

CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 2023

The following elected officials were present: M. Heckmann, R. Astor; N. Kovach; B. Oates; M. Randazzo; D. Swisher; D. Baumgarten; E. O'Malley. Council Member J. Maloney was absent. The following appointed officials were present: J. Trant, Interim Manager; K Truver, Police Chief; D. Biondo, Solicitor; J. Stanton, Borough Engineer. Codes Official P. Vietmeier was absent.

Mr. Heckmann recognized Mayor Jim Nowalk, Mayor of Whitehall Borough and President of the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association. Mayor Nowalk commented that Whitehall Borough has enjoyed a great relationship with Castle Shannon. On behalf of the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association, the mayor proceeded to recognize Mayor Donald Baumgarten, who received the Mayor of the Year Award in 2013 and was awarded the Abbie Montecalvo Longevity of Service Award this year at the annual conference. Mayor Baumgarten has served the residents of Castle Shannon for 53 years as mayor, council member, council president and auditor. Mayor Baumgarten was also a founding member of MRTSA and a long-time supporter of the Shriners Hospital for over 60 years. Council congratulated Mayor Baumgarten and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service to the community of Castle Shannon.

Police Chief James Adams, Accreditation Program Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, discussed the Police Accreditation Program and commended Chief Truver for promoting professional police service in our community and nationwide with his service on the FBI National Academy Board. The accreditation program began in 2001 and currently 160 police departments have received accreditation out of 11,000 police departments in Pennsylvania. The borough had to comply with 125 standards with 370 best practices to receive this designation. The CSPD Policy Manual meets all these standards. Proof of compliance was required to meet each of these best practices. Research has shown that accredited police departments have less risk management. Police Chief Adams then presented the Castle Shannon Police Department with their accreditation certificate. Chief Truver added that many officers were present this evening, and the designation was achieved through a team effort led by Lt. David Lane, the department's accreditation manager. Council congratulated Chief Truver, Lt. Lane and the police department for a job well done.

Mayor Baumgarten commented that former Police Chief Harold Lane began the accreditation process many years ago; and, through the hard work and dedication of Chief Truver, Lt. Lane, and the entire police department, the agency was able to receive this designation. Mayor Baumgarten added that he is very proud of the CSPD for achieving this recognition.

Chief Truver discussed the process for hiring a police officer. SHACOG conducted written police testing in May for an entry level police officer. Oral interviews were conducted, and the Civil Service Commission certified a list on June 3, 2023. Chief Truver introduced Police Officer Gavin Rebholz. Officer Rebholz attended Slippery Rock University and Point Park University prior to attending the IUP RMU at the Robert Morris Police Academy Campus in 2022. Officer Gavin had glowing recommendations from the director of the police academy and his supervisors from prior employment at UPMC. Mayor Baumgarten then proceeded to give Officer Rebholz the Oath of Office, and his wife Shannon pinned on his police badge. Council welcomed Officer Rebholz.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 24, 2023 council meeting were presented. Ms. Randazzo motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Swisher seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

The minutes of the August 7, 2023 special meeting were presented. Ms. Randazzo noted a correction in that she was absent from the meeting. Mr. Swisher motioned to approve the corrected minutes. Mr. Astor seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment – Agenda Items: Mr. Heckmann opened the public comment section on agenda items and stated that conversations regarding the rubbish collection would be conducted later in the meeting.

Jerry Coombs, Belleville Street – asked the status of construction at Prospect Park with regard to a safety concern. A center section of the playground equipment is 6 ft high and does not provide access for medical emergencies. Mr. Heckmann stated the concrete under the pavilion needs addressed as well as planting around the park, and the play area will be reviewed. Mr. Coombs asked if the swing sets were new. Mr. Heckmann answered yes. Mr. Coombs stated the swing sets were damaged from minors in the neighborhood. It was noted that there are no lights or cameras at this park.

Mr. Coombs noted the differences in mulch between Myrtle Parklet and Prospect Park. Mr. Heckmann replied that Prospect Park received new swing sets and rubberized mulch was installed at that time. Replacing the mulch at Myrtle Parklet would require removal of the existing equipment.

Mr. Coombs has repositioned a construction cone on Castle Shannon Boulevard several times and asked if a heavier/larger cone could be used to prevent movement. Mr. Heckmann suggested that public works could fill in that gap.

Mr. Coombs reported that directional signage on Castle Shannon Boulevard for Myrtle Avenue Elementary and the library is covered by tree branches on Myrtle.

Mr. Coombs asked who is responsible for maintaining ADA parking spaces in the borough. Mr. Heckmann stated that the police department is responsible for enforcement and allocation of new spots. Mr. Coombs stated that ADA parking spaces need painted and signs installed if less than four spaces are designated. Mr. Coombs specifically referenced the parking area by the municipal center pavilion and Willow Avenue between Apples & Rainbows and Coffee, Etc.

David Seiler, Arch Avenue – noted the agenda listed a motion for the library sign, and he does not believe it should have the wayfinding design logo. Mr. Heckmann responded that any sign indicating a location is part of the wayfinding program. Ms. Randazzo added that many people from other communities come to our library.

Mr. Seiler asked why the Vitte's parking lot is not yet in use. Mr. Heckmann answered that the lot is not available for use due to safety concerns and line striping for parking spaces. There were also dead trees that needed removed. Mr. Swisher added that bidding for resurfacing on the parking lot was delayed; however, council will be voting on the contract this evening.

The public comment section was closed.

Real Estate Tax Collector: Ms. O'Malley presented that July collection report. Real estate tax revenue received - \$27,026.23. Year-to-date collections are \$3,742,177.21.

Council Committee Reports

Public Relations/Communications – Mr. Heckmann yielded to the borough's engineer Mr. Stanton who discussed the key elements of scope, schedule, and budget for the Six Parks Plus Plan. Parks Group 1 consists of the library, Prospect Park, and Myrtle Park. This project is nearing completion. Concrete has been replaced under the pavilion at Prospect Park. Outstanding items are the library shade sail resolution and planting of trees and picnic tables at Prospect Park. The Group 1 project is \$176,000 over the projected budget, due mainly to replacement of a wooden wall at Prospect Park which was not in the original scope.

Parks Group 2 consists of lower and rear Hamilton Park. A number of contracts have been bid. The site contract is on going and slightly behind schedule. This work needs to move forward quickly to allow other contracts to proceed. This project is approximately \$300,000 under budget due to grant funding of almost \$500,000 and a pending grant of \$400,000. The multi-purpose structure pavilion was delivered without timely notice and before the building permit was received. Construction timeline is late 2023/early 2024.

Parks Group 3 is upper and mid Hamilton Park. There are a number of active contracts such as utilities for upper Hamilton and concrete installation for the splash pad. These are projected for a 2024 construction season with an opening to the public in early 2025. This project is trending ahead of schedule. Tracking is approximately \$40,000 over budget. Two contract bids are scheduled for opening in September.

Parks Group 4 plans for renovations at the Municipal Center and Riehl Park for a 2025 construction season. Tracking of this project is approximately \$330,000 under budget.

Mr. Stanton projected a spreadsheet flow chart of schedules for construction and site contracts for group two and three parks. Lower Hamilton storm, sanitary and water are projected to be completed mid-September. Earth work for grading and curbing associated with the turf field would start at that time. Mid-May is the target day for completion before community day.

Mr. Heckmann stated that when the bond issuance was received for the park projects, it was deposited into an interest bearing PLGIT account which has earned \$360,000 thus far in interest. The interest is not factored into any of the projects discussed this evening, but it does give financial flexibility for the park financing.

Mr. Swisher questioned if Mr. Stanton was concerned about receiving bids on the construction of the multi-use pavilion. Mr. Stanton said that rehabbing park projects in place are difficult; however, he is keenly in tuned in terms of schedule and scope and believes competitive bids will be received. The vendor's cost to install the structure was between \$500,000-\$750,000. The decision was made to procure the structure and bid the installation contract from a local vendor. Mr. Swisher questioned (and Mr. Stanton confirmed) that this should not be a public works project.

Mr. Stanton would like to discuss the restoration and landscaping contract for both upper and lower Hamilton with public works and borough administration. The bids were opened, and low bidder was \$100,000.

Mr. Swisher questioned what phase includes the Fountain Street steps. Mr. Stanton answered that the contract is currently out for bid for interconnecting trails in the Parks Group 3, and the steps and trail for Fountain Street are an add alternate to that contract.

Mayor Baumgarten asked if the splash pad had recycled water. Mr. Stanton said yes and is constructed with an automatic water shut off after a few minutes. Recycling the water has a significant return on investment that is advantageous to the borough.

Mr. Heckmann introduced the subject of garbage accommodation for disabled residents and said that will be included in the overall waste conversation later this evening.

Kathleen Linder, Laurel Avenue – asked to speak now as she does not like to drive in the dark. Ms. Linder received a notice of violation from the borough for having garbage out too early. Ms. Linder stated that sometimes residents need help and have extenuating circumstances regarding the scheduled garbage times. Ms. Linder suggested that disabled/senior citizens needing special accommodations could have a sticker on their trash cans. In addition, in the winter residents should be able to put their garbage out before dark since there is a danger of falling. Mr. Heckmann stated that council will discuss some policy options and what accommodations the garbage vendor can make for residents.

Public Safety/Fire: Bob Sutton, President of Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department – stated the CSVFD extends congratulations to Chief Truver and his department on their accreditation and offered a welcome to Officer Rebholz.

Mr. Astor was advised that the fire department would be conducting training for search and onsite rescue at the Vitte's property in the coming weeks. More information will be available on their website so that residents are not alarmed.

Chief Truver announced that school will start August 24th.

PennDOT's contractor will be working on the bridge on Castle Shannon Boulevard at Poplar Avenue.

Convey911 was launched which allows non-English speaking individuals to communicate with police officers and borough staff through text messages.

Mr. Heckmann stated he looks forward to hearing more about the annual carnival and was thankful the borough could co-sponsor the event.

Finance: Mr. Swisher reviewed the check register for July 14th and had no further questions. Mr. Swisher reviewed the check register for July 28th and questioned a transfer of \$500,000. Ms. Miller answered that the transfer was approved in the 2023 operating budget. Mr. Swisher had no questions on the check register for August 4th, but noted an expenditure for 23-PK7 fencing in

the August 11th report. Mr. Stanton said that some elements at Hamilton Park will have fencing, and this is an initial deposit on the Keystone Sports Construction contract.

Library – Ms. Randazzo reported that the summer reading programs for both adults and children have concluded. Ms. Randazzo urged residents to take advantage of the many programs and events provided by the library.

Friends of the Library are hosting a Fall used book sale from September 14th to 16th.

Sunday, August 27th Panera Bread at Caste Village will host a fundraiser for the library.

Allegheny County has a mobile app available that is quite comprehensive.

Ms. Randazzo noted that all library information is available on the website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

SHACOG – Mr. Oates will be attending the monthly Board of Director’s meeting this week in West Mifflin Borough.

Police Pension/Non-Uniformed Pension – The agenda contained the April-June 2023 account statements.

Manager: Mr. Heckmann presented Jon Bunyarantapan, Program Manager for PA Solar Center, who gave a presentation on a free solar study through CONNECT. The study included financial metrics and a cash flow analysis for solar panels on the municipal center, public works garage, library, 981 Castle Shannon Boulevard, and CSVFD buildings. Further information on ages of roofs needs to be provided to be included in an RFP. The payback on most systems is 8-12 years, and the product is designed for 25 years although inverters may need replaced. The borough would purchase (not rent) the solar panel system. The system would not be installed on a roof that would age out in ten years or less. Any developer would have to conduct a structural and electrical analysis to determine if the building is viable for the system. Even on cloudy days, the system does produce electricity. Mr. Heckmann noted that the codes department has seen an increase in permits for solar panels. Mr. Salvayon asked how net metering works for a municipality. Mr. Bunyarantapan stated that due to the size, the system is still available for net metering. Mr. Astor stated that the electricity contract with our current supplier is a two-year contract. The borough would need to negotiate with a supplier for a net metering agreement. Mr. Salvayon noted that each system would produce a difference SREC (Solar Renewal Energy Credit). SREC’s can be sold on a commodities spot market. The process to join the RFP is free, and there is no obligation to the borough.

Mr. Heckmann explained that the current garbage contract with Waste Management is expiring. Castle Shannon joined other municipalities to participate in the SHACOG 2023 Joint Bid for Solid Waste to get the best possible bids. This is a five-year contract that will start in the Spring of 2024, and two vendors supplied bids – Waste Management and Westmoreland. Trends that are happening in the solid waste industry is that trash is more of an expense item for municipalities than ever before – more than \$700,000 to provide this service to Castle Shannon due to significant labor constraints, increasing injuries and accidents, the expense to keep fleets, landfill dumping costs, access to dump sights, and increased tonnage going into landfills.

There are several criteria involved in the decision to select a vendor. The first is automated collection or manual collection. Automated collection would involve standard bins with a metal rod that allows arms to lift the bins into the carrier. There is usually only one attendant per truck with this service which reduces the labor cost, and this system alleviates the back strain on the worker. The second option of manual collection usually has two attendants that are picking up the trash by hand to throw waste into the truck, and standardized carts are not required.

If automated is chosen, the carts are either purchased by the borough or provided by the vendor. Borough council is not in favor of purchasing or having staff manage the carts. If tonnage is reduced, the projected cost could be reduced long-term. Mr. Heckmann noted that some residents abuse the waste collection system by disposing of excess trash or trash from businesses. We, as tax payers, are paying for their waste as the borough is currently being billed on a tonnage basis.

Other considerations are provider track record. Waste Management is familiar with our streets and geography and deploy differently for narrow streets. Westmoreland would need to learn how to service this community. There are other additional services such as collections for leaf and yard waste, bulk pick-ups, e-waste, etc. Council weighed these options when reviewing the contracts.

Council would like to review ways to accommodate the timeline for elderly, disabled residents. Mr. Heckmann advised that disabled residents that have difficulty getting their waste to the curb can elect to have trash picked up at their garage. This is an additional cost to the resident that is billed by the vendor.

Mr. Heckmann displayed photographs of the automated carts. The standard bin is 96 gallons and holds 5 or more normal kitchen trash bags. If this cart is too large or cumbersome for a resident, they have a one-time option of downsizing it for a 64-gallon bin. The 30-gallon bin is standard for recycling. All of the carts are wheeled and have the attached front bar for automated pickup. Each resident would receive two bins, one for waste and one for recycling.

Both vendors were not interested in bidding on all the circumstances suggested. For example, Waste Management is convinced that the future is in automation. Each household would be limited to one bin per collection. If a household requires more than one bin, residents have the option of contracting with Waste Management for a second bin at their cost (approximately \$10.00 per month). Westmoreland's bid was geared toward fully manual collection as they are not interested to doing automated pickup.

Billing options for Waste Management were based on a per tonnage or per unit basis. Westmoreland's bid for billing was per unit only. Mr. Heckmann explained that both vendors offer recycling, including glass and expanded plastics.

Bill Gross, Home Avenue – lives at a house with multiple steps. In the past, this resident could put trash out in the back alley for collection. Currently, Mr. Gross carries cans to the curb. Carrying a large bin from his home to the curb would not be possible. Mr. Swisher noted that Home Avenue and Chestnut Street would require special circumstances. Mr. Gross would like to see his trash pickup location returned to the alley. Mr. Heckmann stated that council has asked for special circumstances for streets that are either too narrow for standard trucks or present too much of a challenge because of stairs.

Mr. Gross understands that the pricing is going up. He stated that for his tax dollars, he gets police protection (which is wonderful), his roads salted by public works (who does a great job) and garbage picked up. Mr. Gross does not feel a resident should be charged for additional bins when tax dollars are being spent are on parks and other projects. Mr. Heckmann is aware that some families have additional waste needs, however the cost should not be borne by families that do not need extra service.

Mr. Gross asked why the borough cares what time the garbage is put out. Mr. Heckmann answered the borough has problems with pests and nuisances because trash is not in bins. Many people put trash out in non-lidded cans or bags which attracts racoons, chipmunks, skunks, etc. The proposed carts have secure lids. Guidelines must be set to prevent garbage from being out all the time, and residents should be able to make accommodations to have their trash put curbside within a required timeframe. Ms. Kovach suggested that council may reconsider the timing.

Mr. Heckmann reiterated that council is aware that special challenges will require accommodations; however, council must make policy decisions based on the majority of the community.

John Brown, Home Avenue – has a very steep driveway and he assists his neighbors with their garbage. Mr. Brown is against having limits on how much garbage can be put out. Mr. Brown does not believe he could handle the standard size bin and would require the smaller bin. Mr. Brown referenced the parking on May Street with regards to garbage collection. Mr. Heckmann stated that Waste Management currently services that street without issue, and they also collect in the City of Pittsburgh and can work in dense communities.

Bill Steingraber, Corbett Drive – asked if Castle Shannon Borough was exempt from the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mr. Heckmann replied of course not. Mr. Heckmann clarified if Mr. Steingraber was questioning what accommodations could be made for people who are certifiably disabled. The answer is (depending on the decision made this evening) there may be a provider solution where the trash can be collected by a garage. Ms. Kovach noted that backdoor service for a resident will cost them \$40 per month.

Bryan Gigliotti, Poplar Avenue – stated he is against the idea of automated collection. Mr. Gigliotti believes Westmoreland has the staff and capability for the manual collection. In addition, Mr. Gigliotti is concerned about vehicles being damaged from the garbage trucks and about the one can limit.

Renee Ciletti, Home Avenue – wondered how a resident on Ridgeton behind Home Avenue gets his garbage collected since Home Avenue residents cannot use that street for garbage pickup. Ms. Ciletti added that she has to take her garbage down 30 steps to the sidewalk. Mr. Heckmann reiterated that Home Avenue and Chestnut Street would have different accommodations for collection. Ms. Kovach suggested that perhaps the accommodation could be the use of Ridgeton for collections. Mr. Heckmann stated that the borough is committed to working with the vendor to identify areas with constraints and solving issues.

Nick Mastandrea, Hamilton Road – questioned how the automated system would work with uneven ground and can bags be put outside the bin. Mr. Heckmann advised that where needed the

employee can get out of the vehicle to move the bin into position. Bags cannot be put outside of the bins. Ms. Kovach noted that residents can put out two bulk items, once a month on designated days.

Mr. Coombs asked if a resident could get two 30-gallon bins instead of one 96-gallon bin on certain streets. Council would not want to make that decision for homeowners. Vendors have advised council that they are willing to discuss options for any challenging situations.

Mr. Trant stated that council received the bid documents and the borough solicitor prepared the motion to award the contract for trash and recycling with options for leaf and yard waste and e-waste. Mr. Heckmann stated that council is inclined to support automated collection with carts and paying per unit instead of per tonnage. Two bulk items can be collected once a month on a scheduled day. The contractor would own the carts and provide replacements for damaged carts. A bin would be provided to homeowners for recycling. Recycling would be improved with types of items recycled including glass and expanded plastic options. The borough can opt in at any time for leaf and yard waste collections and e waste collections. Once a contract is awarded, borough representatives would enter into more localized conversations with the haulers to identify and resolve concerns and constraints.

Mr. Steingraber asked if there was any place where storage of the oversized can is prohibited. Some municipalities have added storage requirements for the cans; however, this council has not contemplated that issue. Just like regular curbside pickup, bins cannot be left out all the time, and standard code enforcement rules would apply.

Lynn Seiler, Arch Avenue – noted that tonight’s conversation was mainly about Waste Management and not Westmoreland. She asked if Westmoreland was more money or providing less service. Mr. Swisher answered that council has looked at both proposals. Mr. Heckmann added that once council was mindful of wanting to move to automation, there was no comparable option from Westmoreland.

Ms. O’Malley said that this meeting has a room full of people that have concerns about this subject. We realize that council has already made up their minds, and council plans to take a vote that is already decided. Ms. O’Malley suggested scanning the room to get the attendees opinions, even if that is not the decision that council proceeds with and added that the concerns she heard this evening were against automation.

Mr. Heckmann stated that council held a public meeting August 7th to review the garbage bids and heard the concerns of residents at tonight’s meeting; however, council cannot always make the most popular choice and must act in the interest of all residents of the community. Council does care about the concerns raised this evening and pledges to work with the vendor for appropriate accommodations. Ms. Kovach suggested perhaps negotiating with the vendor to provide a smaller truck for the alley pickup or manual collection for residents with numerous steps.

Mr. Seiler asked if the borough was being charged for the Michael Brother’s glass recycling at the fire department. Mr. Heckmann answered the borough does currently pay for it, and that would be eliminated with the new contract.

Ms. Kovach and Ms. O'Malley questioned the pricing of the bids. Mr. Trant displayed a summary of the SHACOG bidding results. Mr. Heckmann noted that a five-year contract for automated collection using a contract cart billed per unit is \$4,403,599. A five-year contract for manual collection billed per unit through Westmoreland is \$4,808,348.

Ms. Seiler believes the difference in pricing (approximately \$400,000) is worth the cost of keeping the manual collection, and most of the people in the meeting do not want automated. Ms. Seiler asked if automated could be added as an option at any time. Mr. Heckmann answered no, and that the options to the contract are e waste collections, more bulk days, etc. Ms. Seiler questioned if either of the proposed contracts would increase taxes. Mr. Heckmann answered that the borough is not into the budget season as yet; however council believes the budget can absorb the annual cost. In addition, no one on council has indicated an interest in raising taxes.

Paul Salvayon discussed the interest earned on the bond and commented that council has spent a lot of money on various projects. Mr. Salvayon believes the borough should pay the extra amount and keep the trash pickup manual.

Mr. Oates stated that if the borough stayed truly the same the billing would be by tonnage from Waste Management, and there is a limit on the amount of bags.

Mr. Gigliotti asked about disposal of grass clippings as they are not recyclable. Mr. Heckmann answered grass clippings can go into the trash bin or be composted.

Mr. Coombs asked if the Castle Shannon logo would be on the bins. Mr. Trant answered that since Waste Management owns the bins, they may not want to have the borough logo displayed.

Mr. Heckmann presented the motion to award the contract for Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal Services to Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. for a five-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028, at the costs quoted in the SHACOG 2023 Joint Bid for Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal Services, with services to be provided in accordance with the specifications set forth in the SHACOG bid specifications, as follows:

1. For Trash – Automated weekly collection for Garbage, Rubbish and Residential Refuse with cost based on a per unit basis and any necessary trash container/cart to be provided by the vendor.
2. For Recycling – Automated collection for Recyclables with cost based on a per unit basis and collection every other week and any necessary container/cart to be provided by the vendor.
3. For Leaf and Yard Waste – (Optional)
4. For E Waste – (Optional)

The appropriate borough officials are authorized to execute any necessary agreement with the vendor. Mr. Astor made the motion. Ms. Randazzo seconded; all in favor. Ms. Kovach voted yes with the contingency that borough representatives work with Waste Management to resolve the

issues for a smaller truck and using the alley. Mr. Heckmann agreed the borough will work with the vendors on accommodations.

Mr. Stanton presented the library sign quote by VIS Signs through COSTARS for \$27,786 and is in accordance with prevailing wage. The library staff wanted a programmable sign. The codes department confirmed that the sign conforms to lighting standards. Mr. Astor and Mr. Stanton confirmed that funding for the sign is part of the LSA grant for the Wayfinding Phase II improvements. Ms. Kovach believes the sign is too big. Ms. Randazzo motioned to accept the quote by VIS Signs subject to the vendor obtaining required insurance certificates and review and approval of the agreement by the borough solicitor. Mr. Astor seconded. Ms. Kovach voted no. Motion carried five to one.

Mr. Swisher motioned to ratify the rebid of Contract 23-PK10 for construction of Lower Hamilton Park Multi-Purpose Structure. Mr. Oates seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Stanton presented the bid results for Contract 23-R03-981 Castle Shannon Boulevard Parking Lot Improvements. Mr. Heckmann stated that paving the parking lot would provide free public parking while the borough seeks a developer for the property. Mr. Oates motioned to accept the bid from Independent Enterprises Inc. for Contract A in the amount of \$34,750.00. Mr. Swisher seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Astor motioned to adopt Resolution #731 for Allegheny County to undertake community development and housing assistance activities within the borough from CDBG grants and HOME funds received from HUD for 2024, 2025, and 2026. Ms. Randazzo seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment:

Bryan Gigliotti – posted on social media about attending the KOSD board meeting to discuss the free summer lunch program. Dr. Stropkaj contacted Mr. Gigliotti and confirmed that the program should be available next year. Mr. Heckmann thanked all the residents and businesses that donated to the Summer Recreation Program this year.

Mr. Gigliotti mentioned that Fall Ball will starting after Labor Day for the Castle Shannon Youth Association.

The CSYA Golf Outing will be held October 7th.

Jerry Coombs reported that children were climbing on the construction equipment at Hamilton Park. Chief Truver confirmed that the area is under surveillance.

Mr. Heckmann closed the public comment section.

Keystone Oaks: Chief Truver stated that armed police officers will be present at all the schools this year. Five police officers have been hired.

Other Business: Council met in executive session prior to the meeting this evening for borough manager interviews and will meet again after the meeting to discuss findings of those interviews.

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

Approved as presented this 28th day of August 2023.

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Council President