

CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Kathryn Long; Vice-President C. Christine Cooper; Patrick Kelly; Daniel Smith; LuAnn Yearick; Matthew Powell; and Matthew Roan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Philip Orndorf, Jr., Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer; John Miller, Solicitor; and LeDon Young, Mayor

CITIZENS PRESENT: Lock Haven Kiwanis Club, Marcella Hoffman with Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization, & Michael Troyan with Penns Prairie Park.

CALL TO ORDER: President Kathryn Long called the Meeting of the Centre Hall Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZENS: Lock Haven Kiwanis Club is attempting to restart this club at Penns Valley. Club meets 1st and 3rd meetings of every month. To have a club, there needs to be at least 15 members. Kiwanis currently has multiple clubs in the county.

The Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization are pursuing an update to the current Long Range Transportation Plan starting this fall to be adopted in September of 2025. The council has decided to take time to look over the packets. Secretary Angela Mundy will be contacting Marcella Hoffman in early 2025 to discuss decision.

Michael Troyan, President of Penns Prairie Park, gave overview of the park. Michael went over how money was spent from grants. He stated the playground and pavilion has been installed and ready for use. Michael then gave presentation of future plans for the park including plans to move forward with electricity. The board has been discussing installing restrooms for citizens but there are many steps for this to happen.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to approve the Minutes of the November Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of November and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes - 7; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Parking Tickets or Warnings - 0; Zoning Permits - 0; CEO Letters - 0

STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:

1. Philip confirmed the new furnace has been installed and working great.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mayor LeDon Young spoke to Municipal representative with West Penn Power concerning an update on the LED Light Install. There will be no charge to install the lights. West Penn will start install in February - March time frame doing 20 - 22 lights at a time. LeDon will meet with Borough employees to discuss street route in early 2025.
2. Mayor LeDon Young spoke with Kerry Benninghoff's office regarding water issues on Pennsylvania Ave. Benninghoff and/or representative will attend future meeting in 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to adopt 2025 Budget: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion Passed.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Roan and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to approve advertisement for 2025 Council meeting dates for 2nd Thursday and 4th Monday of every month at 7:00P.M: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion Passed.
3. Councilperson Matthew Powell addressed traffic flow issues for food distribution days at Grace United Methodist Church. Centre Hall had around 55 families to now around 180 families to supply for since the closing of the Aaronsburg food distribution. No citizens have alerted Centre Hall Borough with complaints. Signs will be placed to direct traffic to keep the flow smooth for pick up. The food distribution is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

WATER BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Roan to raise water rate .05 cents per 1,000 gallons and raise base rate \$3 per quarter; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion Passed.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

1. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Roan to amend Agenda: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion Passed.
2. A motion was made by Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick to approve lot 32 at The Horizon water application; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion Passed.
3. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick to continue same rate for Real Estate Taxes; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING): Borough employees installed signs on Miles Alley and Irwin Alley to try and help with speeding thru traffic. Secretary Angela Mundy will follow up with residents on that street that attended November meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor LeDon Young gave updates on LED light install and water issue on Pennsylvania Ave under Old Business.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS - from meetings they have called:

- A. **STREETS – KELLY** – Nothing new to report.
- B. **WATER – ROAN** – Nothing new to report.
- C. **PUBLIC SAFETY – YEARICK** – Nothing new to report.
- D. **SOLID WASTE AND SIDEWALKS – POWELL** – Nothing new to report.
- E. **LIGHTS AND NUISANCE – SMITH** – Nothing new to report.
- F. **FIRE TAX – LONG/YEARICK** – Nothing new to report.
- G. **FINANCE – COOPER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- I. **PENNS PRAIRIE PARK – POWELL** – Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:15 p.m., it was moved by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell, to adjourn the meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Mundy
Centre Hall Borough Secretary