

**CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

February 10, 2020

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

The minutes of the January 27, 2020 Council Meeting were presented. Ms. Randazzo 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.

Real Estate Tax Collector: Ms. O'Malley reported January collections of \$16,441.13. Real estate tax bills for 2020 will be mailed this week.

Council Committee Reports:

Public Relations/Communications – Ms. Kovach discussed the Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation's first annual holiday decorating contest for businesses and houses. Winners were chosen based on social media likes. Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Gigliotti of 3545 Poplar Avenue and Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Ring of 4116 Steiger Street were first and second place winners. Ms. Kovach presented the winners with checks. In addition, Moonstones and Back to Basics were first and second place winners for the businesses.

Building & Grounds/Public Works – Mr. Oates reported that the Public Works crew did a commendable job taking care of the streets from the recent snowfall in spite of a reduced crew and equipment setbacks. Mr. Heckmann noted that positive comments were received on the borough's social media page.

Public Safety – Council approved the advertising of a surplus 2014 police vehicle.

Lt. McKeown, Mr. Vietmeier and Mr. Ausman will attend a Hazardous Mitigation seminar on February 12th.

Finance – Mr. Swisher reviewed the check registers from January 31st and February 7th and had no further questions.

Community Activities/Planning & Codes – Ms. Kovach stated that an Easter Egg Hunt may be planned for April.

Library – Ms. Randazzo announced that many activities are scheduled at the library. The library board will be scheduling interviews for a vacancy on the board.

MRTSA – Mr. Heckmann noted that MRTSA has hired an interim director.

SHACOG – Mr. Oates reported that the Board of Directors will meet on February 20th in Brentwood. Castle Shannon will be hosting the March meeting. Mr. Hartswick added that an Administrative Advisory Committee Meeting will be held February 13th.

ACBA – Mayor Baumgarten was honored and received the first Municipal Official of the Year Award at the ACBA annual banquet. Congratulations to our Mayor! Ms. Kovach will attend the quarterly board of directors meeting on March 5th.

PELRAS – Four borough officials are registered for the annual labor relations conference in State College.

Police/Non-uniformed Pension Plans – The agenda contained the 4th quarter and end of year 2019 statements.

MS4: Mr. Heckmann attended the Municipal Managers Board Meeting with ALCSOAN, which is a very complicated organization. The municipal board was created to identify and report issues from the outlying communities of the City of Pittsburgh, since ALCOSAN’s board members are comprised mainly of City of Pittsburgh residents.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Baumgarten noted a letter from the Borough of Jefferson Hills commending Police Officer Majors and K-9 Dixson for their assistance in a vehicle search for drugs.

Mayor Baumgarten noted in the weekly police report that enforcement continues for DUI and drug violations. He thanked Lt. McKeown for attending this council meeting in place of Chief Truver.

Public Comment: Mr. Heckmann opened the public comment. Being none, the public comment section was closed.

Other: Mr. Oates motioned to adopt Resolution #684 appointing Robert Astor to fill the vacancy on borough council resulting from the resignation of Michael Warhold; Mr. Swisher seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Kovach motioned to adopt Resolution #685 appointing Jason Maloney to fill the vacancy on borough council resulting from the resignation of Timothy Kirsch; Mr. Swisher seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Mayor Baumgarten gave the oath of office to Mr. Astor and Mr. Maloney, and council welcomed them to the board.

Council will recess to executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

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

Approved as presented this 24th day of February 2020.

Thomas C. Hartswick
Borough Manager

Mark J. Heckmann
President