

CHESWICK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 20, 2022

A meeting of Cheswick Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at the Cheswick Borough Building, 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania. Michael Girardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

There were 2 residents in attendance. There were no reporters in attendance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

MINUTES:

AVJSA REPORT:

Brad Yaksich reported to Council that Greenland Construction had completed the work at Rachel Carson Park and a meeting early in 2023 was scheduled to understand the plan to repair/restore the park. The work is now focused at Blockdale Street.

AVRPD REPORT:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER'S/ INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

FACILITIES:

George White updated Council on the options with the power line at the salt shed based on his correspondence with West Penn Power:

- Do Nothing
- Submit a no obligation formal request for a cost estimate to raise the power line.
- Hang warning tape on the line

It was George's recommendation that the Borough does not take any action, do nothing.

GENERAL OFFICE:

GRANTS:

PERSONNEL:

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & UTILITIES:

Michael Girardi opened the sealed bids received to purchase the 2014 Rosenbauer Pumper advertised on December 5th and accepted by the Borough beginning December 12th from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for \$152K and Command Fire Apparatus for \$157K

- Karen Matisz motioned to award the bid for the purchase of the 2014 Rosenbauer Pumper to Command Fire Apparatus for the purchase price of \$157,000.00. Motion seconded by Brad Yaksich and carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Frank Meledandri motioned to contract Rugged Utility and Contracting (RUC) to perform a leak detection survey of Cheswick's entire Water Distribution System for a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion seconded by Karen Matisz and carried.
- Kathy Gillard motioned to contract Rugged Utility and Contracting (RUC) to provide consulting services regarding the maintenance and management of the Cheswick Water System for \$350 per month. After discussion to better understand what activity would be covered under the service agreement and if there was a term that it applied, the motion was seconded by Brad Yaksich and carried.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Frank Meledandri motioned to approve the Conditional Use Application submitted by Brandon Miller for use of the property located at 1415 Pittsburgh Street as a Dog Grooming shop subject to the compliance and terms set forth in the Code of the Borough of Cheswick. Motions seconded by George White and carried.

- Frank Meledandri motioned to approve the Re-Zoning Application submitted by Sittig Cortese LLC, representing the owner of parcel ID 530-S-137 MacLean Avenue to rezone the parcel from R-3 Residential District to C-1 Community Business District. Motion seconded by George White and carried.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Dan Carroll expressed his intention to schedule time with the Zoning Officer, Jeff Curti to review any open issues and troll through town.

COG:

Nothing to report, Frank Meledandri was unable to attend the most recent meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Karen Matisz inquired if there was any action in getting vacant land, abutting Rachel Carson Park annexed to Rachel Carson Park. Michael indicated that he sent a letter to the current owner of the property but has not gotten a response to date.

In addition, Karen Matisz continued the discussion on vacant Borough owned parcels. Michael Girardi cited two small pieces of land, Hill & Beech (a hillside) and N. Atlantic and Spruce (a strip of land the length abutting the private property and maintained by the owner(s)) that the Borough should consider relinquishing to eliminate any risk of injury to residents.

Discussion on signage in the Borough property was raised and determined that the ordinance would need to be reviewed and revised if changes were necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brad Yaksich shared with Council a public meeting lead by the Rails to Trails organization to be held either January 26th or 27th at the former Cheswick Volunteer Fire Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Brad Yaksich to adjourn at 7:58 PM, motion seconded by Kathy Gillard and passed.