

CURWENSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, January 14, 2019
Place: Curwensville Municipal Building
Purpose: To discuss any business brought before council.

Council Members Present

Sara Curulla, President
Harriet Carfley, Vice President
Robert Moore, Councilman
Dave Donahue, Councilman
Rhonda Carfley, Councilwoman
Tom Carfley, Councilman

Mayor John Adams

Others Present

Tom Shaffer
Ryan Sayers
Dennis Curry
Ron Kuhn
Martha Tozer

News Reporters

Dianne Beyers- The Progress
Kim Finnegan – Gant Daily

Borough Secretary / Treasurer

Autumn Norris
Terri Bracken- Assistant

Opening Meeting:

At 6:00 p.m. President Sara Curulla called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Of Minutes

Council was presented with the minutes for the meetings held December 10, 2018
Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to approve those minutes. Councilwoman
Rhonda Carfley seconded that motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Eagle Scout Project

Local Scout Jadon Doel presented to council his idea for constructing a dodgeball pit at
Irvin Park. His plans will be forwarded to Dee Holland for discussion and approval
according to the Irvin Park Master Site Plan.

County Commissioner Candidate

Candidate Dave Glass introduced himself to Council and encouraged the council to
contact him and keep him informed of the needs of the Borough.

Curwensville Days Report

Curwensville Days Board President Martha Tozer reported on the 2018 Curwensville Days events. Mrs Tozer reported that 2018 was a good year for the Event despite a couple days of rain. Their usual events like the Fiddlers Contest, The Moore Brothers Concert, and Bingo drew great crowds. The Saturday Parade ended just before the rain. The proceeds from the event were donated to numerous local charities. The 2019 Curwensville Days will be 50th Year for the event and the board is planning special events in honor of the anniversary. Curwensville Days will be held July 14th to 20th in 2019.

Fire Truck Repair

Fire Chief Shawn Fye informed the Borough that a replacement engine for the Fire Truck has been found and that an approximate cost to purchase the engine and installation would be \$10,000.00 . It was noted that the engine is used and would not include a warranty. That cost would be shared by the Borough and Pike Township. Councilman Tom Carfley made a motion for the Borough to help pay for the Fire Truck repairs. Robert Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Council gave the fire department permission to conduct a vehicle rescue class at the borough maintenance garage.

Executive Session

At 6:15 p.m. Council entered Executive Session to discuss personnel. Returned 6:30 p.m.

Autumn Norris Retirement

Upon return from executive Session, Council Vice President Harriet Carfley made a motion to accept the retirement of Borough Secretary Autumn Norris effective July 24, 2019. Councilman Dave Donahue seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Council thanked Autumn for her years of dedicated service. Mrs Norris has been employed by the Borough for over 18 years and has been a tremendous asset to all the council members and employees throughout those years.

Assistant Secretary Theresa Bracken will be promoted to the Secretary Treasurer Position beginning February 1, 2019.

Monthly Reports:

1. Animal Control Report

Animal Control Officer Tom Shaffer reported that Animal Control had 30 calls in December resulting in 3 written warnings and 2 verbal warnings.

2. Police Report

Borough police received 26 calls in November. Data from the 911 center was not available due to an ongoing upgrade to their system. Chief Kelly requested permission to attend a two day DUI workshop in either March or April. Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to approve Chief Kelly's attendance of the workshop. Vice President Harriet Carfley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

3. Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carfley reported that he received 5 calls in December. Officer Carfley dealt with a sump pump issue on Filbert St and a right of way issue on George St . The Humberson Property on Anderson Ave is an ongoing issue. Council also discussed the Amusement tax. The Borough currently has an ordinance regarding Amusement tax that has not been updated for some time. Officer Carfley recommended we update the fees for the tax as well as revise the list of businesses subject to the tax. \$50 for the first machine and \$25 for each additional machine per establishment was recommended fee. Code enforcement will work on getting the required information for the next meeting.

4. Street Department

Street Leadman Dennis Curry spoke to council about a project the street department was planning on Mueller St. Mr Curry presented some cost estimates but stated an issue has arisen with the location of the water line on the street. More planning will need to be done to avoid the line.

Dennis Curry also spoke about the issue on Anderson St caused by school traffic. Mr Curry recommended a temporary no parking period be tried to see if that will reduce congestion on that street. Before the council will pass an ordinance to designate Anderson no parking, they would like more information.

The issue of leaf disposal was presented and the idea of seeking property to use for composting was suggested. Two properties in the borough were recommended as possible locations. More information will be needed.

EADS Engineering- Council voted to retain EADS Engineering for 2019. Councilman Dave Donahue made the motion, Councilman Tom Carfley 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Atlantic Broadband- Council voted to renew the contract with Atlantic Broadband for another Year. Councilman Tom Carfley made a motion to renew the contract. Councilman Robert Moore 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Candidates Night- Council was reminded of the Candidates Night being held February 5, 2019 at the Clearfield County Courthouse. Anyone up for re-election is encouraged to attend.

5. Finance

Vice President Harriet Carfley presented council with the 2018 final budget report stating that the Borough was over budget in many areas and encouraged everyone to be more budget minded in their areas in 2019.

6. Park-

- a. Councilman Tom Carfley mentioned that grants for the park equipment would be available online January 22 and also in February.
- b. Councilman Robert Moore stated he will be seeking bands to play in the park this summer.

Adjournment:

Councilman Dave Donahue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second by Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley.

Vice President Harriet Carfley made a motion to un-adjourn to vote on the bills.

Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley made a motion to approve the bills for December in the amount of \$46983.77. Tom Carfley 2nd the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Harriet Carfley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second by Councilwoman Rhonda Carfley.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Autumn Norris, Secretary Treasurer
Theresa Bracken, Assistant Secretary / Treasurer