

CHESWICK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
July 11, 2023

A meeting of Cheswick Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at the Cheswick Borough Building, 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania. Kathy Gillard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

There was 1 residence in attendance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Sharkins addressed Council regarding his neighbor and his beekeeping activity, sharing with Council a video of the problem. Council agreed to continue to research solutions.

MINUTES:

- Brad Yaksich motioned to approve 06/20/2023 Council meeting minutes sent via Council via email 7/6/2023. Motion seconded by Karen Matisz and carried.

AVJSA REPORT:

Brad Yaksich reported on the plant upgrade and specifically the work at Rachel Carson Park to tap into Springdale Borough. He also indicated that he would be sending AVJSA meeting minutes to Council.

AVRPD REPORT:

Brad Yaksich reviewed AVRPD's monthly report of the number of calls, EMS, incidents, and arrests. The board authorized the search for a full-time officer to replace the resignation of a part-time officer and that they are starting the budgeting process.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dan Carroll reported on the meeting of the Lower Valley Ambulance Service on 6/28/23. He felt it was a good presentation the service suggesting \$9-\$10/person/community which equates to approximately \$16K/year. The service is also looking for board representation and providing visibility to the books while trimming assets. This led to discussion on eliminating the Library Tax and implementing an Emergency Service tax, which the solicitor CharLee Rossini will investigate the process to make the changes through referendum.

ZONING OFFICER'S/ INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lorraine Zebrine delivered the treasurer's report of receipts, expenditures, outstanding payables, and bank balances for July.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

CharLee Rosini reported on her work researching examples of bee keeping ordinances in other municipalities for Council to consider. She continues to press the Solicitor of Springdale and Harmar Townships to finalize the agreement for fire protection services provided by Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire Co.

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

- Karen Matisz motioned to approve bill due list #07.23, bills posted 06/21/23 – 07/11/23. Motion seconded by George White and carried.

Tabled were the agenda items to present the midyear review of the Borough's finances and the action to approve a resolution updating the Financial Limits of Authority.

FACILITIES:

George White commented on the meeting with Springdale Township regarding work at the salt shed.

GENERAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION:

Council was provided with an update on the transition to Paycor for payroll services. Also reported was the total A/R balance of the Q2 Water billing.

GRANTS:

None

PERSONNEL:

None

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & UTILITIES:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Brad Yaksich motioned to award the lowest bidder for the Traffic Signal Replacement at Pittsburgh St. & N. Highland to Bronder Technical Services at \$351,268.78. Motion seconded by Shawna Ecker and carried.

Tabled were the agenda items to discuss conversations with Springdale Township regarding the water interconnections and mutual assistance agreement with work at the salt shed. Also, were the motions to award renovations to the salt shed to the lowest bidder.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Shawna Ecker shared with Council the letter to business owners drafted by Jeff Curti as part of the Cheswick Community Enhancement Project. Shawna requested that she edit the document and present changes to the solicitor.

Shawna also commented on the Stars and Stripes Parade.

Tabled was the agenda item to authorize the Borough Secretary to issue the letter to business owners regarding the Cheswick Community Enhancement Project.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Karen Matisz updated Council on the success of the July Pop-up Markets and the commitments for the event scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in August. She also indicated her efforts with the Acme Club to hold future events.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES

Shawna Ecker motioned to accept the quote from KM Computers for 8 email accounts at 3.95/month or \$31.60/month. and authorize the Borough Secretary to proceed with establishing email accounts for members of Council and the Mayor. Motion seconded by Karen Matisz and carried.

It was also noted that Bill Kuzmirek met with a vendor for cameras at Rachel Carson Park and awaiting a quote

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Council reviewed Jeff Curti's comments regarding his meeting with the beekeeper on Fairmont. The topic was discussed with the resident at the beginning of the meeting along with the research presented by the solicitor.

Brad Yaksich motioned to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to vacate 15' of alley off S. Atlantic as requested by Thomas Oakas. Motion seconded by Karen Matisz and carried.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Brad Yaksich inquired if anyone was aware that the former Harmarville Rehabilitation facility is now a Western Psychiatric Rehabilitation center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Karen Matisz shared her conversation with Brian Clark suggesting that the Borough purchase the former Pizza Hut and the 2 homes behind it and that grant funds were available.

Brad Yaksich identified an Airbnb, short-term rental, in Cheswick on Sherman Street and asked about regulations at the state level vs. the Borough. The solicitor agreed to research.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Brad Yaksich to adjourn at 8:46 PM, motion seconded by Karen Matisz and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Zebrine, Secretary