

**CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

March 25, 2019

The following elected officials were present: M. Heckmann; T. Kirsch; N. Kovach; B. Oates; M. Randazzo; D. Swisher; M. Warhold; D. Baumgarten; E. O'Malley. 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 March 25, 2019 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 section was closed.

Council Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds – Mr. Hartswick stated the estimates for the proposed listing of road segments for 2019 were higher than expected, and thus presented an alternate list. Mr. Swisher questioned the time frame for the projects, and Mr. Hartswick answered he will be seeking bid approval in May/June with a completion date of late October. Ms. Kovach revisited her concerns about funding road paving projects and urged that a more comprehensive plan be prepared and funded to address many deteriorating roads for next year. Ms. Randazzo motioned to accept the revised road options for engineering estimates; Mr. Swisher seconded; Ms. Kovach opposed; motion passed six to one.

Public Safety/Fire – Chief Truver reported the police department has 88 Twitter followers and 35 Instagram followers.

Mr. Heckmann thanked Mayor Baumgarten, Chief Truver, Ms. Kovach and Mr. Hartswick for attending the Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service conference in State College.

Finance – Mr. Swisher reviewed check registers for March 11th and March 22nd with no further questions.

Community Activities/Planning & Codes – Mr. Warhold recognized Bettina Jones, Keystone Community Coordinator.

Mr. Warhold also discussed the importance of recruiting volunteers for the 100th anniversary events planned in 2019. The first event for the borough's 100th anniversary will be Castle Shannon Night at Linden Grove on Thursday, March 28th.

The Eggstravaganza is scheduled in the downtown area for April 13th from noon to 3:00 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be attending.

Mr. Warhold, Ms. Jones and Ms. Goodyear will be in Harrisburg on April 8th to lobby state legislators to increase Keystone Community funding.

Mr. Warhold, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Kovach met with local historians Paul Dudjak and Edd Hale to plan a historic scavenger hunt of 15 prominent places in Castle Shannon.

The CSRC Fall Festival is being planned for September 14th, and the CSRC Golf Outing will be September 20th at Scenic Valley.

Mr. Vietmeier noted that Graeter's Ice Cream is scheduled to open April 5th.

Library – Ms. Randazzo reported the library board meeting will be April 11th. National Library Week is April 7th to 13th and library representatives plan to attend the April 8th council meeting.

Friends of the Library Flea Market will be April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SHACOG – Ms. Randazzo discussed the monthly board meeting hosted by Castle Shannon Borough. Attendance was up. Food selections were provided by Bill Reffner of Castle Catering. Mr. Kirsch and Ms. Randazzo found Executive Director Lou Gorski's discussion on future recycling trends very enlightening.

ALOM – Mr. Heckmann plans to attend the annual conference.

Manager: Mr. Hartswick presented Resolution #669 to apply for a DCNR Hamilton Park Master Plan Grant for \$17,500. Ms. Kovach motioned to adopt Resolution #669; Mr. Warhold seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Mayor: Mayor Baumgarten commended Chief Truver for preemptive steps taken for public safety in light of the recent court case against Michael Rosfeld.

Solicitor: Mr. Heckmann stated that negotiations were held with the vendor for the 2018 road improvement program. The vendor has agreed to install a sidewalk (at a discounted cost) on Myrtle Avenue from the school to the parkette as part of the settlement agreement. Mr. Kirsch motioned to authorize the borough manager and solicitor to prepare and execute a settlement agreement with El Grande Industries Inc. including the requirement that El Grande install and complete a sidewalk along Myrtle Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 in accordance with specifications developed by the borough engineers in settlement of outstanding liquidated damages; Mr. Swisher seconded; Ms. Kovach opposed; motion carried six to one.

Mr. Heckman requested council approve providing family coverage medical insurance to an administrative employee due to a family tragedy. Mr. Warhold made the motion; Ms. Randazzo seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment:

Carl Lukitsch, 3147 McRoberts Road – brought in loose siding that fell into his yard from the neighboring blighted property. Mr. Lukitsch again noted that this property experienced a fire in September of 2015, and the property is still not renovated or livable. Mr. Lukitsch believes it is unfair for him to pay borough taxes when living next to this blighted property. Mr. Vietmeier will notify Mr. Lukitsch of the date and time of the hearing on this property before Judge Barton.

Janelle Filson, 3152 Waverly Street – stated she is the service unit manager for the girl scouts and is working with the Castle Shannon Youth Association to find storage space for their supplies of crafts, pots and pans, books, badges and t-shirts.

Ms. Filson also stated she would like to see more involvement with older and younger residents. Mr. Warhold discussed planting options for the community garden, Willow Avenue wall, and planters and asked Ms. Filson to contact Bettina Jones for community events.

Ms. Filson asked about plans for Hamilton Park. Mr. Hartswick answered that the resolution passed this evening is for a planning grant to determine the best use of the park property, along with possible acquisition of adjacent land.

The public comment section was closed.

Other: Mr. Warhold commended Mr. Kirsch for his work with the disability conference hosted by State Representative Dan Miller.

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

Approved as presented this 8th day of April 2019.

Thomas C. Hartswick
Borough Manager

Mark J. Heckmann
President