

**SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, July 1, 2024 – 7:00PM**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** C/P Richard Mease, C/P Sara Maul, C/P Todd Cox, C/P Christian Schlieder, C/P Scott M. Frost, C/P Viker, C/P Bobbie J. Owens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Jeff Reed, Solicitor Robert Cravitz, Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz, Assistant Borough Manager/Treasurer Sheri Badman, Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs, DH&L Fire Jason Kaufman, Reverend Paul Donecker, Tamara Phillips & J. Steve Hoffman of the American Legion Post 25, Jason Rice & Family, SU Malcolm Derk

**CONFERENCE PHONE:** Sergeant Petrovich

President Mease called for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON June 3, 2024:**

C/P Maul made a motion to accept the minutes for June 3, 2024, as written. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

**GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO BE HEARD:**

**DH&L Fire Company:** Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kaufman reported two separate significant storms with damage in the last week of June. The first created eight calls for help from the fire department and the second created 26 calls. The new truck is scheduled for tool mounting within the next couple of weeks. Upon returning, the truck will be ready for service as needed by the fire company. The 1998 unit was sold to a small career fire department outside of Louisville, KY for \$85,000.00. While this deal was being discussed, there was discussion of the 1963 truck which ultimately led to the sale for \$5,000.00. It was purchased by a museum. The 2024 Gun Raffle was a success, and the event is expected to continue in 2025.

**DH&L Ambulance League:** No report.

**Selingsgrove Projects Inc:** Malcolm Derk reported there have been a few Façade’ Grants received by SPI.

**Selingsgrove Chamber of Commerce:** No report.

**Selingsgrove Area Recreation Inc:** Minutes provided for the 4/8/24 and 5/14/24 meetings.

**Selingsgrove Flood Task Force:** No report.

**Parks & Recreation Board:** No report.

**REC:** The 6/21/24 REC News was provided in the Council packets.

**OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Steve Hoffman and Tamara Phillips of Selingsgrove American Legion Victory Post 25 spoke on behalf of the VFW Post 6631 and Selingsgrove American Legion Victory Post 25 requesting funds from the Gelnett Trust for assistance purchasing a van for the transport of the Honor Guard to memorial services and other Borough participatory events. The two Legion groups have raised over \$28,000.00 in just over five (5) months.

C/P Owens made a motion to approve Gelnett matching funds up to \$25,000.00 to be used towards the purchase of an Honor Guard van. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS:**

**A. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOBBIE OWENS, CHAIR**

1. C/P Owens made a motion to pay and ratify the bills. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

2. C/P Cox made a motion to award the sale of the 2013 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor vehicle to the highest bidder on Municibid at \$3,850.00 to Jeremy Canestri. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

3. Award Loan for Police Car RFP – This award is on hold to readvertise as a municipal lease agreement and not a loan for purchase. There is a tax exemption component for municipal lease services that can be honored by lending institutions.

4. C/P Owens made a motion to award the professional services contract to develop the Flood Resiliency Study to AKRF. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

5. Gelnett Request:

a. see motion under title: **OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

b. C/P Maul made a motion to award \$1,764.00 in Gelnett funds to Selinsgrove Projects Inc. and Selinsgrove Area Recreation to cover the initial costs to purchase the croquet equipment to be used annually for future croquet fundraising events which will continuously benefit each organizations fundraising efforts. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

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6. Revenues and Expenditures for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter provided.

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

1. Minutes were provided for the 6/20/24 meeting.

2. C/P Maul made a motion to approve Susquehanna University’s pedestrian safety enhancement which will be to paint crosswalks on University Avenue where the original pavers have faded. All costs and future maintenance costs will be paid by SU. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

3. The next Public Facilities & Services Committee meeting will be held 7/17/24 at 2PM

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

1. No minutes provided but a meeting date is being planned for July.

**2. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST:**

a. C/P Frost made a motion to approve the N. Strawberry Alley Road Closure Request for the Gilson Summer Snow Day (Free Community Event) on Saturday, 8/10/24 between 7:00AM and 9:00PM. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

**3. EVENT REQUEST:**

a. C/P Frost made a motion to approve the event request made by Susquehanna University for a bon fire on Sunday, 9/1/24 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. The approval is contingent on the university contacting the required emergency entities listed on the form by Monday, 7/8/24. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

b. C/P Frost made a motion to approve the Gelnett Memorial Library End of Summer Carnival application for the event that will be on Friday, 8/9/24 from 10:00AM – 3:00PM C/P Maul seconded the motion.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)                      NAYS: NONE                      MOTION CARRIED**

4. BANNER REQUESTS: None

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

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

**F. CIVIL SERVICES COMMISSION – DALTON SAVIDGE, CHAIR:** No meeting.

**G. SHADE TREE COMMISSION – ED SLAVISHAK, CHAIR:**

1. Meeting minutes provided from the 6/20/24 meeting. There was no quorum.

C/P Viker interjected to make sure a name correction was made on the Council minutes from June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was not present and did not make the second on adjournment. That mistake will be corrected prior to entering the accepted minutes into the office minutes record book.

C/P Viker asked where the reduction to the number of Shade Tree members stands. Borough Manager Martz stated this is on hold until August.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR – JEFF REED**

1. The May 2024 police report was presented.

2. Chief Mitchell provided a monthly report for June.

**B. BOROUGH SOLICITOR – ROBERT CRAVITZ, ESQ.:**

1. C/P Viker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 874 – Parks & Recreation Board reduction to three (3) members. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

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C/P Viker asked for clarification on the reduction in the number of board and commission members going forward. Solicitor Cravitz stated the reductions will be made as the year ends and those with an end term will not be reappointed. Nobody will be removed it will happen by attrition.

2. C/P Frost made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06 adopting rules and regulations for grease traps. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

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Discussion was had and clarification was made that the sorority and fraternity houses on the Susquehanna University

