, 2023:

C/P Viker made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted by C/P Bannon that under Committee/Commission/Board Reports, C. Community Development/Constituent Ombudsman, #2, due to inclement weather expected on Sunday, August 9, 2023”, August should be stated as July. C/P Bannon seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

F. CIVIL SERVICES COMMISSION – DALTON SAVIDGE, CHAIR:

1. C/P Viker made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Civil Services Commission and appoint Officer Francis Petrovich as Sergeant. C/P Frost seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Reed swore Officer Petrovich in as Sergeant and C/P Viker was asked to attach the Sergeant pin.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company: Jason Kaufman provided the July report stating there were 48 incidents in the Borough with no significant fire loss. The ladder truck is on track to be delivered February or March 2024. Borough Manager Martz asked about the invoice to use for the LSA grant.

DH&L Ambulance League: The DH&L Ambulance League Monthly Report for July was provided. Brian Hipple reported 47 emergency calls in the Borough. The league was awarded a Lowe’s hometown project grant to make repairs and updates to the station. Renovations are now underway.

Selingsgrove Projects Inc: No report.

Selingsgrove Chamber of Commerce: Minutes were provided for the June 27, 2023 luncheon meeting.

Selingsgrove Area Recreation Inc: Draft minutes were provided for the July 10, 2023 meeting.

The REC: No report.

Selinsgrove Flood Task Force: No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee: No report.

OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

2. Chad Shaffer from Stahl Sheaffer spoke concerning two trees and the sidewalk along the Walnut Street property of Michael Savidge. Mr. Shaffer made some recommendations concerning the trees and sidewalk at the property. Michael Savidge could not be present at the meeting, but Mr. Shaffer mentioned time is a factor in keeping schedules.

C/P Viker made a motion to have Solicitor Cravitz represent the Borough in a meeting with Michael Savidge to include a representative from Stahl Sheaffer Engineering to discuss options and decide regarding the trees and sidewalks at the property on the corner of Front and Walnut Streets and as well as along Walnut Street. C/P Frost seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

1. (delay in arrival- spoke 2nd) Youth representative, Joseph Santos of Park Road, spoke to let the Council know how much the REC has been like a second home and made him feel like he is a part of something.

3. Deloris Moyer did not attend the meeting to discuss her concerns on S. Market Street.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS:

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES & SAFETY COMMITTEE – SARA MAUL, CHAIR

2. This section was moved up on the agenda. Michelle Mitchell, Dr. Kay Cramer Leader of the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Citizen’s Climate Lobby (CCL), and Dr. Drew Hubbel’s purpose in the CCL is to empower everyday people to work together to build and support Congress to find a national, bipartisan solution to climate change. The council approved the reading of proclamations in both 2022 and 2023 on Earth Day. The CCL would like to start a task force for action which would be a precursor to developing a local climate action plan. There is a possibility to work with SU students or Penn State Students to help with data collection for carbon emissions.

C/P Frost made a motion to approve the request to develop a task force for climate change. C/P Bannon seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. C/P Frost made a motion to allow the library to start the process of placing a mural of Rudy Gelnett playing the piano on the stairwell wall or on aluminum composite material which could be moved if that is ever desired. C/P Owens seconded the motion to allow the project.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

A. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOBBIE OWENS, CHAIR

3. CDBG 2023 Funds – project selection

C/P Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 CDBG Funds in the amount of \$113,627 to carry out activities associated with the 100-year flood plain reinvestment slum blight area on the Walnut Street paving project (\$69,927.00), elderly housing upgrades (\$25,000.00), and program administration (\$18,700.00). C/P Hendricks seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

1. C/P Owens made a motion to pay the bills. C/P Viker seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Viker made a motion to approve the Borough Manager sending the funding commitment letter requested by PEMA for the FMA 2022 C&CB Flood Study Activity. The Borough is responsible for paying 25% of the cost for the study. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. C/P Owens made a motion to approve a Gelnett request by Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc (Selinsgrove

Area Community Pool) to reallocate \$10,555.23 from the 2022 unused approved funds to utilize toward the 2023 change of scope for the additional maintenance expenses. C/P Hendricks seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

President Mease abstained from the vote.

C/P Owens made a motion to approve a Gelnett request by Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc (Selinsgrove Area Community Pool) to reimburse \$19,561.15 for the additional 2023 expenses. C/P Hendricks seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

President Mease abstained from the vote.

5. Kelly Feiler asked for a decision on the \$60,000.00 grant requests for the REC. Solicitor Cravitz reviewed aloud the motions made at the June 5, 2023 Borough Council Meeting. The Council would have to approve a new motion to proceed.

C/P Viker made a motion to approve up to \$30,000.00 for the drop-in program at the REC as described in the grant application on a reimbursement basis to the extent that the rules of the fund and laws of the Commonwealth will allow. If the REC provides Council with receipts of expenses already incurred or an invoice from a reputable vendor saying they will provide service if they are going to be paid, then the Borough Manager could authorize the reimbursement. C/P Bannon seconded the motion.

Discussion: C/P Owens stated that the receipts received from the REC's lawyer on July 7, 2023 were not coded as to which program they were spent on. They also included many non-reimbursable items such as food items. C/P Viker agreed with the Borough Manager that if there is any concern as to items to be allowed for reimbursement, the Solicitor should be contacted for a decision. Treasurer Badman stated there needs to be a clear depiction of which program the expense was for to reimburse. C/P Viker agreed that the REC should be able to separate based on each application made and the Solicitor can look at them that way. **AYES: FIVE (5) NAYS: TWO (2) MOTION CARRIED**

Nays: Owens/Hendricks

C/P Viker made a motion to approve up to \$30,000.00 for the summer program at the REC as described in the grant application on a reimbursement basis to the extent that the rules of the fund and laws of the Commonwealth will allow. If the REC provides Council with receipts of expenses already incurred or an invoice from a reputable vendor saying they will provide service if they are going to be paid, then the Borough Manager could authorize the reimbursement. C/P Bannon seconded the motion.

AYES: FOUR (4) NAYS: THREE (3) MOTION CARRIED

Nays: Owens/Hendricks/Frost

Resident and Former Council Member, Sara Lauver, asked to read a letter she stated she received from family members of Rudy Gelnett.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES & SAFETY COMMITTEE – SARA MAUL, CHAIR

1. Minutes were provided for the July 26, 2023 meeting.
2. & 3. Discussed earlier in the meeting.
4. C/P Maul requested creating a Borough Cleanup Committee to hold discussion on the 2024 Cleanup for ideas and costs. Attendees who agree to attend: C/P Maul, President Mease, C/P Frost (with C/P Owens as an alternate), and the Director of Public Works Roger Feltman. Meeting date to be set.
5. Reminder that there is a tentative meeting on August 30, 2023 to meet with property owners along Industrial Park Road.
7. C/P Maul made a motion to approve SU's Halloween on the Ave. October 31, 2023. C/P Bannon seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

6. C/P Viker made a motion to tentatively approve the SU 2023 Homecoming Golf Cart Parade on October 21, 2023 if the contacts are made with the Fire Police, Police Department, and Roger Feltman. C/P Bannon seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

8. C/P Maul made a motion to approve DH&L's request for Oktoberfest on October 21, 2023 from noon to 5:00PM. C/P Bannon seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

9. C/P Maul made a motion to approve the closure of Union Alley between Mill & Penn Streets on September 10, 2023 from 11:00AM to 7:00PM for St. Paul's UCC Block Party. C/P Frost seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

10. C/P Maul made a motion to approve temporary signage to be placed on Market Street to help direct first-year SU students moving into the dorms on August 24, 2023. C/P Frost seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

11. C/P Maul made a motion to approve the Welcome Home Banner with the addition of additional securing lines to keep it from snapping. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

12. The next meeting is 8/23/2023 at 1:30PM so C/P Bannon and C/P Viker both must be at work. President Mease and C/P Hendricks could potentially fill in at that meeting.

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CONSTITUENT OMBUDSMAN – SCOTT FROST, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.
2. C/P Frost mentioned the Climate Committee could fall under this committee in the future.

D. PLANNING COMMISSION – JANET POWERS, CHAIR: No meeting.

E. ZONING HEARING BOARD – CYRIL RUNKLE, CHAIR: No meeting.

F. CIVIL SERVICES COMMISSION – DALTON SAVIDGE, CHAIR:

1. This was completed earlier in the meeting.

G. SHADE TREE COMMISSION – VACANT, CHAIR: No meeting. Next meeting is August 16, 2023.

President Mease and C/P Viker both stated a letter of resignation could be sent for the commission members to sign so they can open seats if they no longer want to be present on the commission. Borough Manager Martz said she will continue to communicate the importance of their presence at the meetings.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A. MAYOR – JEFF REED:

1. June 2023 police report presented.
2. The Farmers Market Proclamation will be read at the Farmers Market.

B. BOROUGH SOLICITOR – ROBERT CRAVITZ, ESQ.

C. BOROUGH ENGINEERS

1. Stahl Sheaffer Engineering
 - a. Report provided dated August 2, 2023.
2. Larson Design Group–
 - a. C/P Owens made a motion to approve the proposal from GeoServices for Well#5. C/P Frost seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

- b. Looking for quotes to paint the full standpipe, no spot painting. Removal of the T-Mobile equipment is part of the lease agreement.

3. CES Engineering –

- a. No updates.

D. BOROUGH TREASURER – SHARON BADMAN

1. Treasurer's report presented for July 2023.

E. BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY – LAUREN MARTZ

1. The monthly Manager Report was provided.

F. ZONING – LINDSEY MULL: Report provided.

G. EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY (ESCRA)– SHANE HENDRICKS & RICHARD P. MEASE, BOROUGH DELEGATES

1. Meeting minutes provided from June 21, 2023 and draft minutes from July 19, 2023.

H. NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY JOINT AUTHORITY – SHANE HENDRICKS AND DIANNE MENGEL

I. SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – TIM CHARLES, CHAIR

NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNCIL MEMBERS:

C/P Owens reported that Fulton Advisors provided a 6-month update on the Gelnett funds June 30, 2023. The fund is rebounding but is still down from last year.

C/P Hendricks asked how far we have gotten with the water line survey and water leak checks and how it will be handled. Treasurer Badman stated it is slow to get done since the summer helper will be leaving next week. She stated Council already approved the letter to send if people do not comply, then their water can be shut off.

B. MAYOR: none

C. OTHERS: Jim Emery of Central Keystone Council of Governments (CK-Cog) was present to address an article in the Daily Item which referenced inspectors carrying firearms on the job. Mr. Emery stated that the Building Inspectors and Housing Inspectors have never carried a firearm on an inspection. The Code Officers have never carried a firearm when accompanied by police protection. There have been times when Code Officers have not had police protection when performing their job and did not feel comfortable entering a property. Mr. Emery stated that CK-Cog is looking into developing a policy and more formalized training. If anything changes and CK-Cog is moving forward with carrying firearms, CK-Cog will let us know.

C/P Frost made a motion at 8:40PM to adjourn the meeting. C/P Viker seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Briggs