

CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2025

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Strouse, Superintendent/Maintenance, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer; Angela Mundy, Borough Secretary; and LeDon Young, Mayor

CITIZENS PRESENT: Daughenbaugh Family, Centre County Library & Historical Museum; Vickie Barnett, Denise Sticha, Carl Inglesby, Rhonda Rumbaugh, Centre County MPO; Greg Kausch.

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

CITIZENS: The Daughenbaugh Family stated their son, Paxton, 17, was hit by a car in front of their home crossing the street for the bus stop. Paxton was hit at 7am. The family wanted to bring awareness to the Borough Council they were in contact with Kerry Benninghoff concerning the dangers of Pennsylvania Avenue. From the red light in the Borough, to the red light in Potter Township, there are 8 bus stops with no crosswalks. The family is aware that Pennsylvania Avenue is a PennDOT owned road. The Borough employees have a meeting with PennDOT and Kerry Benninghoff in February to discuss multiple issues on Pennsylvania Avenue. West Penn Power has also been scheduled to install LED street lights, but there is no set date, yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization presented their 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Greg Kausch presented 5 questions regarding issues and needs regarding the Borough. The Council members then responded with issues concerning lighting, storm water management, sink holes, heavy traffic in alley way to avoid traffic light for Key Corridors. The Council then stated they would like to see a connection path and/or road from Penns Prairie Park to the Borough since there is no sidewalk along roadside to the park. Other concerns are for heavy traffic control on Route 45. Borough lastly stated the lack of a grocery store.
2. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith for the Borough employees to attend the 2025 PA Rural Conference: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell to accept cost for Kuharcik company for traffic light maintenance: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
4. Councilperson Matthew Powell volunteered for Street Committee and Public Safety Committee.
5. Councilperson Matthew Roan volunteered for Lights & Nuisance Committee and Sidewalks & Solid Waste Committee.
6. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick to appoint Patrick Kelly for Planning Commission: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS CONT.:

7. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper to appoint Brian Long for Planning Commission: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.
8. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell to appoint Kerry Tyson for Chairman at Potter Sewer Authority: Ayes – 7: Nays – 0; Motion passed.
9. The Zoning Hearing Board has 2 open positions to be filled.
10. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick to appoint LeDon Young and Daniel Smith for the PVRPC Board: Ayes – 7: Nays – 0; Motion passed.
11. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Roan to appoint Rhonda Rumbaugh as Chairman for the Centre County Library Board of Trustees: Ayes – 7: Nays – 0; Motion passed.
12. A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to appoint Beth Powell as auditor for the Borough: Ayes – 6; Nays – 0; Abstain – 1 (Spouse) Motion passed.
13. A motion was made by Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell to appoint Tibben Zerby as Sewer Enforcement Officer: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING): Angela Mundy made the Council aware that Daniel Decker had withdrawn his consideration letter for the Centre County Library & Historical Museum Chairmen position.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor LeDon Young stated she submitted 22 streets to West Penn Power for the LED light project; a start date still has not been determined.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:32 p.m., it was moved by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick, to adjourn the meeting: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Mundy
Centre Hall Borough Secretary