

**CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

July 9, 2018

The following elected officials were present: M. Heckmann; T. Kirsch; B. Oates; M. Randazzo; D. Swisher; M. Warhold; D. Baumgarten; E. O'Malley. Council Member N. Kovach was absent. The following appointed officials were present: T. Hartswick, Borough Manager; D. Biondo, Solicitor; K. Truver, Police Chief; P. Vietmeier, Codes Official.

The minutes of the June 25, 2018 Council Meeting were presented. Ms. Randazzo motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Swisher seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Heckmann opened the public comment section for agenda items. Being none, the public comment section was closed.

Real Estate Tax Collector: Ms. O'Malley reported June collections of \$2,804.34. Year-to-date collections are \$2,986,447. Keystone Oaks School District taxes were mailed to property owners last week.

Council Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds/Public Works – Mr. Oates reported that the public works department continues to remove debris from sewer lids due to heavy rains and remove root infiltration from borough sewers.

Public Safety/Fire – Police Officer Christine Platt introduced Chayla Baang, a fifth grade student at Myrtle Avenue Elementary, who read her winning DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) essay. Officer Platt presented Chayla with a certificate of achievement. Chief Truver thanked Officer Platt for resurfacing the DARE program for both Castle Shannon elementary schools.

Chief Truver discussed the trading card program initiated by Officer Daniel Janeda. The cards depict photographs of our mayor, K-9 Dixson, police officers, the parking enforcement officer, and the administrative assistant. Any child from the borough that collects all 18 cards will receive a challenge coin and water bottle. A featured officer of the week will be posted on the police department website.

Finance – Mr. Swisher reviewed the check register for July 6th and had no questions.

Community Activities/Planning & Codes – Mr. Warhold stated that the Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation Party-on-Park on July 20th will host the Cellar Blues Band. A children's Touch the Truck event (SWAT vehicle, fire truck, dump truck, tow truck, ambulance, plow, etc.) has been arranged, along with a bike parade for children. It should be a fun community event.

Mr. Heckmann noted that a second storm water management public meeting will be held July 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Library of Castle Shannon. This meeting will review options for funding and managing compliance of MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) requirements.

Library – Ms. Randazzo announced that summer reading programs continue to be available for both adults and children. The wrap-up party for these programs will be held August 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th.

The borough and library partnered in funding new lighting fixtures throughout the library.

Manager's Report: Mr. Hartswick announced the approval of an Active Allegheny Grant for \$42,500. The planning grant will provide connectivity from the Shannon Transit Village to Myrtle Avenue Elementary, the Community Library of Castle Shannon, and Myrtle Parkett. Mr. Heckmann thanked Mr. Hartswick for his work on the grant. Mr. Warhold motioned to approve the grant acceptance; Mr. Oates seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Mayor: Mayor Baumgarten noted a peaceful protest demonstration that was held on Connor Road at Route 19. Chief Truver visited the event and handed out bottles of water to the participants, who were hot and thirsty due to the summer heat wave.

Planning Commission: Mr. Heckmann announced that a public hearing is scheduled on July 16th for Steel City Billboard. The conditional use hearing before borough council will be on August 13th.

Public Comment:

Paul Corbett, 4239 Greenridge Road – reported that vehicles splash storm water from the road onto his property. He also reported that the road is deteriorating. During heavy rains, the storm water drains onto his property; and additional catch basins should be installed. In addition, snow plows in the winter damage the curb line. Mr. Heckmann stated that the public works foreman will assess the area.

Bryan Munnell, 909 Edgewood Avenue – questioned the status of the Oakdale landslide and sewer line project. Mr. Heckmann stated the final plans will be received Wednesday. Property owners will be contacted next week to obtain temporary easements for construction.

Elizabeth Wozniak, 911 Edgewood Avenue – asked for a time frame for the start of construction for the Oakdale landslide project. Mr. Heckmann explained that this is a complex project with two sewer lines on a steep hill. Once the draft project is ready, the easement agreements will be obtained from residents, and the contractor will be sourcing materials for construction. It may take a month to obtain materials.

Mr. Heckmann thanked everyone for their comments and suggestions. The public comment section was closed.

Other: Chief Truver recommended Sgt. Brian McKeown be promoted to Police Lieutenant. Sgt. McKeown was hired in July 1998 and was promoted to police sergeant in January 2014. Sgt. McKeown is a member of FBA LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) and is very close to completing undergraduate studies in Criminal Justice. Sgt. McKeown's current responsibilities include Supervisor of Investigations, Evidence/Property Room Management, Background Investigator, Drug Task Force Supervisor, Computer Systems Administrator, Body Worn Camera and ALPR Administrator, and more. Sgt. McKeown passed all phases of testing for the position of Lieutenant in February 2018, and the eligibility list was certified by the Civil Service Commission on March 30, 2018.

Mr. Warhold motioned to promote Brian McKeown to Police Lieutenant effective July 9, 2018; Ms. Randazzo seconded; all in favor; motion carried. Mayor Baumgarten gave Lt. Brian McKeown the oath of office. Lt. McKeown thanked his wife, his fellow officers, borough council, Chief Truver and Mayor Baumgarten for their support. Council congratulated Lt. McKeown on his promotion.

Mr. Warhold asked Mr. Heckmann to play a video taken by Chuck Christ regarding the demolition of St. Francis Academy. Mr. Warhold reminisced growing up on Castle Road and hearing the bells from St. Francis. Mr. Warhold also attended dances at St. Francis and played basketball in their gym. Mr. Warhold expressed his disappointment in the demolition of this property with historic significance. Mr. Warhold also noted the fact that the entrance to the Whitehall development will be on McRoberts Road across from Castle Road. Mr. Heckmann added that the plans include a mixed-housing development with a combination of condominiums, single-family homes and patio homes, including a long-term care facility.

Ms. Randazzo motioned to adjourn; Mr. Swisher seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Approved as presented this 23rd day of July, 2018.

Thomas C. Hartswick
Borough Manager

Mark J. Heckmann
President