

**CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

July 22, 2019

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

The minutes of the July 8, 2019 Council Meeting were presented. Mr. Kirsch 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.

Council Committee Reports:

Public Relations/Communications – A Future's Forum will be held at the library on July 31st at 6:30 p.m. to discuss connectivity from neighborhoods to borough amenities.

Council authorized the advertising of an ordinance regarding a proposed change to the non-uniformed pension plan. The change reduces the average salary period for retirement calculations from sixty months to forty-eight months and increases participant contributions.

Building & Grounds – The 2019 Ford dump truck has been received and outfitted. It was on display at the Touch a Truck event at the July 19th Party on Park. Mr. Heckmann commended public works for their work assisting with the organization of the Party on Park event, and their quick response to recent heavy rain occurrences.

Public Safety – Lt. Lane also commended the public works department, police officers and fire department for their assistance with residents who experienced flooding with the recent rainstorm.

Finance – Mr. Swisher reviewed the check registers for June 10th, June 27th, July 3rd, July 10th and July 19th and had no further questions. Mr. Warhold motioned to approve the bills; Ms. Randazzo seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Community Activities/Planning & Codes – Mr. Warhold stated that the Party on Park held on July 19th was very successful and had good attendance, despite the heat index. Due to the event success, the Myrtle Avenue PFO would like to host a Touch a Truck event this fall.

The next Party on Park will be held August 16th as a Bark on Park event. Ms. Kovach added that pets are welcomed to attend this animal friendly event. Music will be provided by the School of Rock.

The Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department's annual carnival will be held July 29th to August 3rd.

Library – Ms. Randazzo noted Heather Weleski, Children’s Librarian, has submitted her resignation and will be taking a position as director of the Avalon Library. Ms. Weleski initiated an outreach reading program at Myrtle Parklet and Alvern Gardens and participated in the free lunch program at the library, in addition to assisting with an outreach program to the borough’s immigrant community. She will truly be missed.

Ms. Randazzo commended Heather Myrah, Library Director, for attending the Party on Park event last week during the extreme heat.

State Representative Dan Miller will hold a pop-up office at the library on August 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MRTSA – Mr. Heckmann stated that the board will meet July 24th. The board has received staff resignations from John Moses and Jesse Seifert.

Manager: Mr. Hartswick reported final restoration to residential properties was completed on the Oakdale Wall project, pending the engineer’s report.

Mr. Swisher motioned to approve a proposal from Robinson Pipe for the cleaning, grading and televising of sewer and storm sewer lines in the Killarney Road area for \$365 per hour, not to exceed 40 hours; Mr. Warhold seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

The CSRC golf outing on September 20th has ten confirmed teams and twenty-eight sponsors thus far.

Verbal confirmation was received today from PennDot that the streetscape highway occupancy permit to initiate improvements for the downtown area was approved.

MS4 – Council plans to revisit the issue of funding stormwater projects.

Mayor: Mayor Baumgarten attended the Pennsylvania State Mayors Association conference where Lt. McKeown presented an informative and impressive session on the extensive technology employed by the Castle Shannon Police Department. The Mayor would like Lt. McKeown to present this information to council at a future date. Kudos to Chief Truver, Lt. Lane and Lt. McKeown and the entire police department for being at the forefront of police technology.

Public Comment:

Robert Broman, 1478 Blossom Hill Road – discussed low hanging unused telephone lines with decaying insulation on his property that he would like removed for safety reasons. He has contacted Verizon, who has scheduled then cancelled appointments to remove the wires. Mr. Hartswick will communicate with SHACOG for contact information.

Other: Mr. Warhold discussed the CSRC’s biannual Stream Clean-up Projects to remove debris from Saw Mill Run. This project has negated many flooding problems on Route 88 and Willow Avenue.

Mr. Warhold and Ms. Randazzo were approached by residents requesting installation of a splash pad/pool in the borough. An application was made to DCNR for a grant to determine best uses and recommendations for the park areas.

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

Approved as presented this 12th day of August 2019.

Thomas C. Hartswick
Borough Manager

Mark J. Heckmann
President