

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2023**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Kathryn Long; Vice-President C. Christine Cooper; Davis Araujo; Patrick Kelly; Patricia Krisch; and LuAnn Yearick;

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kenny Strouse, Supervisor, Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer;  
 Philip Orndorf, Jr., Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer;  
 Beth Araujo, Borough Secretary; LeDon Young, Mayor; and John R. Miller, III, Solicitor;

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Matt Powell;

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

**CITIZENS:** Matt Powell to observe;

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch, to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2023 Council Meeting: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of February and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes - 6; 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. PSAB Conference June 4-7 at the Hershey Lodge - A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper, to allow one or more employee and any Council member that is fit to go to attend the PSAB Conference June 4-7 at the Hershey Lodge: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
2. Sidewalk projects for 2023 - Wilson Street heading south on both sides and Irvin Alley heading north to current end of sidewalk should be ready to put out for bid in April. Should the Borough consider asking Potter Township if they would like to add their properties to this project with Potter Township paying their associated Fees? Consensus was to ask if they would like to join.
3. Kenny requested that the Council members write letters to PennDOT, Representative Benninghoff and Senator Cris Dush about both the failing SR144 Wall; Storm water facilities on State Roads in small municipalities; and State Highway Law Revision (75 years old).
4. Plate Tamper needs to be replaced. A new one is \$2,000. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch, to purchase a new plate tamper for \$2,000.00: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
5. Recycling Grant for Paving Composting Site - Engineers are planning to have this ready to be put out for bid in April; roughly 75'x100'; Engineer to attend the April meeting to present project and to answer questions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Review of the Employee Handbook continued until next Agenda.
2. Discussion about the Mayor and Council members receiving payment for attending meetings continued until next month. Vice-President C. Christine Cooper to contact other Boroughs to collect data on those with compensation – she feels that the Borough needs to keep up with the times; other councilmembers feel that volunteering is their civic duty.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve purchase of a new copier/printer/fax All-in-One for approximately \$2,180: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
2. Discussion to sign Joint Municipal Agreement for PVEMS (1/2) mill tabled until approved by PVEMS and presented by them to the municipalities.
3. A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to appoint Matthew Powell to the Centre Hall Borough Planning Commission: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
4. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to Approve Water Application for 167 Saffron Boulevard: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING):** Centre County Boroughs Association Meeting rescheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm - Councilperson Patrick Kelly to attend and bring back information.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** LeDon Young, Mayor preformed one wedding and received \$100. Requested dates: Riff/Raff Metal only May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brush Collection April 11 & 12; Leaves April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** One Municipal Lien for Past Due Water.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS - from meetings they have called:**

- A. **STREETS – KELLY** – Visibility concerns onto SR144 – West Ridge Street and Manor Road
- B. **WATER – ARAUJO** – Nothing new to report.
- C. **POLICE – OPEN** – Nothing new to report.
- D. **SOLID WASTE AND SIDEWALKS – KRISCH** – Nothing new to report.
- E. **LIGHTS AND NUISANCE – SMITH** – Nothing new to report.
- F. **FIRE TAX – LONG/YEARICK** – Next meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>
- G. **FINANCE – COOPER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- I. **TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. (TMPinc.) – ARAUJO** – Still waiting to sign Deed which is holding up Phase II construction.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:42 p.m., it was moved by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo to adjourn the meeting: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA,  
 Centre Hall Borough Secretary