

CHESWICK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 2022

A meeting of Cheswick Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Cheswick Borough Building, 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania. Michael Girardi called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Michael Girardi, President	Karen Matisz
Frank Meledandri, Vice President	Jeffrey Curti, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
Dan Carroll, Mayor	
Kathy Gillard	
Shawna Ecker	
George White	
Brad Yaksich	
CharLee Rosini, Solicitor	
Lorraine Zebrine, Secretary	
Matthew Pitsch, Engineer	

There were no residents in attendance. There were no reporters in attendance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

MINUTES:

Council was asked to review and act on the November 2,2022 Special Meeting minutes.

- Brad Yaksich motioned to approve the November 2, 2022 Special Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by George White and carried.

AVJSA REPORT:

Brad Yaksich reported to Council on the progress of the sewage upgrade project and asked the secretary to forward to Council the 2023 AVJSA Proposed budget.

AVRPD REPORT:

Michael Girardi did not deliver a report as the regular meeting of AVRPD board was cancelled as it fell on election day. A full report will be provided in Council's December meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

ZONING OFFICER'S/ INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

No report submitted

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report submitted

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The solicitor gave updates on the following:

- Right to Know request from Midland Environmental
- Rezoning request for Parcel ID 530-S-137 on MacLean Ave. Application and plans submitted to Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- In process of drafting an ordinance recognizing Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire to provide fire protection/service.
- The process and costs to put a piece of property up for Sheriff's Sale

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Council was asked to review and act on bill due list #11-22, bills posted 10.11.22 – 11.14.22

- Frank Meledandri motioned to approve bill due list #11-22. Motion seconded by Brad Yaksich and carried.
- Frank Meledandri motioned to finalize and approve the 2023 Proposed Budget for \$2,430,160.50 and by the fund:

General Fund:	\$ 1,348,271.04
Water Fund:	\$ 489,839.46
Sewage Fund:	\$ 434,689.00
Refuse Fund:	\$ 157,361.00

Motion seconded by Brad Yaksich and carried.

- Frank Meledandri motioned to advertise the approval of the 2023 Proposed budget in the newspaper of general circulation and post the proposed budget for public review for 10 business days. Motioned seconded by George White and carried.

Brad Yaksich initiated discussion how much money the borough should have ear marked for emergencies, "rainy day fund" and the financing of a new pickup truck for Public Works.

FACILITIES:

George White first thanked Council for enabling him to work directly with West Penn Power relative to raising the power lines at the salt shed. Met with a representative who may do the work at no cost to the Borough.

GENERAL OFFICE:

GRANTS:

- Brad Yaksich motioned to approve Resolution 2022-20 a statement that the Borough has formally requested CDBG funds for the Pine Ave. Waterline Replacement and has designated Robert Frank, AVNCOG Director to perform the required duties between the Borough of Cheswick and Allegheny County Economic Development and has assured, where applicable, the provision of local matching funds. And will comply with all other provision of the CDBG application. Motion seconded by George White and carried.
- Brad Yaksich motioned to approve Resolution 2022-21 a statement that the Borough has formally requested CDBG funds for ADA Ramps and has designated Robert Frank, AVNCOG Director to perform the required duties between the Borough of Cheswick and Allegheny County Economic Development and has assured, where applicable, the provision of local matching funds. And will comply with all other provision of the CDBG application. Motion seconded by Kathy Gillard and carried.

PERSONNEL:

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & UTILITIES:

- Brad Yaksich motioned to approve Resolution 2022-19 approving and adopting the 2022 edition of the Emergency Operations Plan as administered by the Allegheny Valley Regional Emergency Management Agency. Motion seconded by Kathy Gillard and carried.

The offer from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to purchase the Rosenbauer pumper owned by the Borough was reviewed and discussed.

- Brad Yaksich motioned to authorize Council President and Borough Secretary to execute necessary documents to accept the offer to sell the 2014 Rosenbauer Commander to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC for \$150,000.00, if deemed appropriate by the President, with the proceeds of the said sale to be placed in a separate capital reserve account. Motion seconded by Kathy Gillard and **did not carry**.
- Frank Meledandri motioned to amend the agenda to advertise bid to sell the 2014 Rosenbauer Commander and for the President of Council to award the bid to the highest bidder, per the advice of the solicitor. Motion seconded by George White and carried.
- Brad Yaksich motioned to authorize the secretary to advertise to put out to bid to sell the 2014 Rosenbauer Commander and for the President of Council to award the bid to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Frank Meledandri and carried.

- Kathy Gillard motioned to amend the agenda to authorize the secretary to advertise an ordinance recognizing Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire Company to provide firefighting service within the Borough upon advice of the solicitor. Motion seconded by Brad Yaksich and carried.
- Brad Yaksich motioned to authorize the secretary to advertise an ordinance recognizing Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire Company to provide firefighting service within the Borough. Motion seconded by Kathy Gillard and carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Frank Meledandri motioned to approve Groff Tractor to perform emergency repair of the backhoe (replacement of the radiator and cooler to resolve significant leaks and prevent further damage to other critical components) in preparation of the upcoming winter season not to exceed \$11,000. Due to the emergency nature of the repairs, Vice President of Council authorized the work to begin prior to Council approval. The repairs will be funded by the excess cash projected for year end 2022 resulting from revenues exceeding expenditures. These repair items were included in the 2023 budget at \$19,000 which will now be reduced to \$8000. Motion seconded by Kathy Gillard and carried.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Brad Yaksich motioned to amend the agenda to approve Greenland Construction to dump clean fill at Agan Park and to repair and widen the roads leading to and from Agan Park and to authorize President of Council, with the solicitor, to approve land use agreement upon advice of the solicitor. Motion seconded by Kathy Gillard and carried.
- Brad Yaksich motioned to approve Greenland Construction to dump clean fill at Agan Park and to repair and widen the roads leading to and from Agan Park and to authorize President of Council, with the solicitor, to approve land use agreement. Motion seconded by Frank Meledandri and carried.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Brad Yaksich initiated discussion on the posting of political signs and advertisements in or on Borough owned properties. It was determined that a complete and comprehensive plan would need to be implemented so as not to discriminate or to impede one's freedom of speech.

Council was asked to confirm their availability on 12/20/22 to schedule a public hearing regarding the rezoning of Parcel ID 530-S-137 on MacLean Avenue and the Conditional Use application for 1415 Pittsburgh Street.

COG:

Frank Meledandri reported that the COG is working with Craig Alexander to form a joint UCC Appeals Board. Relative to the Lower Valley Ambulance, they are making progress in recording their finances and there is a strong possibility that a request for funding will be made of the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Girardi shared with Council the requirement to approve either an ordinance or resolution for Act 57 of 2022 to implement property tax penalty waiver provisions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Kathy Gillard to adjourn at 8:26 PM, motion seconded by Brad Yaksich and passed.