

AGENDA
CHESWICK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS CURRENTLY IN FRONT OF COUNCIL
(4 MINUTES):**

MEETING MINUTES:

Review and approve the April 11th Caucus and April 18th meeting minutes sent via Council via email 5/8/23.

GENERAL:

Update on appointing an acting president, recommendation to delay.

- Motion to appoint a new Council President if it is the consensus of Council to do so.

Acting President recommendation to modify the current council organization:

Community Development Committee – split with one to focus on expanding products and services and the other to improve community image.

- Motion to divide the existing Community Development Committee into two separate committees, **Community Development Committee** chaired by Shawna Ecker and **Community Relations Committee** chaired by Karen Matisz.

Information Technology and Services Committee – Utilize the expertise and experience of Bill Kuzmirek

- Motion to create an Information technology and Services Committee chaired by Bill Kuzmirek and with a focus on assisting the Borough staff and Council Committee Chairs in researching, identifying, justifying, developing, purchasing, and implementing technologies and services to improve inter and intra Borough communications and to improve Borough operations.

AVJSA REPORT:

AVRPD REPORT:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER'S/FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE – Frank Meledandri, Chair

Review and approve bill due list #05.23. Bills posted 04/12/23 – 05/09/23.

FACILITIES – George White, Chair

GENERAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION – Kathy Gillard, Chair

GRANTS - Brad Yaksich, Chair:

Discussion on the availability of grants to improve our parks for park design and construction.

- Motion to approve Resolution 2023-7, an Authorized Official resolution requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$33,957.50 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Borough's park and recreation planning, designating Frank Meledandri, acting President of Council, and Brad Yaksich, Council person, to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough and the authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the grant.
- Motion to authorize Borough Secretary to execute the funding commitment letter to match funds in the amount of \$5,992.50. addressed to the PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development in the form of a cash match.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2023-8, an Authorized Official resolution requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$204,584.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Pavilion and Restroom construction in Rachel Carson Park, designating Frank Meledandri, acting President of Council, and Shawna Ecker, Council member, to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough and the authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the grant.
- Motion to authorize Borough Secretary to execute the funding commitment letter to match funds in the amount of \$36,104.00 addressed to the PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development in the form of a cash match.

PERSONNEL – Karen Matisz, Chair:

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & UTILITIES – Brad Yaksich, Chair:

Update on Lower Valley Ambulance Service

PUBLIC WORKS – Frank Meledandri, Interim Chair:

Emergency purchase of the replacement VFD estimated to be \$3900 and was destroyed due to a power surge. The function of the VFD is to control the operation of the booster pumps.

- Motion to approve, retroactively, the purchase of a VFD replacement, technician support for installation and control system engineer for configuration at a cost of \$3628.
- Motion to approve the purchase of booster pump surge protection upgrade with a cost not to exceed \$3000.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Shawna Ecker, Chair

Discussion and update on the Borough's participation in a Joint Comprehensive Plan with Springdale Borough and Springdale Township.

- Motion to Amend Agenda: Motion to amend the agenda to rephrase the original motion related to the Borough's participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan to remove the clause that participation will be decided after the funding of the plan is resolved and to add that the motion is for the Borough to participate with Springdale Borough and Springdale Township on the plan with Brad Yaksich as the Borough's lead representative as the funding was resolved subsequent to the posting of the original agenda and the Borough's intent to join was not clear in the original motion.
- Original Agenda Item: Motion to approve Brad Yaksich as Cheswick's lead representative on the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee with the understanding that approval for Cheswick to be part of the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee will be decided after the issue of how the funding of plan development will be resolved. Brad is authorized to select the other two Cheswick.
- Amended Agenda Item: Motion for the Borough of Cheswick to participate with Springdale Borough and Springdale Township on the Joint Comprehensive Plan with Brad Yaksich as the Borough's lead representative.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Dan Carroll, Chair:

Discussion on Pizza Hut lot consolidation plan and the Planning Commission recommendation.

- Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to allow the consolidation of parcel 530-S-129 and 530-S-137, both zoned C-1 Community Business District.

COG:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: