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# COUNCIL MEETING BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS

<u>Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.</u>





### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:**

Mr. Dadowski noted our thoughts go out to the officers hurt in McKeesport.

ROLL CALL: Brian Nolan, Carrie Fox, Brian Snyder, Scott Dadowski, Raymond Kerr, Kevin

Bertocki, Lou Ann Homa, Mayor Bob Lang

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Solicitor Eric H. Dee;

Borough Manager Dwight D. Boddorf;

### **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

N/A

#### **EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS (65 Pa.C.S.A. § 707):**

The following executive sessions were held: On February 7th at 5:00 PM, an executive session was held.

**MINUTES:** Minutes approval is done at the regular meeting.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 01. Letter to Mayor, Council, Chief of Police, Public Works, and Manager requesting road closures on July 3, 2023, for annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks sponsored by Summit Hose VFC
- 02. Letter to Mayor, Council, Chief of Police, Public Works, and Manager requesting road closures from September 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the annual Fall Festival sponsored by Summit Hose VFC
- 03. Email to Council requesting reappointment to Planning Board
- 04. Email to Council requesting reappointment to Civil Service Commission
- 05. Email to Council requesting reappointment to Zoning Hearing Board
- 06. Two emails to Council requesting reappointment to Recreation Board

### **COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

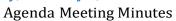
Mayor Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
President Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting

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Solicitor Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
Police Chief Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
Code Officer Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting

Engineer Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
Manager Report	Finance Update:  We are in the process of starting our annual audit.  Upcoming Events:  N/A  Other Updates:  Joint communication platform update. Mr. Boddorf noted that the Borough is working with the State to push the funding through quickly.  Both job postings have closed, and interviews are being scheduled. Mr. Boddorf noted the postings closed Friday, and interviews are being scheduled.  Reports and Updates:  Listed on regular monthly meeting  Sheriff Sale Listings (2023):  Listed on regular monthly meeting
Business	<ul> <li>Postponed Business: (from January 2023 Regular meeting)</li> <li>Discussion on agenda vs. regular meeting         Mr. Boddorf clarified that this provides another layer of transparency and that this allows for more discussion.     </li> <li>Discussion on committee appointments         Mr. Dadowski noted the appointments will become official next week. Mr. Boddorf added that some committee reappointments are also coming up.     </li> <li>Discussion on annual fee schedule.         Mr. Boddorf passed out the proposed fee schedule. Currently, the credit card fee is not on the schedule and is being proposed to be added to the schedule. An     </li> </ul>

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additional item to look at is the electrical permit fee. The Borough recommends increasing the cost to account for the employee's time. Mr. Dadowski asked if we are covering our costs on call-out fees. Mrs. Fox added probably not and noted that it is a public park. This fee was specifically for using reservations and utilities.

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion on one additional comp day for all borough employees in relation to the 1/2/2023 event and subsequent response.
   Mr. Boddorf noted that the community and employees showed overwhelming support. Staff members donated time, food, energy, and much more to help the police department. The Borough can't always recognize our employees for going above and beyond, but in this case, we can. Mr. Dadowski asked if there was
- Discussion on Emergency Management Coordinator and recently changed requirements.

enough interest to put it up for a vote next week.

Mr. Dadowski states that he thinks everyone agrees that we need an emergency management coordinator. Mr. Boddorf notes that everyone is required to have one, and the person responsible varies between communities. Recently, the State changed the requirements for qualifying for an EMC. We need to identify someone who is willing to do it, pay for the training, and possibly add a financial incentive. Mr. Nolan added someone who has the training already, which would make sense. Mrs. Homa noted it went to over 100 hundred hours of training.

Mrs. Fox talked about the formation of a multi-municipal UCC Board. It would be a commercial code appeals board. Cheswick Borough already has a board. If we go COG-wide, it would be an intergovernmental agreement. You would only pay for it if you used it. Mr. Boddorf noted he is in favor of it, but he and Eric would have to look further at it. Mrs. Fox also discussed the new water line requirements from DEP. Mr. Boddorf questioned the cost associated with it and the need for more guidance from the State.

Mr. Boddorf noted the trash changes will not take effect until June or July. He discussed the marketing of the changes out to the public.

Mr. Boddorf discussed the new façade improvement program and how it would work. We want to encourage business development, and Mrs. Fox noted several businesses that were interested. She said she would love to see a streetscape in West Tarentum as its never been done.

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AVNCOG	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Ms. Fox
Finance & Admin.	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Dadowski Member: Ms. Homa
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Property/Health / Zoning	Listed on regular monthly meeting	<b>Chair: Mr. Nolan</b> Member: Mr. Snyder
Public Safety	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Works	Listed on regular monthly meeting	<b>Chair: Ms. Homa</b> Member: Mr. Dadowski
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Special Events/ Tourism	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Snyder Member: Mr. Kerr
Utilities	Listed on regular monthly meeting	<b>Chair: Mr. Kerr</b> Member: Mr. Nolan

### **CITIZENS COMMENT:**

Mrs. Fox noted that she is choosing not to run for re-election. She will fulfill her term at large and her entire term on the Recreation Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_7:16 LH:RK; 7-0



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