

CHESWICK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
February 20, 2024

A meeting of Cheswick Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Cheswick Borough Building, 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania. Brad Yaksich called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Dan Carroll, Mayor	Frank Meledandri
Brad Yaksich - President	Kathy Gillard
Shawna Ecker -Vice President	Jeff Curti, Zoning Officer
Karen Matisz	Lorraine Zebrine, Secretary
George White	Jaime Varshine – Assistant Secretary
Bill Kuzmirek	
Pat Gannon - Solicitor	
Matt Pitsch - Engineer	

There were no residents or reporters in attendance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

No citizen comments.

MINUTES:

- George White motioned to approve January 9, 2024, Caucus, January 9, 2024, Re-organization and January 16, 2024, Council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Bill Kuzmirek and carried.

AVJSA REPORT:

Council was invited to inspect the upgrades to the sewage plant once the weather got warmer.

AVRPD REPORT:

Dan Carroll reported on the statistics for January, commenting that overall, everything was going well.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Dan Carroll commented that the monthly Police reports are now being sent to the committee and it was noted that they do not need to be posted to the Borough’s website.

ZONING OFFICER’S/ INSPECTOR’S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Matt Pitsch referred to the report sent to Council, detailing status of projects, all of which are moving forward:

- Traffic Signal replacement at N. Highland and Pittsburgh St.
- Hill Ave. Waterline replacement.
- Pine Ave Waterline replacement.
- GIS Online.
- N. Highland Waterline replacement.
- Rachel Carson pavilion and restroom construction.
- Park Planning grant.
- Water Meter replacement. Out to bid, to open March 7, 2024
- CBDG 50 Grant Applications.
- 2024 Paving Projects.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No current updates.

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

- Karen Matisz motioned to approve bill due list #02.24. Bills posted 01/10/24– 02/13/24. Motion seconded by Bill Kuzmirek and carried.

FACILITIES:

GENERAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION:

GRANTS:

PERSONNEL:

- Karen Matisz motioned to accept the resignation of Kathy Gillard effective 2/20/2024. Motion seconded by Bill Kuzmirek and carried.

Note, the agenda should have reflected the effective date as the date of the meeting, not the date (2/1/2024) of the resignation notice submitted by Kathy Gillard.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & UTILITIES:

- Karen Matisz motioned to authorize the payment of the 2024 budgeted contribution in the amount of \$15,000 to support the Lower Valley Ambulance Service. Motion seconded by Bill Kuzmirek and carried.
- Bill Kuzmirek motioned to authorize the secretary to advertise a bid for Refuse Service with Springdale Township. Motion seconded by Karen Matisz and carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- George White motioned to take approve the purchase of 300 meters, a trans receiver, and a Neptune 360 License for a cost not to exceed \$110,00 from EAP. Motion seconded by Bill Kuzmirek and carried.
- Bill Kuzmirek motion to authorize the advertisement for a bid to for the 2024 meter replacement project, to install approximately 910 meters over three years and per the specifications of the project and to include inspection lines in each household for the required DEP required lead and copper reporting. Motion seconded by George White and carried.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

- George White motioned to approve Pop-up market events in May, June, July, and August 2024. Motion seconded by Bill Kuzmirek and carried.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Bill Kuzmirek motioned to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 808-C, amending the zoning ordinance to allow for short-term residential rental properties as a permitted conditional uses in the Special Development Districts, and public hearings after meeting Allegheny County requirements. Motion seconded by George White and passed:  
Ayes: George White, Bill Kuzmirek, Shawna Ecker, and Brad Yaksich  
Nays: Karen Matisz

COMMUNICATIONS:

Shawna Ecker to circulate social media policy for review.

COG:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Karen Matisz discussed potential problems with house flipping in the Borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:35PM by George White, motion seconded by Shawna Ecker and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Zebrine, Secretary

Minutes transcribed from notes taken by Karen Matisz and Pat Gannon.