CENTRE HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 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: Steve Harter, Ryan Newman

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

CITIZENS: Steve Harter addressed the Council about concerns for his water. His water has a strong chlorine smell at all times. Kenny proposed to install a 6" line that only feeds is property. Ryan Newman stated he would like to invite the Centre Hall Borough Council & employees to get together with Potter Township to have discussions about the Penns Prairie Park.

OPENING OF THE 2025 PAVING BIDS: Dave Gutelius Excavating Inc $53,821.70; Big Rock Paving $62,512.50; Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc $51,410.00; HRI INC $56,190.50; Mid-State Paving, LLC $74,384.00; Wyde Excavation $51,640.00; Bowman Excavating/Paving/Concrete $70,730.45; A motion was made by Vice President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Roan, to award the Paving Bid to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc at $51,410.00 Ayes - 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

OPENING OF THE 2025 HAY GROUND BIDS: Scott Rimmey $127per ace; Steven Dutrow $47per acre; Alden Homan $80per acre; Ryan Newman $107per acre; Darren King $73per acre; Lucas Parks $61per acre; A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Roan and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick, to award the Hay Ground Bid to Scott Rimmey at $127per acre; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Roan to approve the Minutes of the February 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 February 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 Councilperson Patrick Kelly to support the bid agreement for Fleck Ag Services, LLC Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded Vice-President C. Christine Cooper to hire Jack Mothersbaugh as the third auditor: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.
2. Rooms for the PSAB Conference are now sold out.
3. Since Kenny was made aware from West Penn Power that LED street lights break easy, have several functioning issues, and replacement parts are not easy to get, he wanted to make the Council aware of this issue as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council told Kenny to hire a part-time person if needed as pay has already been approved in 2025 budget.
2. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick to accept Ray Hankinson's resignment from Penns Prairie Park Board; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick to accept Jody Lair on the Penns Prairie Board; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.
4. A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Smith and was seconded by Councilperson Matthew Powell to send Centre Hall Fire Company their funds for Fire Prevention Week; Ayes – 7; Nayes – 0: Motion passed.

WATER BUSINESS:

1. Kenny discussed his thoughts on the future of CHB Water. Council has agreed to develop Centre Hall Borough Water into a Water Authority. President Kathryn Long has appointed Councilperson Matthew Powell, Councilperson Matthew Roan, Councilperson Daniel Smith, and Councilperson Patrick Kelly.
2. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to raise the cost of meter install to $475; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to pay engineer $3,500 for the ACT 57 plan; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.
4. A motion was made by Councilperson LuAnn Yearick and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly to subdivide Gensimore lot; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.
5. A motion was made by Councilperson Matthew Powell and was seconded by Councilperson Daniel Smith to pay and install 6" line for Harter residence; Ayes – 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE (INCOMING): Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor asked about the Siren. Kenny stated it is still being held at Breon's Shop. She is asking to either fix it or sell for scrap on Municibid. Kenny will be looking into it.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: John Miller stated the Borough will be responsible for addressing in the Borough.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS - from meetings they have called:

A. **STREETS – KELLY –** Nothing to report.
B. **WATER – ROAN/POWELL/SMITH/KELLY –** Nothing to report.
C. **PUBLIC SAFETY – YEARICK –** Nothing to report.
D. **SOLID WASTE AND SIDEWALKS – POWELL –** Nothing to report.
E. **LIGHTS AND NUISANCE – SMITH –** Nothing 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** – Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:16 p.m., it was moved by Vice-President C. Christine Cooper and was seconded by Councilperson Patrick Kelly, to adjourn the meeting: Ayes - 7; Nays – 0: Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Mundy
Centre Hall Borough Secretary

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