

LITITZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting Held December 27, 2017
7 S. Broad Street, Lititz, PA

The regular meeting of the Lititz Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on December 27, 2017, by President Weibel with Council members Greiner, Hain, Sensenich, Van Brookhoven, and Weaver present. Others in attendance were Mayor Snyder, Junior Council Person Tabettha Delmont, Chief Kerry Nye, Mike Wolgemuth, Todd Kauffman, Andy Garner, Elijah Yearick, and Laura Knowles of the Lititz Record Express. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Mayor. The minutes of the November 28, 2017 Council meetings were unanimously approved on a motion by Greiner with a second by Sensenich. The President acknowledged a donation in lieu of taxes from the Moravian Congregation. There were no petitions, correspondence or questions from the public.

REPORT BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER
Request for Release of Letter of Credit – Lititz Rec Center

Yearick presented a request from the Lititz recCenter to reduce the amount of the letter of credit for Expansion Project from \$8,800 to zero. ARRO recommended approval of the request. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Van Brookhoven with a second by Sensenich.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

The report of the Borough Manager was supplied to Council. Barry was not in attendance due to her injury.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND FACILITIES MANAGER:

Garner reported that water main breaks have led to erosion and road repairs due to the cold. He also reported that leaf collection was over and streets have been swept. Garner also thanked Warwick Township for their assistance with the breaks. Kauffman reported that the Mr. Rehab work had been delayed and would likely resume in the new year.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR & CHIEF OF POLICE:

Mayor Snyder reported that the tree lighting went well and was well attended.

Chief Nye reported that meters had been bagged, though some vandalism had occurred. Upon discussion Council decided to keep the bags on until January 8th. The Chief also discussed a request from John Lukas, the owner of Iron Fit Gym. In recent weeks, Cargill has fenced off the parking lots across the street from the gym, which had been used by many of the gym's customers. Weibel requested Chief Nye to look at parking on Warwick Street and to have Yearick reach out to Cargill or Oak Tree on behalf of Mr. Lukas. Chief Nye also discussed the possibility of parking along Bear Lane.

Weibel then brought up the state's new fireworks legislation and its possible impact on the community. Chief Nye stated that he believed that current law prohibited fireworks from being discharged within 150 feet of any occupied dwelling. Weibel requested Yearick and Nye to meet with Fire Chief Ottel to review the current ordinance and to reach out to Barley Snyder to see if the Borough's current ordinance was still valid.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Yearick reported that he had applied for Tree City USA designation for the Borough and that the tree transplant project looked doubtful due to the sizes of the trees remaining on site. He also reported that the Oak Street Floodplain plan would be delayed for a month to include a small addition Garman is interested in including and that alternatives to the Norfolk Southern corridor were being considered after feedback on the cost of leasing the right-of-way between Locust and Oak Streets.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON:

Junior Council Person Delmont reported that Warwick High School students were raising money for hurricane victims, that Warwick Graduate and Olympian Alyssa Manley was signing autographs at a recent basketball game, and that students were baking holiday cookies for the VFW.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SEWER AND WATER SERVICES: Inframark Report

Wolgemuth began by reminding the Council that his company's name had changed to Inframark and that they would be discontinuing use of the name Severn Trent in 2018. He then discussed HVAC upgrades and that the second round of lead and copper testing was completed in November and the overall results were under state thresholds. As such, DEP would be placing the plant back on triennial testing. He also discussed some issues that were occurring with the SCADA upgrade.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ZONING: Zoning Hearing

Van Brookhoven discussed the Brethren Church's Harmony Playground project which was approved in November.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON LITITZ REC AND WRRRC:

Yearick mentioned that the Skate Park group would be holding a community meeting in January to get users opinions on what designs should be incorporated into the redesign plan.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL Resignations

Upon presentation, Weaver moved, Sensenich seconded to accept the resignation of Jim Nuss from Flood Control, Nora Workman from Historic Area Advisory Board, and Jeff Kurtz from Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanie Nearhoof resignation as Tax Collector was also presented to Council. Weaver moved, Sensenich seconded to accept the resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES REPORT
Venture Lititz Update

Weibel reported that Downtown experienced a good Christmas season. Preparation for Fire & Ice is underway. Other 2018 events will include the clean-up in April, the Taste of Lititz June 1st, the Gala on October 20th, and the 5k on October 27th.

Forge the Future 2022

Yearick reported that the committee would be meeting early in 2018 with Gwen Newell of LCPC to begin the submission process. The County has two months to review so it will likely be March until the plan is up for vote before Planning Commission and Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 871:
2018 Budget

A resolution to approve the 2018 budget as advertised and offer on display at the Borough, Greiner moved to approve the resolution, Van Brookhoven seconded, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 872:
Appointment of Lancaster County Treasurer as Tax Collector

A resolution to appoint the Lancaster County Treasurer to be the Tax Collector for the Borough. Sensenich made the motion to approve the resolution, Weaver seconded, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. C-562:
Establishing Real Estate Tax Rate at 1.87 mills

An ordinance setting the millage rate at 1.87 mills in response to the recent county-wide reassessment. Weaver made the motion to adopt the ordinance, Van Brookhoven seconded, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. C-563:
Establishing Real Estate Tax Rate at 2.0 mills

An ordinance the millage rate to 2.0 to compensate for the abolishment of the per capita and occupational taxes. Weaver made the motion to approve the resolution, Van Brookhoven seconded, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor and Council commended Weibel on her years of service and expressed their sincere appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Greiner.

Respectfully submitted,

Elijah Yearick
Director of Planning & Community Development