CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2025

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Kenneth Strouse, Superintendent/Maintenance, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer;
Philip Orndorf, Jr., Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer;
Angela Mundy, Borough Secretary; John Miller, Solicitor; and LeDon Young, Mayor

CITIZENS PRESENT: Tom Prestash, Chris Berry, Barbara Daughenbaugh, Eric Murnyack, State Representative Kerry Benninghoff, and Bob Canopolany.

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 presented their issues to PennDOT with having no signs on PA Ave or crosswalks which they believe was a factor to their son being hit by a car in earlier months. Tom Prestash stated crosswalks are locally decided & maintained by Municipality. PennDOT will be in contact with Penns Valley to get bus stop areas. After discussing crosswalks, we moved into the water issue on PA Ave. PennDOT is trying to find solutions for drainage issue. PennDOT will meet with Kenny Strouse to identify the water issue and configure a plan. Borough would like PennDOT to vacuum the grates to help with water issue, as well. PennDOT also agreed to install a digital speed limit sign on PA Ave to help reduce the speed traffic.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Councilperson Partick Kelly to approve the Minutes of the January 9 Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith to approve the Minutes of the January 27 Council Meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith, to approve the Financial Statement as presented for the month of January 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. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper to approve funds for PSAB Conference: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell to approve the advertisement for the 2025 paving project bid: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell to adopt Ordinance #182: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
2. The Zoning Board positions are still open.
3. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith to approve Emma Goodwin as Auditor pending all requirements: Ayes – 7; Nayes – 0; Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A discussion was held to possibly raise Auditor pay. The secretary will find out from PSAB what the pay for Auditor is currently set at.
2. The topic to Amend current ordinance on house numbering has been tabled.
3. Dick Decker proposed an Agreement to Borough for Farm Land Rental for Penns Prairie.

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WATER BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith to sign HACH contract at $3,000; Ayes – 7; Nayes – 0; Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Patrick Kelly and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith to approve new meter pit installation for car wash: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING): An anonymous complaint came in concerning Mayor Young's garage structure after suffering from a fire earlier in the year. Mayor stated she has received 3 bids for pouring concrete. Given the weather, there are no open workers in winter. The contractors have stated the structure is sound and will not fall down. Mayor Young is taking action on issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor LeDon Young stated she has not heard back from West Penn Power about setting dates for LED install.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor John Miller thanked the Borough for the flowers & card that he received after falling ill.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS - from meetings they have called:

A. **STREETS – KELLY –** Renters by Clearwater are taking up too many stalls. Borough will send letters to owner. Kelly will do walkthrough with PennDOT.
B. **WATER – ROAN –** Nothing new to report.
C. **PUBLIC SAFETY – YEARICK –** Yearick will do walkthrough with PennDOT.
D. **SOLID WASTE AND SIDEWALKS – POWELL –** Powell will do walkthrough with PennDOT.
E. **LIGHTS AND NUISANCE – SMITH –** Nothing new to report.
F. **FIRE TAX – LONG/YEARICK** – Next meeting is April 16th.
G. **FINANCE – COOPER –** Nothing new to report.
H. **TREE – LONG –** Nothing new to report.
I. **PENNS PRAIRIE PARK – POWELL** – Jodi Lair is looking to join park board. Michael Troyan will need to look at the park bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:36 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

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