

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Kathryn Long; Davis Araujo; Daniel Smith; and Dennis Buffington;

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Lori Cole, Tom Zilla, and Eric Murnyack;

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

CITIZENS: Lori Cole, Tom Zilla, and Eric Murnyack gave the Council an update on the State College Connector Study. The analysis should be completed in time for fall public meetings. This project began pre-COVID19 so adjustments will be made as the project moves forward.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT BID OPENING:

Gutelius Excavating \$121,265.00	John Nastase Construction \$130,421.00
Maxwell Trucking & Excavating Inc. \$151,990.00	Mid-State Paving and Excavating \$152,985.00
CPA Pavement Services, Inc. \$212,916.00	Ameron \$158,405.10

A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to award the Waterline Replacement Bid to Gutelius Excavating for \$121,265.00 subject to review by the Borough Solicitor and Engineer: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2021 Council Meeting: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of April and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Seven (7) Permits were issued: Back Patio; Porch; Partial Demolition and Home Addition; Porch Removal and Replacement adding Steps; Porch Removal and Replacement adding Roof; Shed; and Cement Pad for Gazebo.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:

1. Purchase was completed for 207 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
2. Columbia Gas will be paving along Pennsylvania Avenue
3. Crestwood Drive stone is approximately \$3,600
4. Calculated the cost to product 1,000 gallons of to be \$0.47
5. It has been five years since the tank was last inspected. We received a quote for \$1,700. A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to approve Atlantic Underwater's quote of \$1,700 to inspect the tank: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT - Continued:

6. Groups have asked about renting parts of the old fire station during the Town-Wide Yard Sale. The answer is no because the old fire station currently being rented.
7. Discussion was held on whether or not to get a loan to replenish the general funds due to the purchase of 207 N. Pennsylvania Avenue. A motion was made by Councilperson Dennis Buffington and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to not pursue a loan to replenish funds used to purchase 207 N. Pennsylvania Avenue based on cost associated for financing: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
8. Kenny asked the Council if they would like to timber the Sharer reservoir properties. There is roughly six acres of timber in that area. The funds received for the timber could be used to offset the costs of the fencing to be installed. Consensus was to have the forester check out the areas to see if it is worthwhile to pursue timbering.
9. The current timber job is roughly 50% completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Employee Handbook edits – Review Section “Policies and Procedures” page 9 for next meeting.
2. The Centre Hall Borough Planning Commission met last Monday to review Centre County’s recommendations - a representative is to meet with them to discuss this further.
3. The Centre Hall-Potter Sewer Authority has decided not to pursue their request for an ordinance.
4. Centre County Grange Fair requested that the Borough’s letter granting permission for “Flagger Force” be edited to include PennDOT’s additional verbiage – still awaiting the Grange’s Certificate of Insurance additionally naming the Borough as additionally insured.
5. Kenny asked permission to apply for a Section 902 grant for the purchase of a skid loader and a mini excavator – our portion is usually 20% so roughly \$5,700 - \$10,000 each. A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Davis Araujo, to move forward with applying for a recycling 902 grant for the replacement of the skid loader and the purchase of a mini excavator with the Borough’s cost share roughly \$15,000-\$20,000: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington, to approve Resolution 2021-2 Centre County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve Applications for Water Service at both 176 and 131 Saffron Boulevard: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING):

1. Beth Araujo spoke with Trish Meek about the stone wall / sidewalk project. A meeting is to be scheduled to proceed. There are currently funds available to apply for without needing a match.
2. Insurance companies are asking if the Borough will entertain receiving quotes this year – consensus was yes to receive insurance quotes.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: John Miller, III, Solicitor, presented the Borough with its copies of Bosak’s letter and signed agreements from last month’s meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS - from meetings they have called:

- A. **STREETS – KELLY** – Nothing new to report.
- B. **WATER – ARAUJO** – Nothing new to report.
- C. **POLICE – BUFFINGTON** – 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/BUFFINGTON** – Met a week ago and kept the same officers. The next meeting will be a budget meeting.
- G. **FINANCE – COOPER** – Nothing new to report.
- H. **TREE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- I. **TRI-MUNICIPAL PARK, INC. (TMPinc.)– HANKINSON/ARAUJO** – Planted the 100 tree saplings. Masonry work around the sign to begin soon.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:43 p.m., it was moved by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA, Centre Hall Borough Secretary

CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-President C. Christine Cooper; Davis Araujo; Daniel Smith; Patricia Krisch; Patrick Kelly; and Dennis Buffington;

OTHERS PRESENT:

Beth Araujo, Borough Secretary;

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President C. Christine Cooper called the special meeting of the Centre Hall Borough Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve Resolution 2021-3 approving the Centre Hall Borough applying for a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Pavilion, Playground and Pathways Development (P3) on behalf of the Centre Hall Borough, Gregg and Potter Townships: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion Passed.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Dennis Buffington, to approve sending a letter of support to Dennis Davin, Secretary PA DCED for applying for the PA DCED's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Pavilion, Playground and Pathways Development (P3) on behalf of the Centre Hall Borough, Gregg and Potter Townships: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:03 p.m., it was moved by Councilperson Davis Araujo and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to adjourn the meeting: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA,
Centre Hall Borough Secretary