

**CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2017**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Joe Hammaker; Vice-President Norma Crater; Patricia Krisch; Kathryn Long; C. Christine Cooper; and William Guisewhite;

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Keith Bierly, Constitution Day Celebration; Pat Leary and Jason Brooks with PVEMS;

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

**CITIZENS:**

1. Keith Bierly and a group of citizens are hosting a Constitution Day Celebration on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the Grange Fair Grounds. Security will be needed. The Sheriff's department cannot enter into a contract with citizens, but can with a hosting municipality. Keith asked the Council to enter into a contract with the Sheriff's department and stated that he would personally guarantee reimbursement to the Centre Hall Borough for payment to the Sheriff's department. He is asking for two deputy's to patrol the area from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilperson William Guisewhite and was seconded by Vice-President Norma Crater, to enter into a contract with the Sheriff's department which will provide two deputy's from 1:00 – 6:00pm on Sunday, September 17, 2017, during the Constitution Day Celebration, providing that a Certificate of Insurance naming the Centre Hall Borough for \$1million is filed with the Centre Hall Borough before the event and along with Keith Bierly's personal guarantee that he will reimburse the Centre Hall Borough for the Sheriff's department fees: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0. Motion passed.
2. Pat Leary and Jason Brooks from PVEMS gave a presentation to the Council about ambulance services. The PVEMS is requesting that the service area municipalities place a ½ mill tax on the residents to be dedicated for ambulance services. Note: ½ mill = \$139,000 valley wide. If this is a referendum on the ballot, the PVEMS would like to ask for .8 mill = \$220,000. Pat and Jason will return in September for further discussion and/or to answer any questions.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilperson Kathryn Long and was seconded by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper, to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2017 Council Meetings: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** A motion was made by Councilperson Patricia Krisch and was seconded by Councilperson William Guisewhite, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of July, and to continue to pay the bills: Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion passed.

**ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Nothing new to report.

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH REPORT:**

1. A letter was received from DEP about our request for the removal of corrosion control from an open permit. Corrosion control is still showing on the permit which was to have been cancelled when the mountain wells and reservoir were disconnected from the system. Corrosion control has been removed and the permit has been cancelled.
2. Kenny Strouse received a quote of \$5,500.00 for Nittany Engineering to provide a calculations report for two storm drains that are connected and go nowhere to see what would be feasible to do to correct the overflow issue. The next step will be talking with PennDOT.
3. The sidewalk project has another issue – PennDOT is now requiring the shoulders to be all paving which was not in the plans. Kenny spoke with PennDOT inspectors and their boss on the phone. A compromise was made for the end of SR2006 which is narrow. There will be an additional 47 yards of paving at approximately \$5,000.00 now over the estimate by approximately \$15,000.00. The paving should be completed tomorrow. There are 2 properties that still need topsoil and grass seed and awaiting a Stormwater grate for installation. If all goes as scheduled, the project should be completed by the end of August.
4. Sidewalk update – Mark Bigatel’s driveway permit application was returned to him for revision. He has to apply to the Borough for a waiver first before PennDOT will consider his application.
5. Have been milling street joints to pave in preparation for snow plowing. Skid loader broke on Tuesday while milling and is being repaired.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Tri-Municipal Park updates –
  - a. A motion was made by Councilperson William Guisewhite and was seconded by Vice-President Norma Crater, to approve spending approximately \$4,200 from the Tri-Municipal Park fund for the purchase supplies for installation and nine disc golf baskets, T’s, goals and hardware: Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion passed.
  - b. A motion was made by Vice-President Norma Crater and was seconded by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper, to approve “Penns Prairie at Tri-Municipal Park” for on the brochures: Ayes - 6; Nays - 0. Motion passed.
  - c. All three municipalities are being asked to contribute \$2,000 each to the Tri-Municipal Park fund to purchase stone for parking area, tailgating center road, and disc golf installation supplies. A motion was made by Councilperson William Guisewhite and was seconded by Councilperson Kathryn Long, to approve a \$2,000.00 contribution to the Tri-Municipal Park fund from general designated recreational funds to be used to purchase stone for parking area, tailgating center road, and disc golf installation supplies: Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion passed.
2. Mr. John R. Miller, III, gave an update on the question asked of him as to when the Tri-Municipal Park would be receiving cell tower funds. All paperwork has been received by Verizon. Verizon has a new requirement that the top page of the construction plans are to be signed by the three municipalities. Upon reviewing the plans while copying, Beth Araujo took note to a discrepancy in the plans that needs to be addressed prior to signing. Mr. Miller will follow-up with Verizon.
3. Insurance quotes update – One of the four agencies is requesting additional paperwork which will be time consuming to complete – 15 additional pages besides those that were requested by all. Consensus was not to continue with a quote from this company unless the others come back also needing this information.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion was held about applying for a grant. This grant would be for construction and Inspections. The Centre Hall Borough and Potter Township would be responsible for preliminary engineering, engineering design and permits. A motion was made by Vice-President Norma Crater and was seconded by Councilperson Patricia Krisch, to apply for "Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program" funds for a joint application for new and replacement sidewalks on SR144 from Wilson Street to Campbell Street: Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion passed.
2. The Centre Hall Fire Company's house siren located at the feed mill had a major electrical malfunction and is not repairable.

**CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING):** Nothing new to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Thanks for supporting the Tri-Municipal Park. Nothing new to report.

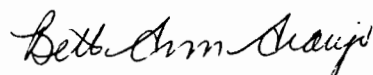
**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **STREETS –COOPER** – Nothing new to report.
- B. **WATER – DUTROW** – Nothing new to report.
- C. **POLICE – GUISEWHITE** – Nothing new to report.
- D. **SOLID WASTE AND SIDEWALKS – KRISCH** – Nothing new to report.
- E. **LIGHTS AND NUISANCE – LONG** – Nothing new to report.
- F. **FIRE TAX – GUISEWHITE** – Nothing new to report.
- G. **FINANCE – CRATER** – Nothing new to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:30 p.m., it was moved by Vice-President Norma Crater and was seconded by Councilperson C. Christine Cooper to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann Araujo, CGA,  
Centre Hall Borough Secretary