

**CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

June 24, 2019

The following elected officials were present: M. Heckmann; T. Kirsch; B. Oates; M. Warhold; D. Baumgarten. Council members N. Kovach, M. Randazzo, D. Swisher and Tax Collector E. O'Malley were 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 10, 2019 Council Meeting were presented. Mr. Kirsch motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Oates seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

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

Public Hearings: Chief Truver presented Ordinance #919 authorizing the Borough of Castle Shannon to designate handicap parking spaces along borough streets upon application of a person with a disability or severely disabled veteran. The ordinance formalizes the application process. Applications will be reviewed by the mayor and police department for recommendations to borough council. Chief Truver advised that the handicapped spaces are not solely designated for the applicant and can be used by other drivers with disability license plates/placards. The public hearing was opened.

Mayor Baumgarten questioned if residents with current handicapped placards would need to reapply. Chief Truver answered yes, if a resident was requesting a handicapped parking space. Trinette Kern commented that current spaces should be exempt from this ordinance because it would place a financial burden on residents to pay for and obtain another physician's signature. Chief Truver said that the application contains different disability status designations for a physician's certification. Mr. Kirsch commented that the application seems lengthy and cumbersome for a person with a disability. Mr. Warhold stated that family members and/or caretakers could assist with the application. Dan Collins added that handicapped placards are approved for many years, and existing handicapped spaces should be reviewed for verification of need. The ordinance allows for applications to be revisited annually. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Warhold motioned to adopt Ordinance #919 at its first reading; Mr. Oates seconded; Mr. Kirsch opposed. Mr. Heckmann voted yes. Motion carried three to one.

Council Committee Reports:

Public Relations/Communications – Mr. Heckmann announced that the next Futures Forum will be held at the library on July 31st. The topic will be about an Active Allegheny Grant and making mobility improvements to current community assets from transit-oriented developments.

Mr. Warhold reported that the first Party on Park was a success and was well attended. The Swingtet band was a hit and played music from the 1920's to the 1950's. It was an interesting and fun event.

On July 19th, the second Party on Park will have a “Touch a Truck” event with a fire truck, police squad cars, MRTSA ambulance and bulldozer.

The CSRC had a review from the Pennsylvania Downtown Center last week. Feedback will be received soon. The next board meeting will be June 26th.

SHACOG – The agenda contained the minutes from the May and June board meetings.

Manager: Mr. Hartswick presented Resolution #673 to seek \$420,000 in grant funding under the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) program to fund a project to remove inflow and infiltration in the sanitary sewer system on Connor Road/South McCully. Mr. Kirsch motioned to adopt Resolution #673; Mr. Warhold seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Mayor: Mayor Baumgarten reported receiving complaints regarding the condition of the right-of-way on Route 88 from Connor Road to Shady Run. The property is owned by PennDOT and the railroad. Mayor Baumgarten would like to see this entrance to our borough improved. Chief Truver plans to communicate with his state contacts.

Public Comment:

Annette Ceryack – questioned the developer’s agreement and timeline for end of construction on Ellison Place. Mr. Hartswick answered that the developer will notify the borough in writing when construction is completed, and the borough engineers will conduct a site inspection to determine if all requirements have been met. Mr. Biondo suggested that Ms. Ceryack review the borough’s subdivision and land development ordinance. Mr. Hartswick explained that if progress is being made on the site, the permit would not be pulled.

Ms. Ceryack noted that the retention pond needs maintenance. Mr. Vietmeier is sending a letter to the developer on this issue.

Ms. Ceryack asked for tax records on Ellison Place and was referred to the borough’s tax collector.

Other: Mr. Kirsch noted public works installed a new swing set and glider at Hamilton Park.

Mr. Warhold motioned to adjourn; Mr. Oates seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Approved as presented this 8th day of July 2019.

Thomas C. Hartswick
Borough Manager

Mark J. Heckmann
President